



PITAAS

Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for
Alaska's Schools

PITAAS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION

DESCRIPTION: PITAAS is a teacher preparation program for Alaska Natives at the University of Alaska Southeast. PITAAS is funded by grant (S356A110035) from USDOE which expires in 2014. PITAAS scholarship awards levels vary from year to year depending on funding availability. (The average award during fall semester 2011 was \$3,000.) **Application must be complete and all documents must arrive together from the applicant.** (i.e. Letters of Recommendation cannot be sent directly to PITAAS Director, must be sent to applicant and turned in with application, etc.) **Incomplete application will be returned. PRIORITY DEADLINE: Postmarked or delivered by March 25, 2012.**

TARGET POPULATIONS

- (1) Alaska Native with a credit standing of Junior, Senior, or eligible to attain a Master's degree;
- (2) Alaska Native Candidates for the Master's of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program-Elementary or Secondary;
- (3) Alaska Native Candidates in the Education Leadership Program at UAS;
- (4) Alaska Native Candidates in the Masters in Special Education, Early Childhood, Math or Reading Program at UAS;
- (5) Alaska Native Early Childhood candidates.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants MUST

- (1) be Alaska Native;
- (2) be committed to becoming a teacher or administrator in the State of Alaska;
- (3) be admitted to an Education degree program at UAS

SUBMIT TO:

Ronalda Cadiente Brown, PITAAS Program Director
UAS/MO1 11120 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK. 99801
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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

	Please check the column that applies to your educational goal:	<input type="checkbox"/> New PITAAS Elementary B.A. & Junior standing; M.A.T. Elementary, Secondary, or Early Childhood	<input type="checkbox"/> New PITAAS student. M. Ed Program: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuing PITAAS Student with Junior or Senior or Master's standing
1	PITAAS Application Form	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Essay#1	Why do you want to become a teacher? (250-500 words)	Personal Philosophy of Education (250-500 words)	Describe your progress toward becoming a teacher, including anticipated graduation date. (250-500 words)
3	Essay #2	How will you contribute to the Native community? (250-500 words)	Not Required	PITAAS Pledge of Commitment signed
4	Resume / Vitae	Optional	Yes	Optional
5	Transcripts	Yes – All – Official	Yes – All College - Official	Not required
6	Letter of Recommendation #1	Yes – Teacher	Yes – Employer /Administrator	Yes – UAS Faculty
7	Letter of Recommendation #2	Yes	Optional	Optional
8	Proof of Enrollment / Certificate of Indian Blood	Yes	Yes	Not Required

PITAAS 2012-13 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Birth	Social Security # (students new to UAS only) Or Student ID#
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Tribal Affiliation:	Are you a Corporation Shareholder or descendant: Yes No Corporation:
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UAS Degree Program: _____ Have you been admitted? _____ If yes: P/T or F/T	Anticipated Graduation Date: _____
Academic Advisor:	Academic Advisor Phone
Have you taken any classes through University of Alaska? No: _____ Yes: _____	
If yes which campus? _____ If Yes, list your Student ID# _____	

Mailing Address:	Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell Phone:
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

As 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 teacher 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 teacher and/or administrator in the State of Alaska.
2. I will set and maintain for myself 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.