

Territorial Sportsmen Scholarship Foundation
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL / CERTIFICATE / ENDORSMENT

2026

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funding for tuition and coursework-related expenses for students seeking to continue their education beyond the high school level in a vocational-technical, certificate, or occupational endorsement. The amount of each scholarship varies depending on the course of study, with awards of up to \$3,000. Scholarships are awarded for a period not to exceed one year and are not renewed. ***Students pursuing a two-year associate degree or a four-year bachelor's degree at a college or university are not eligible for this scholarship.*** (Note: 2-year and 4-year undergraduate scholarships are available through TSI).

Applications are offered to any resident of Southeast Alaska who supports the goals and objectives of the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. Territorial Sportsmen actively promotes conservation and maintenance of healthy fish and wildlife populations and their habitats; works for fair and equitable fishing and hunting rights for sportsmen and sportswomen; promotes and maintains friendly and respectful relations between sportsmen/women and State, Federal, and private landowners; educates people in fish and wildlife conservation; and promotes adherence to hunting and fishing regulations and firearms safety. A scholarship application, the selection criteria, and rules and procedures are included with this package.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process involves two steps:

- 1) Initial screening of written applications, and
- 2) Interviews of applicants that successfully pass the initial screening process. For graduating Juneau-area high school seniors, short interviews will be held Tuesday evening, April 21st at Juneau Douglas High School. Applicants must schedule their interview by contacting Ms. Katherine Knapp at - 907-523-1606. For other applicants, interviews will be coordinated by the Committee and held as close to the above-mentioned interviews as possible. In person interviews are preferred; however, accommodation via Zoom will be made if necessary.

APPLICATION

The completed application is to be emailed to the committee or submitted to the career/college counselor at your school no later than **Monday March 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** Late applications will not be accepted or considered. **It is the preference of the committee for applications to be submitted in one digital (.pdf) file.** However, in extenuating circumstances, applications can be mailed to the committee.

Application for these scholarships consists of a completed and signed application form (attached), a written response to the questions on the application, plus the following:

- 1 - Transcripts of all High School classes and grades and any college courses attempted (including fall term grades senior year and SAT, ACT or other test scores, if applicable);
- 2 - Two or more Letters of Recommendation (if applicant is a graduating senior, one ***must be*** from someone outside the school system one ***must be*** from a school system employee), and;
- 3 - Resume' (optional).

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Scholarship Award Criteria*

Adapted from criteria adopted 1 February 2025,
By the TSI, Inc. Board of Directors

Successful applicants will be awarded scholarships based on the following criteria:

- A. Scholastic ability as evidenced by their receipt of a high school diploma or general education diploma (GED), any applicable work history or training and demonstration that they have (1) given serious thought to career training needs and goals and (2) taken steps to get started in that direction.
- B. Demonstrated commitment to the conservation and the wise consumptive use of natural resources as specifically shown by their historical active participation in:
 - (1) Hunting, fishing and/or trapping; and/or
 - (2) Conservation organizations (such as, but not limited to, Territorial Sportsmen, Inc., Alaska Outdoor Council, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited or Raincountry Flyfishers or other similar organizations); and/or
 - (3) Community events sponsored by conservation organizations (such as, but not limited to, Golden North Salmon Derby, Family Fishing Day, forest trail and cabin maintenance programs); and/or
 - (4) Closely related outdoor activity organizations (such as, but not limited to, Juneau 4H shooting club; Juneau Rifle and Pistol Club; or Juneau Archery Club, etc.); and/or
 - (5) Other outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, kayaking, etc.; and/or
 - (6) Other community events related to conservation of fish and wildlife resources.
- C. Character and citizenship, including applicant's:
 - (1) Outdoor and natural resource use ethics (a conviction for a serious hunting, fishing, trapping or other natural resource use violation will disqualify an applicant from consideration); and
 - (2) Potential for remaining involved in outdoor activities and for active future involvement in conservation issues; and
 - (3) Involvement in volunteer and public service activities.
- D. Likelihood of remaining in or returning to Alaska upon completion of her/his course of study or training.

*The award determination process shall be free of unlawful discrimination (e.g. race, sex, national origin, ethnicity, etc.). An applicant's financial need or receipt of other scholarships will not be a primary determinant for award.

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APPLICATION

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Please provide the following information as an attachment to this application:

- 1) What are your career goals? Why have you chosen this field?
- 2) What training or program are you planning to pursue? Where do you plan to complete the training? Have you been accepted to this school/program? What is the length of the training? When does the training begin? What costs are associated with the training?
- 3) Give a brief description of your work experience.
- 4) Give a brief description of the volunteer and/or public service activities you have been involved in.
- 5) In what projects, hobbies, activities and interests in the general area of conservation and/or wise consumptive use of natural resources have you been involved? Please describe.
- 6) In what other activities have you been involved? Please describe.
- 7) Have you ever received a hunting, fish, wildlife or natural resource citation? If so, please explain.
- 8) Any other information which may be useful to the Scholarship Committee.

Please sign here:

I certify the above and attached statements are true to the best of my knowledge, and I have never been convicted of a hunting, fishing and trapping or other natural resource use violation.

Signature

Date

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Rules and Procedures for Recipients

TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY:

- Scholarship recipient will be asked to sign an Acceptance of Scholarship form, provided by the Scholarship Committee. The recipient will follow the general educational plan outlined in the application and will and will pursue the curriculum as required by the institution. The recipient will begin the course of study *within 1 year of being awarded the scholarship or the scholarship will be cancelled.*
- Scholarship recipient shall, upon request, provide a recent photo and a release for use by TSSF and/or TSI for publicity purposes.
- Recipient shall provide their student identification number and address of the institution's financial aid office that will receive the scholarship payment upon enrollment or by **June 30th** the year the scholarship is received.
- Recipient shall pursue a course of study on an uninterrupted basis except normal school vacations; and obtain and maintain both a cumulative and term grade point average of 2.5 or higher from an institution that uses a 4.0 system.
- If the recipient's program aligns with the standard academic year, and it is agreed upon by the recipient and the Scholarship Committee, recipient shall initiate contact with the Scholarship Committee, address below, no later than **January 10th**, the year after receiving a scholarship to indicate compliance with these terms. The recipient will send **official transcripts** that cover the period since the previous payment award to the Scholarship Committee by the above date. **It is the student's responsibility to maintain contact with the Committee.**
- If the recipient's institution or academic program does not align with the schedule outlined in this document, it is the recipient's responsibility to notify the Scholarship Committee, in writing, prior to the start of the program, to request and arrange an alternative contact deadline and payment schedule.
- Failure of the student to comply with any requirements may result in cancellation of this scholarship.

PAYMENT OF STIPEND:

- Distribution: Dependent on scholarship recipient's approved course of study.

The first payment will be made prior to the start of the academic program, typically in early August. A one-time payment could be made; however, depending on the length and type of program, the payment could be split into two payments. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Scholarship Committee and recipient, payments will be made to the recipient's institution to be applied to educational expenses charged by the institution. If applicable, after the initial payment, subsequent payments shall be made after receipt and review of official transcripts covering the period since the previous payment (typically after the first semester or half-way point of training). It is the student's responsibility to see that official transcripts are sent to the Scholarship Committee, by January 10th, the year after receiving the scholarship. At the discretion of the Committee, documentation verifying current enrollment may be requested before issuing a payment.

- No payment shall be made to a student until the Committee has certified his/her eligibility.

ATTENDANCE/CURRICULUM CHANGES/REQUALIFYING GRADES:

- A leave of absence (up to 12 consecutive months) may be granted under extenuating circumstances. A student desiring a leave of absence must first request approval in writing from the Scholarship Committee. In this letter, he/she must indicate intent to re-enter an approved institution, continue an approved course of instruction, and willingness to comply with any other terms of the leave of absence.
- The student shall not make a substantial change in curriculum or college from that stated in the original application without written request for approval to the Scholarship Committee.
- If a student fails to obtain and maintain a 2.5 or higher-grade point average, payment will be deferred until such GPA is attained. The equivalent of two qualifying semesters **AND** a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of the request are required for an award payment. However, a student must actively be pursuing their program; payments will not be made after graduation or completion of their program. Deferred payments due to grades and or lack of communication may result in forfeiture of one or more payments.
- Academic delays and/or lapses in communication longer than 1 year will result in scholarship cancellation
- Exceptions or appeals may be considered after written communication to the Committee.

All communication and reports concerning scholarships to be addressed to
Territorial Sportsmen Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 35014, Juneau AK 99803.
Or tsischolarshipak@gmail.com