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#### DESCENDANT ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN

After years of discussion and research, a successful shareholder vote at the 2023 Annual Meeting, and a year of preparation, enrollment is now open to descendants of original K'oyitl'ots'ina shareholders!

The Class B Stock application and instructions are available to download at kcorpalaska.com/openenrollment. Hard-copy applications are available by contacting openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com or (907) 452-8119 x109.



## 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2024 Annual Shareholder Meeting in Allakaket on June 1! During the meeting, the following shareholders were re-elected to the K'oyitl'ots'ina board of directors:

- · Merrill "Herbie" Moses, Seat A
- · Ella D. Sam, Seat C
- · Susie J. Sam. Seat D

We thank all of our board members for their service.





Congratulations also to our annual meeting prize winners:

- · Alatna: Cashious Bergman
- Allakaket: Calvin Moses
- · Hughes: Richard David Jr.
- Huslia: Kelsey Jackson
- · Grand prize: Danielle Ballard
- Beaded slippers: Lee DeWilde
- · Beaded gloves: Pollack Simon Jr.
- Beaded earrings: Pollack Simon Sr.

A special thank you to ANC Accounting for donating the beaded slippers, gloves and earrings for our annual meeting prizes.

### I ENROLLED!

Help us celebrate our new shareholders! If you are a descendant who has recently enrolled, we invite you to stop by our Fairbanks office to take a photo with our "I enrolled" stickers



**I ENROLLED** and signage! Or take a selfie with the "I enrolled"

sticker enclosed with your returned birth certificate and post it to Facebook (be sure to tag @K'oyitl'ots'ina) or email it to openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com.





# OPEN ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Class B Stock, new descendant enrollees must:

Be a direct descendant by birth of an original K'oyitl'ots'ina, Limited shareholder who received their shares directly from K'oyitl'ots'ina, Limited (not through gifting or inheritance).

✓ Be born after December 18, 1971.

Have at least one-quarter Alaska Native blood quantum. Alaska Native blood quantum can only be established through biological parent(s). It CANNOT be met through adoptive parent(s).

✓ Not be enrolled as a descendant in another ANCSA village corporation.

☑ Be a U.S. citizen.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, all applicants will need to submit:

☑ Class B Stock application

☑ Original birth certificate

Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or tribal identification card

Additional documents, such as proof of name change, proof of custodianship, paternity affidavit and adoption court order, may be required. If the enrollee is adopted by one or both parents, an adoption form must also be completed.

For more information, view the detailed application instructions at <a href="mailto:kcorpalaska.com/openenrollment">kcorpalaska.com/openenrollment</a> or contact <a href="mailto:openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com">openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com</a> or (907) 452-8119 x109.

### CLASS C ELDER STOCK

With all the talk about open enrollment for descendants, we wanted to also highlight the new Class C Stock for Elders. Original shareholders age 65 and older who received shares directly from K'oyit'lots'ina are eligible to receive 25 shares of Class C Elder stock. A couple of important things to note:

- "Original" does not include inherited and/or gifted shares.
- · Class C Elder stock is non-voting.
- No application is required for Class C Elder stock.

#### **ADDRESS UPDATE?**

We need your help to keep our records up to date! Please review our bad address list posted at <a href="mailto:kcorpalaska.com/documents">kcorpalaska.com/documents</a>. If your name is on this list, contact us at <a href="mailto:openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com">openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com</a> or (907) 452-8119 x109 to update your contact information. And if you see a friend or family member listed, please encourage them to contact us to provide current contact information. Thank you!

#### STOCK WILL DRIVE

Did you know that you could win cash just by having a stock will? Each quarter, we award a \$300 prize to one lucky shareholder who has a valid stock will on file. All shareholders who have valid stock wills on file will automatically be entered to win each quarter. Congratulations to our April 2024 winner, Hazel Beatus from Hughes!



The next stock will prize drawings will be held July 1 and November 1.

For more information or to submit a stock will, contact us at openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com or (907) 452-8119 x109.

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#### DPEN ENROLLMENT FAQS

- What should I expect after I submit my application?
- Upon receipt of your application, the shareholder records staff will make a copy of your birth certificate and return it to you immediately. You'll be notified in writing if you've been determined eligible or ineligible to receive Class B Stock, or if your application is incomplete.
- If I already have K'oyitl'ots'ina shares, am I eligible to enroll as a descendant?
- Yes, if you have received gifted and/or inherited shares, and you were born after December 18, 1971, you are still eligible to enroll as a descendant.
- Is dual enrollment allowed? When conducting original enrollments,
- ANCSA and Bureau of Indian Affairs prohibited dual enrollment. Dual enrollment includes enrolling in two or more village corporations. Dual enrollment does not include ANCSA shares that are gifted or inherited.
- I was adopted by an original shareholder. Am I eligible to enroll?
- Alaska Native blood quantum can only be established through biological parent(s). It cannot be met through adoptive parent(s).
- What are life estate shares?
- Life estate shares only exist for the lifetime of the shareholder to whom they have been issued. This stock ceases to exist upon the death of that shareholder. The shares cannot be passed along through gifting or inheritance. The number of life estate shares owned by the shareholder who has passed are returned to the corporation.
- My grandmother was an original shareholder and my mom passed away before open enrollment. I want to apply to become a shareholder. What do I need to do?

Descendants whose parent passed away before they were able to enroll as a Class B shareholder will need to complete an Affidavit for Adoption, otherwise known as a "broken chain affidavits."

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

Class B Stock applications are available at kcorpalaska.com/openenrollment or by contacting openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com or (907) 452-8119 x109. Applications must be signed by hand (not electronically) and dated. Note: If enrollee is 18 or older, they must submit their own application.

#### Original birth certificates are required.

We cannot accept photocopies of birth certificates. Your original birth certificate will be returned to you promptly. You can obtain an original birth certificate by contacting your local Vital Statistics Office:

- For Alaska vital records, call (907) 465-3391 or apply online at health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/default.aspx.
- · For births outside of Alaska, apply online at cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.

Certificates of Indian Blood (CIB) are available by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs:

- In Fairbanks: visit 101 12th Ave., Room 166, Fairbanks, AK. 99701, or call (907) 456-0522 or (800) 822-3596.
- In Anchorage: visit 3601 C St., Suite 1200, Anchorage, AK. 99503, or call (907) 271-4585 or (800) 645-8465.

Tribal ID cards for Alatna, Allakaket, Huslia or Hughes Villages are available by contacting the Tanana Chiefs Conference Tribal Enrollment Program at tananachiefs.org/services/tribal-enrollment.

Completed applications and all required materials must be mailed to: K'oyitl'ots'ina, Limited 1603 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709.

We recommend mailing by certified mail so your application can be tracked. You may also bring your application materials to our office in person. Be sure to include all required documents with your application to expedite your review and approval process.

If you have questions or need assistance at any time during the process, please contact us at openenrollment@kcorpalaska.com or (907) 452-8119 x109.



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## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

We are currently accepting applications for scholarships for the fall 2024 semester. The deadline to apply is Monday, July 15. Full-time students are eligible to receive \$1,000 and part-time students are eligible to receive \$500 per semester, in the fall and spring.

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must:



Be accepted to an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school.

Maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher (first-time students are exempt).

For more information and to apply, visit kcorpalaska.com/scholarships.

# QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? NEED ASSISTANCE?

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