

SCHMIDT CHARITABLE TRUST

Financial Assistance for studies in Earth Sciences in Alaska

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TRUST PURPOSE

Providing financial assistance to encourage Alaskans of any age to pursue education in the sciences, with an emphasis on earth science, so that they may become better stewards of the land and serve as positive role models for others.

PRIORITY FOCUS

1. Alaska Natives who reside in rural Alaska
2. Alaska Native and other minority Alaskans in financial need in both rural and urban areas
3. Other Alaskans who show academic and personal promise in need of assistance

QUALIFYING EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

Qualifying education and education-related activities include, but are not limited to, coursework, internships, science fair participation, and adult continuing education.

Qualifying expenses include, but are not limited to, tuition, room & board, travel, childcare, and necessary equipment.

Financial Assistance Application Instructions

- Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Applications will be reviewed when received or at a quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- Alaska Natives and other minorities are especially encouraged to apply.
- Educational activities or support must be related to earth or environmental sciences.
- Grants may be awarded for a variety of needs, including but not limited to support for internships, travel and/or expenses related to workshops, science fairs, or scientific meetings, emergency needs, and/or miscellaneous student living expenses.
- Applications should include background information, explanation of need, and amount requested.
- Individual applicants should also include a letter of support from a qualified person, such as a teacher, counselor, or administrator.
- **DOWNLOAD APPLICATION** at SchmidtTrustAlaska.org
- Submit completed application:
 - by email to: SchmidtTrustAlaska@gmail.com
 - or by mail to: Schmidt Charitable Trust, P.O. Box 242133, Anchorage, AK 99524

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HISTORY OF THE SCHMIDT CHARITABLE TRUST

The Schmidt Charitable Trust was initially established in 1993 as the “Edward and Anna Range Schmidt Charitable Trust.” The original Trust was solely funded by geologist Ruth A. M. Schmidt to encourage Alaska’s human interaction with its natural processes and its indigenous cultures. The Trust was originally named in honor of Edward and Anna Range Schmidt, her beloved parents. Upon Ruth Schmidt’s death in 2014, the Trust received a substantial additional bequest from her Estate, which led the Board of Trustees to update the Trust to better serve contemporary needs.

Ruth A. M. Schmidt will be remembered as:



- a resident of Alaska for nearly 70 years with a deep and abiding interest in its natural history and indigenous cultures;
- a professional geologist and educator who devoted her career to a deeper understanding and protection of Alaska’s natural processes and the interaction of human beings with those processes;
- a philanthropist who wished to encourage and support a greater understanding of Alaska’s wild places and its indigenous cultures; and to motivate the positive effects of modern civilization on present-day Alaska.