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## CIRCAC accepting applications for 2017 scholarships

To support Cook Inlet area students pursuing environmental sciences and maritime studies

January 9, 2017—Kenai—CIRCAC is now accepting applications for the 2017 CIRCAC Memorial Scholarships. For the third year, CIRCAC is awarding two \$2,500 scholarships to support Cook Inlet students and honor the memory of former CIRCAC volunteer Captain Barry Eldridge and past Executive Director James Carter.

"We are happy to support and encourage the next generation of Alaskans to share our mission and become future stewards of Cook Inlet," said CIRCAC Executive Director Mike Munger.

The scholarships are targeted to students who are launching or completing an undergraduate degree or vocational school course of study focused on, or related to the broad fields of environmental sciences, or maritime studies. To qualify, applicants must be a graduating senior or recent graduate of a Cook Inlet area (Anchorage, Kodiak, Nikiski, Ninilchik, Kenai, Soldotna, Hope and Homer) high school (including home school, charter schools, private schools or vocational programs) or current undergraduate college enrollee who is an Alaska resident and resides in the vicinity of Cook Inlet.

CIRCAC will award the scholarships to two deserving students in April. To apply online or download an application, visit: <a href="http://www.circac.org/outreach/scholarship-program/">http://www.circac.org/outreach/scholarship-program/</a>. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2017.

CIRCAC is a federally mandated citizens' organization, formed under the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90). Its mission is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations. In pursuing this mandate, the Council strives to help protect Cook Inlet's environment, fisheries, economic vitality, cultural resources and recreational interests.

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