

Native Association Forms 'Nick Gray' Scholarship Fund

A scholarship to help deserving Native students in

their college education is being set up by the Fairbanks Native Association.

The scholarship is being named after Nick Gray, who founded the Fairbanks association and was instrumental in establishing other Native groups in the state that have now grown into powerful organizations.

Nick is in Fairbanks this week, visiting here after being hospitalized in Anchorage with leukemia. He is not expected to recover.

The \$250 scholarship will be given each year to help a Native student at the University of Alaska in his sophomore, junior or senior year, according to Mary Jane Fate of the Fairbanks group.

The grant will be awarded by a three-member committee at the University, and will be based on need and incentive rather than just high grades in previous years.

BIA scholarships to freshmen students are fairly plentiful.

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tiful, and leaders of the Fairbanks association decided to limit the grant to second year and higher students, where the need might be greater.

"We're starting with \$250 this year," Mary Jane said, "and we hope to increase it in the next few years."

"We've named the scholarship after Nick Gray because this man has done so much to help the Native people of Alaska."