

# National Indian Health Board Health Policy Fellowship



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**Hometown:** Beaver, Alaska

**Education:** University of Alaska Fairbanks, majoring in political science and French with a minor in environmental politics

**Why I applied for the Fellowship:** I was mostly motivated by the environment I have around me. I always have people encouraging me to do more and go farther in life and in school.

**I hope that I will be able to change the health retention rate in my region through policy.**

**Short term goal:** I hope that I will be able to get accepted to a policy related internship for the summer of 2019.

**Long term goal:** I am hoping I will be able to study at the Université Laval in Quebec for a year, and attend law school for international environmental law.

**Honestly, the best advice I could give would be "just do it" because thinking takes too long and brings procrastination with it.** Thinking of applying for a scholarship that you don't think you'll get? "Just do it." Why? Because so many other people are thinking that they won't get it too. I've gotten a scholarship that I wasn't even eligible for, because not enough people applied.

**One of the hardest things I have had to deal with is** finding my best friend and a close family member after they attempted suicide. I think this is another area the words "just do it" work, because if I did not then they would not be here today.