



PITAAS

Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska's Schools

PITAAS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

School Year 2016-2017

PITAAS is a teacher preparation program for Alaska Natives at the University of Alaska Southeast. The PITTAS 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 that cover University of Alaska Southeast tuition, fees, and books. Scholarships amounts vary by year depending on grant funding (S356A140048).

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:

- B.A. in Elementary Education and Special Education (Must be junior standing to be eligible.)
- Secondary B.L.A. (Must be junior standing to be eligible.)
- Master's of Arts in Teaching; Elementary, Secondary or Special Education
- Master's Degrees in Education; Educational Leadership, Superintendent Certificate, Education Technology, Mathematics Education (K-8), Reading Specialist, or Special Education.
- K – 8, Superintendent Endorsement

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

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL COMPLETED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS BY MARCH 25TH, 2016 TO:

Ronalda Cadiente Brown, PITAAS Program Director
UAS/MO1 11120 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 796-6058; (907) 796-6005 fax; email: rcadientebrown@uas.alaska.edu

PRIORITY DEADLINE:

Postmarked or delivered by March 15, 2016 for consideration of Summer 2016 .

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

***Application must be complete and all documents must arrive together from the applicant. Incomplete applications will NOT be eligible for funding until completed.**

PITAAS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

- ☐ **New undergraduate student enrolled in Elementary B.A. & Secondary BLA with Junior standing**

CHECK OFF EACH COMPLETED REQUIREMENT.

- _____ 1. PITAAS Application **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. **Completed** and **signed** PITAAS Application
- _____ 2. **Signed** PITAAS Pledge of Commitment
- _____ 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 *Optional
- _____ 8. Proof of Enrollment / Certificate of Indian Blood

- ☐ **Continuing PITAAS student with Junior, Senior or Master's standing. (for students who have previously received PITAAS scholarship funding)**

CHECK OFF EACH COMPLETED REQUIREMENT.

- _____ 1. Completed PITAAS Application ***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 2016-17 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Birth	SSN: (New UAS students only)
Mailing Address: 			Home Phone:	
			Work Phone:	
			Cell Phone:	
Tribal Affiliation:			Are you a Corporation Shareholder or descendant: Yes No Corporation:	
UAS Degree Program: _____ Have you been admitted? _____ If yes: P/T or F/T			Area of study: _____ 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

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 educator 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.