



## YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to original enrollees of The Tatitlek Corporation (TTC) and lineal descendants of original enrollees (by birth or adoption). The Copper Mountain Foundation provides grants to promote Tatitlek Corporation shareholder or descendant youth participation in programs which promote education or preservation of Tatitlek Native culture and traditions, art, history and language.

**AMOUNT:** Grant awards may be up to \$1,000 per program per year. Grants larger than \$1,000 will require board approval. Payment will be made directly to the school or program providing the youth activities or supplies and cannot be made directly to any student or parent. Reimbursement of program expenses is not permitted.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Complete the youth grant application and provide the following documents with the application:

- ☐ Descendant Registration Form (if needed)
- ☐ Program Description (Syllabus, Brochure, Itinerary etc...)
- ☐ Verification of Enrollment (Enrollment document, award letter, enrollment confirmation email, etc...)
- ☐ Personal Statement and Optional Photo (250 – 500 words) (See Guidelines in Attachment A)

Send application and documents to:

Copper Mountain Foundation  
561 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
[scholarships@tatitlek.com](mailto:scholarships@tatitlek.com)

### A. STUDENT INFORMATION

*Provide information on who funding is being requested for.*

Student Name		Last 4 of SSN		Date of Birth	
(If Minor) Parent/Guardian Name					
Street Address		City		State	Zip Code
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email	
Eligibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Original Shareholder OR <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant of Original Shareholder (Name):					
Direct descendant or relative of a Board member of Copper Mountain Foundation or The Tatitlek Corporation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
If yes: Name & Relationship of Relative serving on the Board:					

### B. PROGRAM INFORMATION

*Provide information on the program you are requesting funding to attend.*

Name of Program		Phone	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Cost of Program		Cost Per Student	

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Travel Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Travel Location	Dates of Travel
Program Description. In 50 words or less, describe the program objectives.		

### C. GROUP ORGANIZING THE TRAVEL (if applicable)

*If travel is required, provide information on who is organizing it.*

Name of Group/Organization		Phone	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Lead Organizer Name		Lead Organizer Phone	

### D. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING FUNDING

*If you have requested funding from other corporations/organizations, provide the information below.*

Name of Corporation/Organization	Amount of Funding

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this application packet is true and correct. My submission of this application does not create any funding obligations for Copper Mountain Foundation. Payment will be made directly to the school or program providing the youth activities.

By signing this application, I give permission for my name and award information to be published in The Tatitlek Corporation newsletter and online by Copper Mountain Foundation or the Tatitlek Corporation for the purpose of discussing the youth grant program.

Applicant/Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Attachment A: Personal Statement Guidelines

1. **Introduction:** Who are you? Start by introducing yourself. Provide your name, where you're from, and your current grade. You might also mention something unique about yourself, like a passion or sports, to help us get to know you.
2. **Background:** Tell us about your background. Explain a bit about your life, family, and community. How has growing up in your village/city, your cultural heritage, or your family influenced you?
3. **Career and Education Goals:**
  - What do you want to do after high school? Share your dreams and goals for the future. Do you have a career in mind or a specific field you're passionate about? For example, if you're interested in health care, engineering, cultural studies, or environmental conservation, tell us why.
  - How will this program or grant help you? Think about how this grant will make a difference. Will it help you pay for college, a trade school, or a special program? Will it help you gain skills that will prepare you for your career? Be specific about how you see this grant making an impact on your future.
4. **Passion for the Program or Field:**
  - Why are you excited about this field or program? What about the program interests you the most? For example, if you want to study marine biology or cultural preservation, explain why that field is important to you personally. Maybe it connects to your culture or community, or maybe it's something you've been passionate about for a long time.
  - How does this program connect to your community? If applicable, talk about how your future goals align with helping your community or preserving your culture. If you envision using your education or skills to give back, describe how.
5. **Closing:** What are your hopes for the future? Finish by explaining what you hope to achieve in the long term and how receiving this grant would help you move closer to those goals.
6. **Photo:** While not required, if you are willing, please send a photo of yourself to [scholarships@tatitlek.com](mailto:scholarships@tatitlek.com).

Example Personal Statement (250 – 500 Words):

*My name is [Student Name], and I am a junior at [School Name] in [Village/City Name]. Growing up in my community, I've always had a strong connection to my culture and the natural environment around us. My family's teachings about our land and resources have inspired me to pursue a career in environmental science, where I hope to help protect the ecosystems that support our subsistence way of life.*

*The [program name or field of study] will help me achieve my goal of becoming a conservationist focused on preserving natural resources. I'm passionate about learning how we can address environmental challenges, like climate change, which directly affect our community's ability to harvest fish, game, and berries. This grant will give me the opportunity to attend college and gain the skills necessary to contribute to this important work.*

*I am dedicated to my education, maintaining a strong GPA while participating in activities like the school's science club and volunteering in environmental projects around our village. I believe this program will equip me with the knowledge and tools I need to bring positive changes to my community, ensuring that future generations can continue to rely on our traditional resources.*

*By receiving this grant, I will be able to take a major step toward my career and personal goals, and I am excited about the opportunity to give back to my community through the skills I will gain.*