IANA art scholarships have been reinstated

The Institute of Alaska Native Arts (IANA) announced the reinstatement of its art study scholarship program for Alaska Native artists.

IANA awards funds to Alaska Native artists aiding in the development of their artistic careers. Awards are based upon the applicant's talent, potential, professional commitment and commitment to the study of art as well as those engaged in producing original creative works in the literary, visual and performing arts. There are three categories: Short-Term Study where funds may be used for registration fees, travel and per diem for workshops, conferences or seminars; Academic Study where funds for tuition, books, supplies and other expenses related to art study. This category is for work done toward a baccalaureate degree in art. The Fellowships are study funds for post baccalaureate art study and/or production of creative and original works and for development of a professional career.

The program was inactive since 1992 due to lack of funding. IANA was able to reinstate the program due to recent fundraising efforts and a private contribution. Eleanor Ketchum of Seattle made a donation of \$4300 to be used for scholarships, and a fundraising event held during the AFN Convention last October resulted in \$3,000 being raised.

The first round of awards has a February 1, 1995 deadline for receipt of applications. Guidelines and application forms are available by contacting IANA at (907) 456-7491 or from within Alaska: 1-800-456-5493.