
Cultural & Heritage Study Scholarship Application Form

Dear Shareholder:

Attached is a Shee Atiká Cultural & Heritage Study Scholarship application. Please thoroughly read the instructions and then complete and return the written portion of this application along with all required documents. The upcoming deadlines are as follows:

March 13, 2026 (4pm, Alaska time)
June 12, 2026 (4pm, Alaska time)
October 9, 2026 (4pm, Alaska time)

There are three ways to submit your application and all supporting documentation:

1. Email: info@sheeatika.com (preferred method)
2. Mail: Shee Atiká, Incorporated, 315 Lincoln Street, Suite 300, Sitka, AK 99835
3. Drop Off: Shee Atiká, Incorporated, 315 Lincoln Street, Suite 300, Sitka, AK 99835

Applications must be received by the close of business on the due dates listed above.

Late applications will not be accepted.

The Scholarship Committee consists of shareholders and is a separate committee from your Board of Directors. Your current scholarship committee is:

- Sheridan Bacon - Sitka, AK
- Stephanie Masterman - Seattle, WA
- Marta Wilmoth - Independence, KY

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Trustees of the Shee Atiká Benefits Trust has set aside funds to provide educational grants to eligible shareholders. These funds are administered by a committee of shareholders, which is independent from the Shee Atiká Board. This committee is called the Shee Atiká Scholarship Committee. All decisions made by the scholarship committee regarding scholarships are final.

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees of the Shee Atiká Benefits Trust (SABT) is committed to encouraging the learning, preservation, and appreciation of our shared cultural heritage among as many shareholders as possible. To support this mission, SABT offers funding to help offset the costs of participating in educational activities related to traditional practices and art forms. These grants are designed to assist individuals in pursuing classes that help preserve, promote, and sustain the traditional culture and way of life of Alaska Native peoples. Applicants should plan to use additional resources to support their educational goals; Shee Atiká grants are intended to supplement—not replace—other funding sources. All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee regarding grant awards are final.

ELIGIBILITY

To apply for a Shee Atiká award, you must be a Class A or Class B Shareholder of Shee Atiká, Inc. Funding may be used to cover a variety of expenses related to your educational pursuit including course fees, materials and supplies, tools, and travel and housing costs necessary for taking the course.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Complete and sign the application, including the budget forecast and a personal statement.
2. Attach copies of the course brochure or online course description. If there isn't one available, the course instructor will need to complete the attached Course Outline.
3. Submit one letter of recommendation from a current or previous cultural instructor or Native artist.
4. Itemized price list of materials/supplies and/or tools if requested as part of the scholarship award amount.
5. Submit a Project Report to the Committee after your course is completed.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

This program shall only be used to fund recognized and organized classes or for one-on-one apprenticeships under specific circumstances. The organization or artist must have a current business license and an outlined course of study that includes course title, instructor name, number of hours/days to complete, course description and instructor bio. Funds will be distributed to the program of study, supply vendor, and/or transportation or lodging company on behalf of a scholarship recipient. Funds will not be disbursed directly to any student or individual.

PROJECT REPORT REQUIREMENT

You must submit a project report to the Scholarship Committee at the end of the course, which includes the following:

Student	Project Report Checklist	Staff
	Photographs of your project at various stages of completion, including the finished product and photographs of you learning that can be shared in a newsletter, on our website, or in an eNewsletter	
	A written reflection on your learning experience, highlighting your favorite aspect(s) of the class/program and your instructor	
	Evaluation and attendance report from your instructor	

GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name (as it appears on record)	First	Middle
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Cell Phone Number		Date of Birth
Email Address		

SCHOOL/SPONSORING AGENCY

School/Sponsoring Agency Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip

BUDGET FORECAST

Estimated Expenses	
Tuition	\$
Instructor or Course Fees	\$
Materials/Supplies (attach itemized price list)	\$
Tools (attached itemized price list)	\$
Other ()	\$
Total Estimated Expenses	\$
Available Resources	
Scholarships	\$
Personal Contribution	\$
Family Contribution	\$
Student Loans	\$
Total Available Resources	\$
Total Resources - Total Expenses	\$

PERSONAL GOAL STATEMENT

Prepare a written statement that describes how this scholarship will help you to preserve, promote, and sustain the traditional culture and way of life of Alaska Native peoples through traditional art, language, subsistence, or other cultural activities. This statement should be approximately one page.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Last Award _____

Amount \$ _____

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Dates for class or course of study: _____ to _____
Month/Day/Year Month/Day/Year

Amount requesting from the Shee Atiká Scholarship Committee: \$ _____
Not to exceed \$4,500 per academic year

My signature below certifies that to the best of my knowledge the information given is true and correct. I authorize Shee Atiká to release this information as may be necessary to any other agency providing financial aid. This also authorizes release of academic & financial aid award announcements for the Shee Atiká newsletters, website, shareholder portal and social media. I acknowledge that the information submitted in this application may be subject to verification by the Shee Atiká Scholarship Committee and the Shee Atiká Staff.

Signature

Date

Name of Applicant *(please print legibly)*

STUDENT CHECKLIST:

Initial each check list item to confirm completeness of application

Student	Checklist Items	Staff
	Application (all blanks are filled, if handwritten it is legible)	
	Course Outline (brochure/printout from website or instructor's course outline)	
	Letter of Recommendation (current or previous cultural instructor)	
	Personal Goal Statement	
	W-9 Form (request for taxpayer ID and certification)	
	Report on Previous Cultural & Heritage Award Project (if applicable)	
	Itemized Price List of Tools (if applicable)	
	Itemized Price List of Materials/Supplies (if applicable)	

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

**SHEE ATIKÁ SCHOLARSHIP CULTURAL & HERITAGE STUDY
INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE OUTLINE**

To be completed by the instructor if a course description is not available through the school.

Instructor Name: _____

Course Title: _____

Class Total # Hours and Days: _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION (*describe what the student will learn or attach a course description*)

INSTRUCTOR'S BACKGROUND (*provide bio or attach a resume*)

Instructor Signature

Date

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:

☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

☐ Exempt payee

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

Requester's name and address (optional)

City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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Employer identification number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Sign
Here

Signature of
U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.