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CIRCAC invites students to apply for scholarships

January 21, 2016—Kenai--Graduating high school students and students heading to college, vocational schools or maritime academies who claim residency in the Cook Inlet region may qualify for a \$2500 CIRCAC Memorial Scholarship. For the second year, Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) is offering two scholarships to qualifying students who are pursuing careers in environmental sciences or maritime studies.

The CIRCAC Memorial Scholarships honor long-time public member Captain Barry Eldridge (Scholarship in Maritime Studies) and former Executive Director James Carter (Scholarship in Marine Sciences). CIRCAC launched the scholarship program on its 25th Anniversary to encourage and support the next generation of stewards committed to protecting Cook Inlet's waters and shorelines. Maritime studies and environmental sciences promote CIRCAC's mission of promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet.

Applications for the 2016 CIRCAC Memorial Scholarships are being accepted through March 31, 2016 and the scholarships will be awarded in April. For more information or to download an application, visit www.circac.org/outreach/scholarship-program/

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 Cook Inlet. In pursuing this mandate, the Council strives to help protect the environment, fisheries, economic vitality, cultural resources and recreational interests of Cook Inlet.

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