

POW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

PURPOSE: The POW Chamber of Commerce has established scholarships of \$500.00 each to be presented to graduating seniors at Prince of Wales Island High Schools who plan on continuing their education after graduation. The number of scholarships presented is determined by the amount of underwriting received. All seniors planning on attending a post-secondary institution or enrolling in online classes should apply. Selection criteria will include academic achievement, financial need to meet proposed school expenses, volunteer service and career plans.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: A completed application must be postmarked by **Tuesday, May 5th, 2026**. Applications can also be hand delivered to the Chamber of Commerce office in Klawock. It is located in the strip mall, midway between Post Office and Grocery store.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. The following items must be included in an application packet that is contained in a plastic binder:

- A. Cover sheet containing name, school, (Photo preferred, but optional)
- B. Completed application form/essay/budget sheet
- C. Resume
- D. Unofficial Transcript of Grades for 7 semesters of High School classes
- E. ***Evidence of 20 hours of volunteer service summarized in table format***
- F. Two letters of recommendation--***one must be from a community member*** not employed by the school.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applications will be judged according to the following criteria:

- 1. Cover sheet, neat, thorough and complete application and Budget Sheet (financial need) (10 points)
- 2. Application in plastic binder, computer generated (5 points)
***Slide/bind report covers are available at the Chamber office if you cannot find any in local stores
- 3. Resume (10 points)
- 4. Letters of Recommendation (15 points)
- 5. Academic Achievement (15 points)
- 6. Volunteer service—minimum of 20 hours (20 points)
- 7. Essay- (career plans) (25 points)

The scholarship recipients will be notified at their graduation ceremonies. A check will be mailed to the student's educational institution after completion of the student's first term, providing the student maintains a minimum 2.0 GPA or acceptable performance if attending a vocational school. Awards shall be used within one year of graduation. **Should students opt to delay post-secondary educational opportunities, the Chamber has to be notified in writing to reserve scholarships for an additional year.**

Students may use scholarship funds for online classes. Please contact Chamber for additional information.

The students are required to send a copy of their first term grade report or letter to verify term grades to the following address:

**POW Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 490
Klawock, Alaska 99925
907-755-2626**

**POW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(to fill out this form, please highlight the sample answers that are in red, and begin typing in your own information. You can choose to leave the answers in red, or when you complete the entire form, you can highlight the entire page and change the font color to black)

1. NAME: Jane Doe

2. ADDRESS: PO Box 234, Anytown, USA 00000

HOME PHONE NUMBER: 907-555-5555 EMAIL ADDRESS: janedoe@aptalaska.net

3. OVERALL G. P. A.: 4.00 CLASS RANK: 1 CLASS SIZE: 30

4. NAMES OF PARENTS: John and Sally Doe

5. OCCUPATION OF FATHER: Logger
& EMPLOYER: AAA Lumber Company

OCCUPATION OF MOTHER: Homemaker
& EMPLOYER: Self-employed

6. POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICE & INTENDED AREA OF STUDY: I am going to attend Triple A University, and plan to pursue a degree in telemarketing.

7. BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU WOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE TO RECEIVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

I have completed all the requirements for a diploma from AAA High School and yada, yada, yada.....

I certify that all the information included in this packet is factual and true. Any information that has been falsified or misrepresented may result in the withdrawal of my right to receive this scholarship.

Student signature

Date

POW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY: (500 words maximum)

Describe your career plans, explain why you decided on these, and challenges that you will have to meet to realize these goals. Recognizing that some students are yet unsure of a career path, you may describe your strengths, weaknesses and the course of study you will follow, and the reasons you would do so.

BUDGET (ONE YEAR)

NAME: _____

SCHOOL(University) NAME: _____

LOCATION (CITY AND STATE): _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION? _____

COST OF ATTENDANCE:

Tuition and fees	\$
Room and Board	\$
Books and Supplies	\$
Transportation	\$
Personal	\$
Miscellaneous	\$
Total	\$

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL AID:

Grants and Scholarships	\$
Native Corporations	\$
Savings	\$
Parent's Contribution	\$
Other	\$
TOTAL	\$

Total Cost of Attendance	\$
-Less Financial Aid	-\$
=Student Need	\$

VOLUNTEER SERVICE RECORD

On the table below, record your volunteer service performed during your high school career. **Include a minimum of 20 hours.** Include all the information that is provided in the sample: Date, school, church or community group for whom you performed service, the name of the person who can verify your activity, a brief description of your volunteer work, and the time contributed to the effort. Use additional page if needed.

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