



2016

Scholarship Application Packet

Also available at www.cdfu.org/scholarships.html

Who can apply?

Applicants seeking further education in any field that fit one of the following categories: Current members of CDFU, and their immediate family; and/or graduates of Cordova High School. Preference will be given to CDFU members (voting), their dependents and those applicants who have not been awarded a CDFU scholarship in the past.

Scholarship Award information

Applicants will be competing for one of 3 scholarships as follows:

1 x \$2,000 award (Robert H. Blake Memorial Scholarship)

1 x \$1,000 award (CDFU Award)

1 x \$500 award (Steven R. Smith Memorial Scholarship)

Selection for scholarship awards:

An appointed CDFU Scholarship Selection Committee will complete the final review, scoring and awarding of scholarships. All applications will be reviewed using uniform review criteria (see page 6 of application packet). The selection committee is made up of a variety of non-biased community members. Judging is based on the application only, and personal associations or prior knowledge of any applicants are not taken into consideration. This is not a means based scholarship.

Late or incomplete applications will be instantly disqualified.

When are applications due?

Applications must be submitted directly, postmarked or emailed to the CDFU office no later than **April 8, 2016**.

When will awardees be announced?

Awardees will be mailed a letter advising of their success. Awards for Cordova residents may be announced during the Cordova High School graduation ceremony. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified of their application status.

How to apply:

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship you must meet certain eligibility requirements and complete the following required application forms. Use the following checklist to ensure that you have completed all necessary components of the application. Remember, incomplete applications will be instantly disqualified.

Your application must be organized in the following order.

Part A:

- COVER PAGE:** Complete the required fields.
- RESUME or CV:** Your resume or CV should give a detailed explanation of your objectives, skills, education, employment, hobbies and interests and should include work experience, volunteer work, or extra-curricular activities you have participated in.
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** Attach one (1) recent letter of recommendation from a supervisor, colleague, advisor, or person with whom you have worked with. Letters must describe your character and likelihood to succeed in your studies.
- ESSAY:** Submit a typed one-page essay fit to a single 8.5x11 inch page. Explain how your experience/exposure to the commercial fishing industry has shaped your life, influencing your decision to pursue continued education.

Part B:

- ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS:** Attach copies of your most recent academic transcripts to this section. Transcripts must clearly show your current or cumulative GPA. If your transcripts are not available at the time of submitting your application, print out an unofficial transcript and ask your course advisor or school to sign them. Alternatively, you can request for your official transcripts to be sent directly to CDFU. If you choose this option, make sure that you mark the appropriate box on the application form in Part B.

Part C:

- LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE:** Attach copies of acceptance letters from college/ school/ university/ vocational institution **and / or** if you are a returning student at the same institution attach copies of college/school/university/vocational institution transcripts that clearly show you are enrolled in future classes.

Where should I send my completed application?

Please email, mail, or deliver your fully completed application packet to:

Cordova District Fisherman United | PO Box 939, Cordova AK 99574

CDFU Scholarship Program

Attention: Alexis Cooper

Email: Director@cdfu.org with subject 'CDFU Scholarship Application'

Fax: (907) 424-3430

PART A

Cover Page

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your name: _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must be currently enrolled in further studies beyond this year, and you must be either a dependent of a CDFU member or a CHS graduate.

Please check all that apply:

- I am a dependent of a CDFU member. Member name:
 - I *am/will be* a Cordova High School graduate
 - I am currently enrolled in and/or am undertaking further studies
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have completed and attached all required components of my application (please check):

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover page | <input type="checkbox"/> Resume/CV | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Letter of Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay | <input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts | <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance Letter |

Notes: _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the data in this application packet is true and correct. I understand that this application does not commit CDFU to award a scholarship, or to pay any costs incurred in the submission of an application. I also understand that CDFU reserves the right to reject any or all scholarship applications without discussion. The essay is my own original work, and was not written by anyone else.

Applicant Signature _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

PART B

Academic Information

Your name:

_____ (First Name)

_____ (Last Name)

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- I am a Cordova High School student graduating in May, 2016.
- I am in my _____ (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc) year of college studies. I commenced further studies in 20____ (year), and am scheduled to graduate in 20____ (year).
- I am studying, or plan to study the following course:
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- My current GPA is: _____ *Circle one:* High School GPA / College GPA

TRANSCRIPTS

- I have attached my official transcripts.
- My official transcripts are not available at this time, and I have submitted my unofficial transcripts signed by my Academic Advisor.
- My official transcripts are not available at this time, and I have requested that my school send them directly to you. Please attach them to my application when you receive them.

SCHOLARSHIP CHECK DELIVERY

If I am awarded a scholarship, please send my check to the following educational institute to which I am applying or are currently enrolled:

Institute: _____

Student Number: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

CDFU Scholarship – REVIEW CRITERIA

The following scoring criteria will be used to evaluate your scholarship application.

Application Presentation (10pts)

Are all required documents included in the application packet? Is the application coherent and with correct spelling and grammar? Are all components current and up to date? Is the application organized in the required order?

Resume/CV (10pts)

Credit will be given to applicants that have a strong history of commercial fishing experience, and/or work or volunteer in activities relating to the fishing industry.

Applicant Grade Point Average (GPA) (5pts)

Based on cumulative Cordova High School, or most recent College GPA score.

Letters of Recommendation (10pts)

Letters should put an emphasis on applicants' strength of character (i.e. motivation, discipline, accomplishments) promising success in obtaining stated educational and career goals, and should attempt to positively justify the applicants' suitability for a scholarship.

Essay (10pts)

The essay should reflect how the commercial fishing industry has affected the applicant's life and/or community and how those experiences influenced educational goals. Grammar, construction, spelling and flow will be taken into consideration. Essay should be no longer than one page. Credit will be given to applicants that have a strong history of commercial fishing life experiences.

Overall Impression (10pts)

The overall impression of the application, including a thorough appraisal of the students' accomplishments in school, sport, volunteer work, extra curricular activities with focus on applicants experiences with the commercial fishing industry.

Current CDFU (voting) Member or Dependent (5pts)

Got a question?

Please direct all scholarship application questions to:

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Executive Director
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Fax: (907) 424 3430
Email: Director@cdfu.org