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March 15

Scholarship Type:

Basic

Semester: Summer

April 15

Scholarship Type:

Basic and Competitive

Semester: Fall

September 15

Scholarship Type:
Basic (for vocational
students only)
Semester: Winter

November 15

Scholarship Type:
Basic
Semester: Spring

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Are you a high school or college student who is graduating during the 2008 - 2009 academic year? If so, Doyon Foundation wants to hear from you! The Foundation is compiling a list of current graduates, who will be recognized at a graduation reception on May 15, 2009, as well as highlighted in a special issue of the Foundation e-newsletter.

Graduates are invited to provide the following information:

- What is your full name?
- Where are you from?
- What school are you graduating from?
- What degree are you receiving (certificate, associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctorate, etc.), and in what field (business, education, engineering, etc.)?
- What are your plans for after graduation?
- How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals?
- What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents?
- Do you have a digital photo of yourself?

Please e-mail the above information and photo to Doris Miller, interim executive director/scholarship program manager, at millerd@doyon.com. You may also contact her at 907.459.2050.

Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Bernice "Avu" Dahl



Doyon Foundation student Bernice Dahl said working in the film industry has always been a dream of hers, but it seemed out of reach - until now. Dahl, also known by her screen name "Avu," has performed in both theatre productions, as well as films. After earning a speaking part in Steven Spielberg's "Into the West," Dahl became eligible to join the Screen Actor's Guild. She has since worked in several films as an extra, and plans to continue pursuing work in the film industry.

Dahl, who is originally from Beaver, Alaska and was raised in Fairbanks, is currently living in Albuquerque, NM, where she is attending the University of New Mexico (UNM) and pursuing a bachelor of fine arts in theatre, with an emphasis on acting. She previously attended the Institute of American Indian Arts, but transferred to UNM to pursue her bachelor's degree.

"The biggest challenge for me has been the enormous population of the school itself. The student body is about 25,000, which I found extremely intimidating," Dahl said. "When the feelings of intimidation would start to surface, I would think of the kids at home who might have an interest in working in film, and feel that I need to do this to show them that it can happen."

Dahl was originally expecting to graduate in May 2009. However, for medical reasons, she had to withdraw from the spring semester. She plans to return to school for the fall semester and graduate in December 2009.

As a single mother, Dahl said funding support has been very necessary for her during her education.

"Without the funding from the Doyon Foundation and others, I would not have been able to attend school. School itself is very expensive and when you add living expenses, it seems unreachable. The more funding available, the less stress and more time for school work. I appreciate both the businesses and individuals that help to fund the Doyon Foundation," said Dahl, who has three children, including one in Fairbanks, one in Seattle, Wash., and one in New Mexico.

"My 13-year-old son Malkolm lives here with me. He is attending the Native American Community Academy. He also works in film. We have worked in the same film twice, which we both really enjoy," said Dahl, who is the daughter of the late Bertha and Dale Dahl, and the granddaughter of Turok and Blanche Newman, and William and Ethel Dahl.

One Week Left to Submit Scholarship Applications

There's just one week left to finish preparing your application and apply for Doyon Foundation basic scholarships for the fall 2009 semester and competitive scholarships for the 2009 - 2010 academic year. Here is some important information and helpful tips from the Foundation staff to make sure you're ready.

Eligibility Guidelines

To be eligible for a Doyon Foundation basic or competitive scholarship, applicants must:

- Be enrolled to Doyon, Limited or be the child of an original enrollee. If applicant is not an original enrollee, but is the child of an original enrollee, please submit a birth certificate. Gifted or inherited shares do not qualify an individual for scholarship eligibility.
- Be accepted to an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for undergraduates, 3.0 for graduates or masters, and 3.25 for specialists or doctorates.
- Be enrolled in 12 or more credits (undergraduates), or nine or more credits (graduates) to be considered full-time students.
- Be enrolled in one - 11 credits (undergraduates), or one - eight credits (graduates) to be considered part-time students.

About the Scholarships

Basic scholarships range from \$400 for part-time students to \$800 for full-time students. They are awarded four times per year - in the spring, summer, fall and winter (for vocational students only). A student is eligible to receive up to three basic scholarships per year.

Competitive scholarships range from \$2,000 - \$7,000, and are awarded once per year. Recipients, who are selected by an independent review committee, receive half of their scholarship during the fall semester and half during the spring semester.

Application Instructions

To apply for a basic scholarship, students must submit:

- Basic scholarship application (online applications preferred).
- Signed release and consent form.
- Proof of academic enrollment.
- Official transcripts from last school attended or GED scores.

To apply for a competitive scholarship, students must submit:

- Online competitive scholarship application (applications must be submitted online).
- Signed release and consent form.
- Online personal essay.
- Official transcripts from last school attended or GED scores.
- Proof of academic enrollment.
- Two professional letters of reference (to be sent directly from the author to the Foundation).

All materials must be received or postmarked by April 15, 2009.

Online Application Process

Beginning with the April 15, 2009 deadline, *Doyon Foundation competitive scholarship applications will only be accepted online*. While not required at this time, basic scholarship applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online.

To apply online, students should first create an online account, if they do not already have one. Accounts may be created at www.doyonfoundation.com/CreateAccount.aspx. Students should create an account at least seven days in advance of the scholarship application deadline, as it may take several days for Foundation staff to verify a student's shareholder status.

Students who have difficulties creating an account or who are unable to apply for scholarships online should contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com immediately for assistance.

This is the Foundation's first step toward a completely online scholarship application process. All scholarship applications, including basic, vocational and competitive, will need to be submitted online starting with the November 15, 2009 application deadline.

Alumni Assistance

Members from the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association have volunteered to review students' competitive scholarship applications prior to submission. Applications should be submitted to Doris Miller at 1 Doyon Place, Suite 300, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 or millerd@doyon.com for review. Please note: students should submit their applications for review prior to submitting the final application online, as applications may not be changed once they have been submitted online.

For More Information

For more information, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Doris Miller, interim executive director/scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com.

Thank You to New Donor

Doyon Foundation extends our deep gratitude to our newest donor:

- Richard Agnew, \$250 Nee Ts'e Neyh donor

To learn more about how you can show support of Doyon Foundation, please visit www.doyonfoundation.com or call 907.459.2048 or 1.888.478.4755 ext. 2048.

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The second Doyon Foundation alumni, family and student potluck will be held in Anchorage on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 1 - 4 p.m. The event will take place at the Native Student Services office in Rasmuson Hall, room 108, at the University of Alaska Anchorage campus. Parking is free on the weekends.

The Doyon Foundation Alumni Association is seeking alumni members to assist with tasks including set-up, sign-in, speakers, door prize donations, ice breakers, shopping and clean-up.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cheryl at 907.632.3268 or ancad2@uaa.alaska.edu.

Student Dinner Held March 28



Student Katherine Sam accepted a door prize from Doyon Foundation alumna Sheryl Meierotto during the student dinner held on March 28 in



Doyon Foundation students, staff, alumni and friends enjoy the recent student dinner.

Doyon Foundation and the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association hosted a student dinner on March 28, 2009 at the Doyon, Limited Chief's Court in Fairbanks, Alaska. Doyon Foundation students, staff, alumni and friends enjoyed moose soup, networking, and door prizes. Doyon, Limited also had computers available at the dinner for students to apply for jobs or submit their talent bank profile.

Watch the Foundation Web site and future issues of this e-newsletter for news on other upcoming events.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Doyon Foundation events and deadlines:

- **April 15** - Application deadline for basic and competitive scholarship applications. For more information, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Greg Bringhurst at 907.459.2049 or bringhurstg@doyon.com.
- **April 18** - Anchorage Doyon Foundation alumni, family and student potluck, 1 - 4 p.m., Native Student Services, Rasmuson Hall, room 108 at the University of Alaska Anchorage campus. For more information or directions, contact Cheryl at 907.632.3268 or ancad2@uaa.alaska.edu.
- **May 15** - Doyon Foundation graduation reception, 2 - 4 p.m., Doyon, Limited building, Fairbanks, Alaska. For more information, contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.
- **June 18 - 19** - Ninth annual Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic, Chena Bend Golf Course, Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska. For more information, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Greg Bringhurst at 1.888.478.4755 ext. 2049, 907.459.2049 or bringhurstg@doyon.com.

Alumni Association News and Opportunities

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- Sign up for alumni news. To sign up to receive alumni association meeting notifications and other alumni news via e-mail, please contact Tracy Snow at inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.
- Join the association. It's easy - and free - to become a member of the alumni association! To join, alumni simply have to create an online account at www.doyonfoundation.com/OpenAlumni, or contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.
- Get involved with student mentorship program. Interested in serving as a volunteer coordinator for the alumni association's student mentorship program? For more information, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.

Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

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opportunities, and view even more at www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx.

Scholarships

- Anchorage Gateway Rotary is offering five \$2,000 scholarships for students planning to attend a college, university or vocational/trade school in Alaska. For more information, contact Margaret Nelson at gatewayrotaryscholarship@gmail.com or 907.632.4594. Applications due April 17, 2009.
- The Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship is offered to American Indian students who are the first in their immediate family to pursue a higher education at a tribal college or university. For more information, visit http://www.raonline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=1563. Applications due May 31, 2009.

Internships

- The American Indian Science and Engineering Society is recruiting for a wide variety of internship positions and summer jobs. All positions are located in the Lower 48, either in the Washington, D.C. area or in southern Florida. For additional information, visit www.aises.org or contact Amy Greene at amy.greene@asrcfederal.com, 301.837.9028 or 240.997.1645. Applications due immediately.
- Tanana Chiefs Conference and Denali - the Alaska Gas Pipeline, LLC are offering an opportunity for a select few to become surveyor assistant apprentices. Denali will provide eight weeks of technical instruction the first year and additional instruction the second year, as well as a textbook, calculator, survey vest and basic supplies. The eight-week training course runs April 20 - June 12, 2009. Grant money may be available for travel and living expenses during the unpaid training period. In addition, the successful apprentice will get 4,000 hours of paid on-the-job training with participating employers. For more information or an application, contact Robin Frank at 907.452.8251 ext. 3418. Applications due April 9, 2009.
- The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is seeking an undergraduate student intern for summer 2009. The internship is a full-time position beginning June 8, 2009. The intern will update and enhance the tribal land office database using PHP and HTML programming languages, research tribes for inclusion and participation in the database, and develop a search mechanism to identify federal lands under consideration for disposal by various federal agencies. For more information, visit www.indianlandtenure.org/PDF%20Files/Summer%202009%20Internship%20Announcement.pdf or contact Howard D. Valandra at 651.766.8999 or hvalandra@indianlandtenure.org. Applications due April 13, 2009.
- Doyon, Limited is seeking a full-time, administrative intern to work at the Doyon headquarters in Fairbanks, Alaska during summer 2009. The selected intern will work closely with the president, vice president of administration and executive assistants on projects such as Get Out the Native Vote activities, tracking congressional legislation related to the stimulus package, and cap and trade, as well as researching tax credits for higher education. High school students and college students are eligible to apply. For more information, visit www4.ultirecruit.com/DOY1000/jobboard/JobDetails.aspx?ID=*9A1A1D82518D207A.

To view the full list of opportunities, visit www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx.

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- Access Programs of the University of Puget Sound: www.ups.edu/x4169.xml
- Aldine Independent School District: www.aldine.k12.tx.us
- American Council on Education: www.acenet.edu
- California Cash for College: www.csac.ca.gov

- Career Compass of Louisiana: www.careercompassla.org
- Clark County Public School District: www.ccsd.net
- College Connection at Oasis Center: www.oasiscenter.org
- DC GEAR UP: www.osse.dc.gov
- Education is Freedom: www.educationisfreedom.org
- ENLACE Florida at the University of South Florida: www.enlaceflorida.org
- Enrollment Management at Rutgers University
- Lakeland College Tech Prep: www.lakelandcc.edu/techprep
- Michigan College Access Network
- Office of Pre-Collegiate Services at Bowling Green State University: www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/precollege
- Oklahoma State University: www.okstate.edu
- Operation Jump Start: www.operationjumpstart.org
- Project GRAD Akron: www.projectgradakron.org
- Reach for College: www.reachforcollege.org
- The Role Model Program: www.therolemodelprogram.org
- Southwest Indiana College Access Network: www.yessican.org
- TRIO Programs of Montana Tech: www.mtech.edu/technical_outreach
- Village Concepts, Inc.: www.villageconceptsinc.org

Tips for Student Success

Robin Renfro, the shareholder outreach manager at Doyon, Limited, recently shared the following tips on applying for a job. The tips are based on Doyon's motto to be a "LEADER in All We Do."

Applying for the job: LEADER in All You Do

Many people lose jobs before they even get them because of how they complete the application.

- The application/résumé is the most important screening tool used.
- Check for errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. Have someone else review the application/résumé before you submit it.
- Work history is critical - account for periods of unemployment in a positive manner.

Before you go to the job interview: LEADER in All You Do

You never get a second chance to make a powerful, positive first impression.

- Be informed about the company.
- Review the job description.
- Do an inventory of your skills, knowledge and traits.
- Know what makes you different from everyone else.
- Practice being interviewed.
- Prepare questions to ask.

During the job interview: LEADER in All You Do

The most important time is the first 30 seconds of an interview.

- Be on time - even early.
- Dress appropriately.
- Have good eye contact with the interviewer.
- Look and be confident.
- Talk clearly and loud enough to be heard.
- Never bad-mouth a previous employer.
- Take your résumé, the job description, and evidence of your accomplishments.

After the job interview: LEADER in All You Do

Every interview is a learning experience.

- Write a thank you note to the interviewer(s).
- Practice to improve your weak points.
- If you didn't get the job, follow-up to find out what you could do better.