**WRANGELL COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

**COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Wrangell Cooperative Association's College Assistance Program (CAP) provides financial aid to enrolled Wrangell Cooperative Association Tribal Members who are attending, or plan to attend, an accredited college or university in the pursuit of an Associate Degree or higher. CAP funds full-time or part-time attendees; the minimum part-time attendance is 6 credit hours per term and each class must be completed within the term of attendance (no extension into another term for completion). CAP also accepts applications for distance education and online training. Provisions are also available for students with a documented disability. Contact Wrangell Cooperative Association for more information.

CAP is supplemental in nature and applicants are encouraged to take advantage of all other financial aid programs to assist with college costs. Contact your Financial Aid Officer or go online to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Financial Aid Form (FAF) or www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov to learn about available resources.

**ELIGIBILITY**

• Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

• Individuals who reside in Wrangell.

• Individuals who originate from Wrangell but live outside of Southeast Alaska are also eligible to apply but are funded on a "funds available" basis.

• Must be enrolled as a Wrangell Cooperative Association Tribal Member. Applicant cannot be dual enrolled.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Must be received or post-marked on or

before April 15 annually.

**APPLICATON REQUIREMENTS/PROCESS**

Applications are considered for award after the following documents are received at the address noted above.

• Completed Wrangell Cooperative Association College Assistance Application

• Completed Family of Origin Information Form

• Completed Finance Office Vendor Setup Form

• Letter of Admission/Acceptance from the school you are attending indicating the degree program you have been accepted into.

• Official high school transcripts, GED scores, or college transcripts indicating an overall

2.25 GPA or better.

• Student Essay

• Three Letters of Recommendation

• Any other documentation as requested by the Wrangell Cooperative Association Higher Education Program.

Applicants are processed based on a point system below (the date the application is complete), and based on unmet financial need. Applicants with the most points will receive the highest consideration for funding. An Accumulation of 5-50 points is applied based on the following criteria.

* 1. 20 points for GPA (4.0: 8 points; 3.67-3.99: 6 points; 2.67-3.33: 4 points; 1.67-2.33: 2 points)
  2. 15 points for applicants currently residing in Wrangell.
  3. 10 points for applicants graduating from Wrangell High School.
  4. 5 points for applicants who can trace their origin to Wrangell.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NOTIFICATION**

The applicant who is a graduating high school senior will be awarded their scholarship during the graduation or awards ceremony. All other applicants will be notified no later than June 30 by mail if awarded a scholarship or if denied.

**WAIT-LISTED APPLICATIONS**

Applications are not considered complete until all documentation is on file with the Wrangell Cooperative Association. All new applicants are automatically put on the wait-list pending award processing (late June through July 15). Award consideration is based on the following:

• Availability of funds at the conclusion of the scholarship awarding process.

• Dates of receipt, completion of application and accumulated application criteria point.

• Replacement of a student who has withdrawn from the CAP or dropped out.