



PITAAS

Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska's Schools

PITAAS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

School Year 2019-2020

PITAAS is a teacher preparation program for Alaska Natives at the University of Alaska Southeast. The PITAAS program began in 2000 by the University of Alaska Southeast with the help of a federal grant to address the shortage of Alaska Native teachers. Students who are accepted into this program receive scholarship funds toward University of Alaska Southeast tuition, fees, and books.

Eligible students:

- Alaska Native.
- Committed to becoming a teacher or administrator in the State of Alaska.
- Enrolled in a qualifying education program **at UAS**.

Qualifying education programs include: (<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/education/programs/index.html>)

- B.A. in Elementary Education, Special Education or B.A. or B.S. in an academic area leading toward teacher certification. (Must be junior standing to be eligible.)
- Post graduate Teacher Certification Programs e.g. Elementary or Secondary Masters of Arts in Teaching; K-12 Special Education/Certificate
- Master's Degrees in Education; Educational Leadership, Learning Design & Technology/Certificate in Education Technology, Mathematics/Certificate, Reading Specialist, or Special Education.
- Superintendent Endorsement

Students must also maintain a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher to continue receiving the scholarship once awarded. Progress reports must be submitted following mid-terms to verify current grade standing.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL COMPLETED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS BY xx xx xx TO:

Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor of Native Education and PITAAS Program Director
UAS/MO1 11066 Auke Lake Way
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 796-6058; (907) 796-6005 fax; email: rcadientebrown@alaska.edu

PRIORITY DEADLINE:

Postmarked or delivered by March 15, 2019 for early consideration.

***Applications received after this deadline will be placed on a wait list status.**

***Please submit your application and all documents together. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered for funding until complete.**

September 18, 2018

PITAAS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use the application checklist that applies to your educational goal and current status.

- New undergraduate student enrolled in a field leading to educator certification. To be eligible you must have Junior standing in college.**

CHECK OFF EACH COMPLETED REQUIREMENT.

- _____ 1. PITAAS Application form **Completed** and **signed**
- _____ 2. PITAAS Pledge of Commitment **signed**
- _____ 3. Essay #1 Topic: Why do you want to become a teacher? (250-500 words)
- _____ 4. Essay #2 Topic: How will you contribute to your Native community? (250-500 words)
- _____ 5. Official Transcripts
- _____ 6. Letter of Recommendation #1 *Must be from a current or previous teacher.
- _____ 7. Letter of Recommendation #2
- _____ 8. Proof of Enrollment / Certificate of Indian Blood

- New graduate student enrolled in the M.A.T. Elementary or Secondary. or a M. Ed Program.**

CHECK OFF EACH COMPLETED REQUIREMENT.

- _____ 1. PITAAS Application form **completed** and **signed**
- _____ 2. PITAAS Pledge of Commitment **signed**
- _____ 3. Essay #1 Topic: Personal Philosophy of Education (250-500 words)
- _____ 4. Resume/ Vitae
- _____ 5. Official Transcripts
- _____ 6. Letter of Recommendation #1 *Must be from a current or previous employer/administrator
- _____ 7. Letter of Recommendation #2
- _____ 8. Proof of Enrollment / Certificate of Indian Blood

- Continuing PITAAS (for students who previously received PITAAS scholarship funding) with Junior, Senior or Graduate standing.**

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- _____ 1. PITAAS Application form **completed** and **signed**
- _____ 2. PITAAS Pledge of Commitment **signed**
- _____ 3. Essay #1 Topic: Describe progress towards becoming a teacher. Include anticipated graduation date. (250-500 words)
- _____ 4. Official Transcripts
- _____ 5. Letter of Recommendation #1 *Must be from a current or previous teacher.
- _____ 6. Letter of Recommendation #2 *Optional

PITAAS 2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Birth	SSN or UAS student ID:
Mailing Address:			Home Phone:	
			Work Phone:	
			Cell Phone:	
Tribal Affiliation:			Are you a Corporation Shareholder or descendant: Yes No	
			Corporation:	
UAS Degree Program: _____			Area of study: _____	
Have you been admitted? _____ If yes: P/T or F/T			Anticipated Graduation Date: _____	
Academic Advisor Name:			Academic Advisor Phone	
Have you taken any classes through University of Alaska? Yes _____ No: _____			If yes which campus?	
			If Yes, list your Student ID# _____	
Primary Email (please print clearly or type)			Secondary Email (please print clearly or type)	
Other form(s) of financial assistance anticipated:				
Is your application complete? (Applications will NOT be considered for funding until they are complete.) If not, please explain:				
Comments				
Signature				Date



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PITAAS PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

I take my responsibilities seriously and dedicate myself to the task of effectively educating all children, I commit myself to educational excellence and becoming a certificated educator in Alaska. Therefore, as a PITAAS student at the University of Alaska Southeast, I pledge the following:

1. I will actively pursue my goal to become a certificated educator in the State of Alaska.
2. I will set and maintain the highest possible level of educational competence as I work toward my goal.
3. I will set and maintain for myself and promote among colleagues the highest possible level of cultural competence. In so doing, I will seek to understand the uniqueness that Alaska Native students bring to the classroom in terms of the rich history, values, traditions, and learning styles.
4. I will reach out to the families of students in my class and bridge the gap between home and school, making the school environment a safe and supportive environment for students as well as families.
5. I will hold high expectations for myself and my students and hold myself accountable for promoting positive school climate and academic excellence in all students.
6. I will support PITAAS and its ongoing commitment to educational excellence for Alaska Native students.

I, _____, make this pledge after careful consideration of my role and responsibility as a future teacher and/or administrator; and my commitment to join hands with PITAAS and UAS in their effort to make Alaska classrooms and schools places where hopes and dreams can be nourished into a rewarding future.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*A copy of this pledge will be provided to the author(s) of your letter(s) of recommendation and Academic Advisor.