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June Nelson Memorial

Dear Scholarship Committee,

My name is Peter Calugan, and I'm a native Unangan (Aleut) from Sand Point, Alaska. I'm writing to apply for The June Nelson Memorial scholarship to help pay for my education in the Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technology program at AVTEC.

AVTEC's Senior Year to Career Pathway is perfect for me. This program allows high school students who have finished all their credits but haven't received their diploma yet to attend AVTEC and begin post-secondary training. The program starts in January 2027, and I'll complete it by May 2027.

Growing up in a small fishing community taught me something important: my region needs skilled mechanics. I've spent my whole life around boats and the ocean. I understand how critical it is to maintain diesel engines and equipment, especially when you work on the water. This program will give me the skills to repair my own boat and help other people in my community with their mechanical needs. After I finish, I plan to return home and use these skills to support my community while continuing to fish.

The fishermen and boat captains around me have always inspired my dream of becoming a diesel mechanic and boat captain. My grandfathers taught me what it means to be a fisherman by taking me fishing with them. They showed me that this isn't just a job—it's a way of life connected to our native land and our people.

Please keep me in mind for this scholarship. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Peter Calugan Jr.