

Time, money will soon run short for college-bound

Time is running short for applying for financial aid, and if you have not already done so, you should plan on getting everything completed no later than mid-June. This will ensure that you get your paperwork in to the respective offices in time while there are still monies available.

Most financial aid forms for the fall semester are available at your school counselor's office, or check with the career counselor in your village.

There are several forms which you must complete in order to qualify for most financial aid programs. They include.

1. Financial Aid Form (known as FAF) which qualifies you for the Pell grant and other programs.
2. Complete the financial aid application for whatever school you are planning to attend. In most cases, you must contact

the Financial Aid Office separate from the Admissions Office if you require financial assistance in attending the school you are applying to.

3. There are other sources which you should consider for financial assistance:

- a. Indian Health Service Scholarship;
- b. Alaska State Student Loan;
- c. SEIG (Alaska State Grant Program);
- d. BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs);
- e. NANA Regional Corporation or the Regional Corporation to which you belong;
- f. Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation;
- f. IRA Councils in your respective villages which administer grant monies.

In some cases, the agency to

which you are applying requires letters of reference, transcripts, budgets, or copies of your parents' income tax forms. Be sure to include these documents for consideration of your application, as sometimes it is delayed if you do not attach all of the required documents.

With regards to the NANA Scholarship Program, NANA administers a Scholarship Fund totalling \$75,000 annually, of which \$30,000 comes from Cominco and \$5,700 from Chevron. The balance is NANA's contribution.

The deadline dates for applying to this scholarship fund are August 1 for the fall semester, and January 1 for the spring semester. In the past, returning students have been given priority for scholarships, with all others considered next. NANA requires the previous semester grades from all returning students, and

a fully completed application from all others. Those applications can be obtained by writing to: Red Seeberger, NANA Development Corporation, 4706 Harding Drive, Anchorage, AK 99517.

NANA awards up to \$1,000 per semester per student based on availability of alternative financial assistance, performance in school, and future plans.

Any NANA shareholder is eligible to apply for this scholarship. We encourage all students to apply to as many funding agencies as possible, due to the continuing declines in other monies available. Competition is becoming greater for the limited dollars remaining. Students should not rely on one funding source for their financial assistance, but rather they should apply to as many as possible to guarantee that they will receive enough monies to go to school.

Further questions regarding NANA Scholarship Program can be obtained by writing to Red Seeberger at the address noted above.