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Prince William Sound Community College

USDA Grant Application



FALL 2009

**Return Application to
Student Services
P.O. Box 97 Valdez, AK 99686**

Deadline: Postmarked by August 1, 2009

PLEASE PRINT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	S.S.N
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Permanent Address	City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number
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Current Address & Phone Number if Different	Email Address
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High School (or GED testing center)	City/State	Date of Graduation
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1. What is your degree program? _____
2. Date FAFSA application completed? _____
3. Cumulative GPA: _____
4. Other colleges attended: _____
5. Please list relative achievements, awards, extra-curricular activities, leadership experiences, and volunteer efforts.

I certify that the information provided is accurate and authorize the release of my academic credentials to the Grant Selection Committee for consideration. Additionally, I give permission to the University of Alaska campuses and Foundation to release information about me and any scholarship received.

Signature	Date
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PLEASE SEE GRANT REQUIREMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE

USDA Grant

Prince William Sound Community College received a US Department of Agriculture Grant to strengthen Alaska Native servicing institutions by increasing the access and success for Native and Rural Alaskan students pursuing a higher education. This grant will enable us to:

- Provide educational opportunities, from the developmental to the associate levels, to students throughout the region and Alaska who choose PWSCC as the starting point of their educational endeavors.**
- Provide academically sound and readily transferable liberal arts and general educational curriculum.**
- Provide cross-cultural experiences involving individuals from a variety of ethnic, generational and international groups.**
- Provide cultural and personal enrichment opportunities to the people of this region and the college community.**
- Ensure that the college functions as a visible, accessible and integral part of the communities where the students come from. Encouraging growth not only in the student but the communities which take pride in the achievement of students who seek a higher level of education.**

Additional note:

Prince William Sound Community College is situated in an area where students do not feel overwhelmed by a large setting. Students who come from rural areas of Alaska are made to feel right at home. Students are encouraged to participate and become involved in activities which not only benefit the rural Alaskan native student but the college community as a whole. Cultural diversity is what makes Prince William Sound Community College a unique place to be.

Grant application requirements:

- Complete the grant application
- Submit a letter of reference from past or current teacher, employer, or other applicable source.
- Include an essay referencing several immediate issues faced by your local community food bank and indicate an initial interest in one or two issues. Participants will not be required to adhere to this initial indication of interest; rather, these selections will be used to assess general areas of student interest and may be used as starting points for academic advising.
- Must be a high school graduate or GED recipient.
- High school students and transfer students must have graduated with a GPA of 2.0 or higher and submit an official school transcript.
- For a continuing Grant, a student must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher and meet the requirements of the Grant. The applicant must also be in good standing with the university.
- Submit the student aid report (SAR) which will be proof that you have filed for your FAFSA.
- Be eligible for admission to Prince William Sound Community College.
- Completion of either a telephonic or in person interview with the selection committee.
- Preference given to Native Alaskan/Native American applicants.

Grant participation requirements:

- Enrollment in a prescribed core of courses (College Success Skills, Wellness, etc...) and will meet with an academic tutor on a weekly basis.
- Meet on a weekly basis with the Native Student Services Coordinator and participate in the PWSCC Multicultural Club.
- Must produce a brochure/flyer/poster which reflects the impact of academic approaches that address community issues.

Grant Benefits:

- Full tuition and fees for up to two semesters. (12-15 credits per semester)
- Students who choose to come to the Valdez campus will be housed in the residence halls, while students who choose to attend school in Cordova or at the Copper Basin campus will be provided with a housing stipend equivalent to the cost of residence hall living.
- Textbooks provided

