

Copper River Watershed Project



Scholarship Application Packet 2016

Deadline: April 7, 2016

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Also available online at www.copperriver.org

Who can apply?

Any graduating senior seeking continuing education who can explain how his or her current education goals will benefit the economy, culture, and/or environment of the Copper River watershed may apply. Examples include: pursuing a degree in resource management, business management, tourism/hospitality, education, public policy, environmental science, GIS, hydrology, etc. Applicants may be graduating from high schools in the Copper River watershed, homeschool students from the watershed, and graduating seniors who have been residents of the region for a significant part of their schooling. Extra points will be awarded to those who are current members (individual or family) of the Copper River Watershed Project (CRWP) and who have participated in volunteer activities that benefit the watershed.

Scholarship Award Information

A total of two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded: one to a graduating student from the Copper Basin, and one to a graduating student from the Cordova area. Home school students in the region are also eligible to apply, as well as students who spent a significant part of their schooling in the region. CRWP scholarships are a one-time award, and money will be sent directly to the educational institution that you will be attending. In the case of several highly qualified applicants, the amount may be divided and awarded to more than one student.

Selection for Scholarship Awards

Committees made up of CRWP board members and community members from up and downriver communities will review the applications using uniform review criteria (see pg. 4 of application packet). Judging is based on application only, and personal associations or prior knowledge of any applicants are not taken into consideration. A committee of downriver representatives will review upriver applications, and a committee of upriver representatives will review downriver applications. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Application and Award Timeline

April 7, 2016 deadline: Applications must be **postmarked, submitted directly or emailed** to the CRWP office no later than April 7, 2016. Applicant will be notified by the scholarship contact (email or phone) to confirm when an application is received.

Downriver scholarship award:

May 21, 2016: Award announced during the Cordova High School graduation ceremony.

Copper Basin scholarship award on one of the following dates:

May 19, 2016: Award announced during the Slana High School graduation ceremony

May 18, 2016: Award announced during the Kenny Lake School graduation ceremony.

May 20, 2016: Award announced during the Glennallen High School graduation ceremony.

For scholarship recipients currently outside the region, awards will be announced by May 21, 2016

How to apply:

The following is a checklist of required application materials that you must submit in order to be considered for a CRWP scholarship. Remember, incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered. All materials will be held strictly confidential and only viewed by the scholarship contact and review committee. Typed and legible, handwritten submissions will be accepted, and both electronic or hard copy submissions will be accepted.

- **Cover Page:** complete the required fields on the next page.
- **Resume:** Your resume should give a detailed explanation of your objectives, skills, education, employment, hobbies and interests and should include any work experience, volunteer work, or extra-curricular activities you have participated in.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Attach **2** recent letters of recommendations from your teachers, advisors, coaches, mentors, or persons with whom you have worked. Letters must describe your character and likelihood to pursue and succeed in a field that will positively affect the economy, culture and/or environment of the Copper River watershed.
- **Essay:** Write an essay that addresses the following (*minimum of 1 page, no more than 2 pages; if typed, no smaller than 11 point font*):
 - ✓ What in your life has influenced you to want to pursue continued education?
 - ✓ What degree do you plan to pursue and how will it have a positive effect on the economy, culture, and/or environment of the Copper River watershed?
 - ✓ Explain how living in the Copper River region has led to your decision to pursue this field of study.
- **Transcript:** Attach copies of your most current high school transcript that includes your GPA. If your transcripts are not available at the time of submitting your application, print out an unofficial transcript and have your advisor or guidance counselor sign it.
- **Letter of Acceptance:** Please attach copies of acceptance from college/school/university/vocational institute.

NOTE: If no qualified applications are received from each region (Copper Basin and Cordova), the Committee reserves the right to forego awarding one or more scholarships in a given year, or to award more than one scholarship to qualified applicants from one region.

Send Completed Applications to:

Mail: Copper River Watershed Project
Scholarship Program
PO Box 1560
Cordova, AK 99574

E-mail to: kate@copperriver.org
Drop off: CRWP, 511 First St., Cordova

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**Copper River Watershed Project
2016 Scholarship Program
Cover Page**

Personal Information:

Your name:_____

Parent/Guardian's Name:_____

Mailing address:_____

Telephone Number:_____

Email Address: _____

My family is currently a member of the CRWP (circle one): YES NO

Academic Information:

Name of High School:_____ Graduation date (month/year):_____

I plan to pursue a degree in:_____

My current GPA is:_____

Scholarship Delivery Information:

If I am awarded a scholarship, please send my check to the following educational
institute to which I am applying:

Name of institute:_____

Mailing address:_____

Scholarship Review Criteria

1. Application Presentation (10 points)

- a. Were all required documents submitted on time?
- b. Is the application coherent and with correct spelling and grammar?
- c. Are all components current and up to date?

2. Applicant Grade Point Average (GPA) (10 points)

- a. Based on cumulative High School GPA score

3. Letters of Recommendation (10 points)

- a. Do they provide insight into the applicant's skills?
- b. Do they provide insight into the applicant's likelihood of success in a field that will positively affect the economy, culture and/or environment of the Copper River watershed?
- c. Do they support the applicant as a suitable recipient of a scholarship?

4. Essay (45 points)

- a. Is it within the required 2-page length?
- b. Is it written using correct grammar, sentence structure, spelling, etc?
- c. Does it address the following points:
 - √ What in his/her life has influenced him/her to want to pursue higher education?
 - √ What degree does he/she plan to pursue and how will it have a positive effect on the economy, culture, and/or environment of the Copper River watershed?
 - √ Explain how living in the Copper River region has led to his/her decision to pursue this field of study.

5. Overall Impression (20 points)

- a. Is this student involved in diverse community activities?
- b. Has the student demonstrated their commitment to the Copper River watershed and its resources through participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities?

6. Current member (individual or family) of the Copper River Watershed Project (5 points)