

Yes You Can!



Just like Victor Spencer, students across Alaska have achieved scholastic excellence. They are your classmates, people you know from your hometown. If they can excel so can you. Stay in school, work hard, you can achieve excellence!

Victor Spencer

1980 Graduate,
Kachemak Christian High School
College: Wichita State University
Received an Ahtna Scholarship
Major: Aeronautic Engineering
Goals: To work at mission control with the NASA Space Team.

Victor was one of the three people selected out of 6000 applicants in the United States to join the NASA Space Team.

The AHTNA Heritage Foundation established in 1986 to perpetuate the AHTNA heritage and enhance the socio-economic status of the AHTNA People.

To accomplish this the foundation shall use the traditional culture, in all its facets, as the primary means to enhance the education, the life skills, the pride and self esteem of the Ahtna People: The traditions of the past are employed as a bridge which is used to help the Ahtna people move from their traditional life style to a socio-economic position of self sufficiency in the current & future Alaskan society while at the same time retaining the positive aspects of Ahtna history and culture.

The foundation has several educational support programs available for qualified applicants enrolled at accredited colleges, universities and vocational institutions. Award of grants is dependant on funding available.

General College & Vocational Scholarships. \$1,000.00 scholarships are available for fall and spring semesters. Applicants must be enrolled full time at an institution of their choice and have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Grants are renewable for the duration of the student's educational program.

Ahtna Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship. Awarded annually to an outstanding student enrolled in a college undergraduate or graduate course of study.

Professional Training Grants. The foundation provides scholarships and grants in aid to students in all fields of study including construction trades, business, law, science, petroleum, archaeology and other professional training programs. The amount of grants vary dependant on student's program and need.

Application Deadlines:

General Scholarships. June 1 & December 1 yearly.

Director's Scholarship. June 1

Professional Training Grants. Open application through out the year.

FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

Scholarship Program: Promote and advance the educational opportunities of the Ahtna people.

Memorial Potlatch Program. Provide financial assistance and programs to perpetuate and preserve the traditions of the Ahtna Potlatch.

OTH-B Training Program: Sponsor and promote training for construction and operational positions on the Over the Horizon Backscatter Radar project.

Historical and Cultural Preservation Program. The program includes collection and curation of Ahtna oral history, historic preservation of Ahtna Tribal Lands, administration of Elders Council, Ahtna language instruction, publishing of Ahtna documents, collection and preservation of Ahtna artifacts, documentation and instruction in Ahtna traditional ways of life and arts and crafts.

Computer Enhanced Education Program. A program designed to assist Ahtna people become skilled in the use of computers. Provide programs on Ahtna history and culture through special computer programs.

Projects in Planning. The acquisition of a Museum-Library-Instructional Center located in the Copper River Basin to house Ahtna historical and cultural artifacts.

Cross-Lites says:

The Lord has put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God. Many shall see it and fear and trust in the Lord.

J. B. GOTTSTEIN & CO., INC. has provided this advertisement to say "We know you can" to students across the state. Over the next several months we will be highlighting students and offering information about scholarship programs in the interest of promoting scholastic excellence.