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To the Co-op Market Lend A Hand committee:

It is with great pleasure that I ask for your consideration to include the University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni Association (UAFAA) in your 2021 Lend A Hand program. Our organization is guided by volunteer board members who dedicate their time and energy to helping students become UAF alumni. If UAFAA is granted the gift of being one of the non-profit organizations you choose for the 2021 Lend A Hand program, the funds would directly support university students in our community.

The UAFAA's work aligns with the Co-op Market's mission and values with a shared goal of serving the greater Fairbanks community by helping students get their education and providing accredited employees for our statewide workforce. The board is committed to connecting students with alumni in a variety of ways, including scholarships and mentoring opportunities. Their fundraising efforts directly support student groups and organizations.

With a gift of \$25,000 in FY20, UAFAA helped to establish the UAF Student Support Fund. Unlike grants and scholarships, this fund is designed for students who are experiencing an urgent need. The funds are dispersed regardless of GPA or other qualifying restrictions. The application process is simple, so when an emergency occurs the students have immediate access. Whether it's a car repair keeping them from attending classes or a death causing emergency travel, this fund is designed to offer support so students who may otherwise drop out or withdraw temporarily can remain at UAF and complete their degrees.

The beginning of the fall 2020 semester was especially challenging for students as fundraising opportunities in the spring were canceled due to restrictions stemming from COVID-19. UAFAA awarded more than \$4,000 to help students adjust. Two of the awards will support printing and other costs for campus literary publications, *Ice Box* and *Permafrost*. Another grant will allow art students to purchase supplies normally funded by a spring jewelry sale. The UAF Psi Chi Psychology Club will use alumni association funding to support this semester's "Self-Care in Uncertain Times" project, including a series of online events featuring guests and peer-based support.

With your help the UAFAA can continue their mission to support UAF students and improve their learning environment. Thank you for your consideration.

Take Care,

Elizabeth Talbot
UAF Alumni Relations Coordinator



Attach a separate sheet with answers to the following questions.

1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.

UAFAA Mission Statement: *The University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni Association exists to serve and support UAF, its graduates, and its students. Because UAF Alumni possess a unique personal interest in and commitment to the university, they seek to promote and encourage excellence in all aspects of the university through private and public efforts, and to provide opportunities for alumni to maintain a lifelong, meaningful involvement with the university, each other and to provide funding for current student programs.*

The UAF Alumni Association is an active network of graduates and former students who support the university and advocate on its behalf. Its alumni mentor program assists students with degree and career planning. The association also offers scholarships and sponsors campus events and projects. The association is governed by its constitution and bylaws. It is led by an executive director and guided in its mission by a volunteer board of directors. In everything we do, the UAF Alumni Association, its board of directors and university staff strive to connect and support UAF and its alumni. We encourage excellence in all aspects of the university and provide opportunities for alumni to engage in lifelong involvement with their university community

2. How does your work align with Co-op Market's mission and values?

The UAFAA's work aligns with the Co-op Market's mission and values as their intent is to serve the greater Fairbanks community by helping students get their education. Through this they can add value to our local workforce. Much of the research taking place at the university is about sustainability and a holistic, One Health approach. UAF's students are the driving force behind this valuable research. The UAFAA provides students and programs with the resources they need to succeed.

3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?

These funds will be a contribution to the UAFAA Benefactor Fund program, which supports the university and its students through projects like improved campus trail systems and purchasing equipment for student programs. The Benefactor Fund was established in 1998 to encourage alumni to participate in an annual giving program to directly support the university. The UAFAA provides two levels of benefactor gifts each year, including an annual leadership gift of at least \$10,000 in support strategic initiatives on campus and individual gifts of up to \$1,000 for projects that will support students and have a positive and visible impact on campus.

4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission. N/A

5. What is your elevator pitch? Cashiers usually have about 10 seconds to describe our monthly recipient to a shopper. Please describe your organization and how the funds will be used in 100 words or less.

The UAF Alumni Association provides students with grants and scholarships. This volunteer non-profit group serves UAF students and the Fairbanks community through events and programs. Because of generous donations from alumni and community partners, they have been able to start new funds, such as the Student Support Fund, to help students through the challenging transitions they have experienced due to COVID. Would you like to support university students with a contribution to UAFAA today?



2021 LEND A HAND APPLICATION

Deadline: November 30, 2020

OUR MISSION

Co-op Market Grocery & Deli works for health and sustainability by providing healthful foods and products, promoting local suppliers, and offering consumer education in an open, community-centered environment, through a viable business.

OUR VALUES

- **Service** – We are committed to the joy of true service, putting the needs of others first in a way that touches lives and hearts. Our service is an honor and a privilege.
- **Sustainability** – We seek to sustain our co-op's financial health and growth while working toward solutions to economic development that consider the health our community and planet.
- **Social Responsibility** – We believe that our actions must benefit the global community at large. This means that we promote justice and equity in all of our relationships and are committed to the people who use and work for our business.

Name of Organization: University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni Association

Mailing Address: PO Box 750126

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99775

Contact Name: Elizabeth Talbot Phone: 907-474-7081

Contact Email: eatalbot@alaska.edu

Website: <https://www.uaf.edu/alumni/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/alumniuaf>

Instagram: _____ Twitter: _____

Name and address for check remittance (if it differs from above):

Name: University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni Association

Mailing Address: PO Box 750126

City, State, Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99775

Is this a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization? Yes If yes, please include certification with application.

Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? No If so, when? _____

Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? February or any

Note: December is not available. We cannot guarantee your month of choice.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please include a cover letter on your organization's official letterhead with this form.

Attach a separate sheet with answers to the following questions.

1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.
2. How does your work align with Co-op Market's mission and values?
3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?
4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.
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Applications will be published on our website. For this reason, please include no more than one piece of supplemental information (brochure, flyer, annual report, etc.) with your application.

In December, our Owners will vote to select our 2021 Lend a Hand recipients. If your organization is selected, we will require the following:

- 2 or 3 high resolution photos representing your work. Please include a photo release for any people appearing in your photos.
- A high resolution, printable jpg of your organization's logo.
- Promotion of the Lend a Hand program via your website, newsletter and/or social media pages.
- Brochures or flyers about your organization if available.

Important Note

We do not donate to individuals, national charities, political candidates or organizations, organizations that advance a particular religious belief, or organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or status in any other protected group.

Submit applications to the attention of Kristin Summerlin, Marketing & Owner Services Manager:

- via email to marketing@coopmarket.org (preferred). Be sure to include scans of supporting materials.
- by hand delivery to the Customer Service Desk.
- by mail to the following address: Co-op Market Grocery & Deli, 526 Gaffney Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2020.

Internal Revenue Service

Date: May 8, 2007

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Person to Contact:

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Customer Service Representative

Toll Free Telephone Number:
877-829-5500

Federal Identification Number:
92-0116506

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of May 8, 2007, regarding your organization's tax-exempt status. We have updated our records to reflect your address change.

In November 1986 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that your organization is also classified as a public charity under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that contributions to your organization are deductible under section 170 of the Code, and that you are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Michele M. Sullivan, Oper. Mgr.
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