



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Huna Heritage Foundation provides supplemental financial assistance for Vocational Education and Apprenticeship programs for eligible persons. To be funded, training should lead to opportunities for gainful employment.

To be eligible for Vocational Education or Apprenticeship program funding, you must:

- **Be a Huna Totem Shareholder or descendant.** The term “descendant” is “a person who is descendant from a Native, or adopted by a Native, or adopted by a descendant of a Native.” *[As defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Amendments of 1987.]*
- **Be unemployed or underemployed.** Applicant must be in need of training in order to be employable. Applicants who are underemployed must show how the lack of additional training would result in hardship.
- **Be at least 18 years of age. High school students are eligible at age 17.**
- **If eligible, apply to the Bureau of Indian Affairs agency contracted to provide Vocational Education funding assistance.**

Generally, an applicant will be granted HHF Vocational Education assistance only once. To be considered for a second award, applicants must demonstrate they continue to be unemployed, underemployed, or unable to work in their primary occupation due to physical or other disability.

Requirements:

- Employment should be available at the completion of training.
- Vocational Education courses must be approved by a National Accreditation Association or by the Alaska Department of Education’s Division of Vocational Education
- The training course must be full-time. *[Full-time training consists of 30 hours of study per week and includes shop practices as an integral component.]*
- Apprenticeship programs must be approved by the U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship Training.

Applications for Vocational Education Assistance are reviewed by the Selection Committee; awards are made by the Huna Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees.