



It's that time of year – for college scholarships, tribal elections, and holiday parties. Please pass this info on to your family and others in the community who may be interested.

College and Trade School Scholarships

To be eligible for the San Francisco Tlingit and Haida Community Council (SFTHCC) Scholarship Award you must be **enrolled with Tlingit & Haida Central Council in Juneau and registered locally with SFTHCC**. The award is for \$500 and can be used for college, community college and trade school. The deadline for completed applications is June 1, 2014. For applications contact the Scholarship Chair via the SFTHCC website or Facebook Page. The SFTHCC Scholarship Committee is happy to report the recipients for the 2012 and 2013 awards. 2012 awards went to Katelyn Renteria, Tlingit, from Santa Cruz, attending Cabrillo College as a freshman majoring in biology, and Arianna Bonner, Tlingit, from Watsonville, attending San Diego State University as a sophomore majoring in sociology. The 2013 scholarship award goes to Arianna Bonner, for her junior year. Our congratulations to these students. In addition to our local scholarships, the Tlingit & Haida Central Council in Juneau offers scholarships to all enrolled T&H members. For applications / information go line to www.ccthita.org before the deadline, March 1, 2014. Sealaska Heritage Institute in Juneau is also accepting applications for college and voc-tech scholarship. To qualify you must be a shareholder or descendent. For information go on line to www.sealaskaheritage.org . Deadline for completed applications is March 1, 2014

College Tuition Waivers

The following colleges offer tuition waiver programs to Native American students from any state:

*Fort Lewis College at Durango (Colorado): Student must be 1/4 Native American OR enrolled in a federally recognized tribe OR a direct descendent of a tribal member who lived on a reservation prior to June 1, 1934.

<http://www.fortlewis.edu/financialaid/NativeAmericans.aspx>

*Haskell Indian Nations University (Kansas): Students do not need to be tribally enrolled, but must document 1/4 or more tribal descent (certificate degree of Indian blood). <http://www.haskell.edu/>

*University of Minnesota, Morris (Minnesota): Student must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe OR a parent OR grandparent must be enrolled. <http://www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/scholarshipswaivers/americanindiantuition/>

*North Dakota State Colleges and Universities (North Dakota): Search by college under Financial Aid resources or Scholarships for the Diversity Tuition Waiver.

Local Tribal Elections

San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council will be holding elections for the seven positions on the SFTHCC Board of Directors during the Saturday, January 11, 2014 board meeting from 11 am to 3 pm. The location is Rockridge Public Library, 5366 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618. These positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 General Board Members. You are welcome to nominate yourself or others. A nominee must be an Enrolled Tribal Member of T&H Central Council and registered to San Francisco Community. You should be free to attend all of our Board Meetings, which occur every 2 to 3 months. We would like to have a good representation from our membership, so please plan to attend. Some of us bring finger food to share. We are always looking for new people to help us with our community.

At the January 11 meeting we will also hold nominations for six Delegates to represent us at the Juneau, Alaska, Tlingit & Haida Conventions to be held April 9-12, 2014, and approximately the same dates in 2015. For the delegate position, you must fill out a DECLARATION OF INTENT TO SERVE. This form will be available at our meeting or via email. You must be an Enrolled Tribal Member of T&H Central Council and registered to San Francisco Community. You should be free to attend all of our Board Meetings. Voting for delegates to T&H Central Council will be held by mail. You should look for your ballot at the end of February or early March. Please contact SFTHCC via the website or Facebook page if you do not receive your ballot. The ballots must be returned to our Election Chairperson, before the deadline of March 20, 2014 when the votes will be counted.

Enrollment Eligibility and Process

Must be of Tlingit and/or Haida descent, or be able to identify that they are a direct descendant from a tribally enrolled citizen of Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

Enrollment Application Process

- Complete the enrollment application and provide an original state certified copy of birth certificate that list the parent(s) on it.
- Photocopies of birth certificate are not accepted.
- If adopted, provide pre-adoption state certified birth certificate or court decree listing biological native parent, in addition to amended birth certificate.
- Check Natural or Adopted. If you do not mark this section of the application, the application will be returned to you for completion.

- Family Tree completed to the best of your knowledge (page 2 of application).
- Please remember to sign and date the application.
- A telephone/message number is recommended.
- Sponsor is allowable when parent is unavailable to complete application.
- If unable to trace family, Affidavit of Personal Knowledge must be completed by two tribal citizens.

If any part of the application is incomplete, the application will be returned for completion.

Once we receive completed enrollment application(s), the application(s) will be presented at the next Tribal Enrollment Committee meeting for their review. **The Committee meets two (2) times a year only. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12-14, 2013.** Any questions, or need assistance in completing application(s), please contact the Juneau office at (907) 463-7359 or 1-800-344-1432 ext. 7144. You may also visit our web site www.ccthita.org click Program Compliance (Enrollment) for enrollment forms.

Holiday Party

Again Gregg and Gabriela have opened their beautiful home for our Annual Holiday Party for all of the Tlingit & Haida members and families in the Bay Area and beyond. The party will be on Saturday, December 7, 2013, from noon to 4 PM. Please bring your spouses and children for this wonderful family gathering. We will begin at 12 noon to get acquainted and find our long lost relatives. Many of us don't know each other so don't be shy about attending for the first time.

There will be a potluck lunch. Please bring a potluck dish to share with everyone. Here is what we suggest that you bring, depending on the first letter of your last name: A-G Side Dish, H-M Main Dish, N-S Appetizers, T- Z Dessert. If that is too complicated, bring Indian Food. We play a very funny 'steal away' gift exchange game that is tons of fun. Please bring a gift or a White Elephant gift valued under \$15 for every family member attending. A White Elephant gift is any 'what is it gift' that you have received and will never use, so wrap it up and pass it on. Children, bring a child's gift to exchange. Please RSVP if you are coming with a call or email to Kathryn Paddock, President, San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council, phone (415) 302 3057 or email: haidawoman1@gmail.com. She can give you directions to the party location