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Scholarship Deadlines

March 15

Scholarship Type:

Basic

Semester: Summer

March 26, 2009

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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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Foundation Honors 2009 Educator of the Year



Rudy Hamilton, Doyon Foundation's 2009 Educator of the Year, is pictured here with Doris Miller, the Foundation's interim executive director; Santa Hamilton, Hamilton's daughter; and Dawn Dinwoodie, the Foundation's board president.

Rudolph "Rudy" Hamilton was recently selected as Doyon Foundation's 2009 Educator of the Year. The award recognizes a Doyon shareholder who has proven their devotion to helping direct the future through education, by promoting Alaska Native education and supporting Alaska Native students. Hamilton was presented with the award at the Doyon, Limited Annual Meeting of Shareholders on March 20, 2009 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Hamilton, who was born and raised in Shageluk, is the son of Adolph Hamilton and Margaret Andulee Hamilton, and the grandson of paternal grandparents Joseph and Marsha Hamilton, and maternal grandparents Albert and Cecelia Phillips. Hamilton attended high school at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka until his senior year, when he transferred to West High School in Anchorage. He graduated from West in 1972.

Over the years, Hamilton has been an active member and leader within his community, serving on diverse organizations, including the Fairbanks Town and Village Association, Four Rivers Mental Health Agency, the Governor's Mental Health Advisory Board, Shageluk City Council, Shageluk Tribal Council, and the University of Alaska. He has also been asked to participate in subsistence committee meetings in Juneau, been invited to speak at the Tanana Chiefs Conference convention, and has had several articles published in The Council, Tundra Times and Anchorage Daily News. For the past 15 years, Hamilton has served on the Iditarod Area School District Board, and currently serves as chairman. Hamilton is also employed as the power plant operator for the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative.

According to his wife, Joy, Hamilton is an "outstanding and devoted husband and father, honoring the teachings of his parents and grandparents by teaching his own children the importance of learning and carrying on cultural traditions."

"He wants to pass his traditional knowledge on as it was passed down to him. He knows that to keep it alive, he must pass it down. He wants the kids to know who they are and where they came from, and he wants them to pass it down, too," she said.

Hamilton is also a positive role model for many young people in his village - taking the time to not only tell them about things, but to show them. For example, he recently took a group of young men out on the Iditarod Trail to show them where their grandfathers used to trap, in the hopes it would inspire them to trap there again as part of

their own family tradition.

"He is a role model not just in word, but in deed. He has taken many young men under his wing, taught them survival and subsistence skills, and actively shares his values with them," said Hamilton's wife, who is a teacher at the local school. "He's a strong believer that when you show kids things, it gives them feeling of ownership. It's their land, heritage and history."

Hamilton's wife added that she is impressed with her husband's ability to balance both his cultural education and the Western side of his education.

"Having the book-learned knowledge is necessary. But knowing and experiencing your culture is what makes you Native and ties you to the land," she said. "Those are things Rudy represents through his teachings and values of education, Native and Western."

Hamilton also freely volunteers his time to support student projects. For example, he recently accompanied three high school students to the GLOBE Learning Expedition and 12th annual conference in South Africa. There, the students made a presentation on a research project regarding the effect of climate change on cultural traditions, while Hamilton was selected as the closing Indigenous speaker.

In the words of the youth Hamilton interacts with, he "has taught us about our land," "doesn't just tell us about things, he shows us," "makes us think about things," "is a very good listener," "tells stories about our ancestors from long ago," and "has helped me to understand who I am as an individual and member of this village."

Basic, Competitive Scholarship Applications Due April 15

There's a little less than a month left to prepare 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 Donors

Doyon Foundation extends our deep gratitude to our newest donors:

- ConocoPhillips, \$500 Nee Ts'e Neyh donor
- Mark Hamilton, \$500 General Scholarship Fund donor
- Brian Rogers & Sherry Modrow, \$250 Nee T'se Neyh donors

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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All Doyon Foundation students are invited to come, enjoy moose soup, and meet the members of the alumni association. Transportation to the dinner is available, upon request.

To RSVP or request transportation to the dinner, please contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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- **March 28** - Student dinner, 5 - 7 p.m., Doyon, Limited Chief's Court, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- **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.
- **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/Default.aspx, 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

Looking for a job or internship? Need help paying for school? Want to attend a conference or workshop? Check out these newly posted internships, scholarships and other educational opportunities, and view even more at

www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx.

Scholarships

- The Fairbanks Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to local women who plan to re-enter or continue their education or pursue educational projects. The awards will be based primarily on merit. Each applicant should write a letter stating her educational background, why she wants to continue her education, her educational goals, her needs, and how she plans to use her education in the future. Letters should be sent to 595 Kentshire Dr., Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-2465. For more information, contact Pat Turner at 907.479.2360 or pturner@mosquitonet.com. Entries due March 27, 2009.
- The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development is accepting applications for the 2009 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, which awards an initial scholarship of \$1,500 for the 2009 - 2010 school year and is renewable for up to four years of study at an accredited postsecondary institution. To be eligible, students must be graduating from high school or receiving a GED in the 2008 - 2009 school year. For more information, contact Julie Morris at 907.465.8689 or julie.morris@alaska.gov. Applications due April 2, 2009.
- The Alaska Native Epidemiology Center is offering 10 scholarships for Alaska Native/American Indian students to attend a master's in public health (MPH) practice course at the University of Alaska Anchorage during the summer 2009 semester. For more information about the MPH program, visit

<http://health.uaa.alaska.edu/mph/>. For more information about the scholarships, contact Desiree Simeon at 907.729.4567, 1.866.677.4171 or dmsimeon@anmc.org. Applications due April 3, 2009.

- The University Women's Association (UWA) provides scholarships for undergraduate women at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Scholarships typically range from \$1,000 - \$3,000, and are awarded based on academic excellence and financial need. For more information, visit www.uaf.edu/uwa/scholarship.html or contact Alexis Runstadler at acrunstadler@yahoo.com or Dr. Sine Anahita at sine.anahita@uaf.edu. Applications for 2009 - 2010 scholarships due April 17, 2009.

Internships

- Doyon Tourism is currently seeking an intern to work as a relief night auditor/reservations assistant at Denali River Cabins in Denali National Park. The internship would take place from early June through mid-September. For more information and application instructions, visit www.doyon.com and follow the "jobs" link on the home page.

Employment

- Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) is currently recruiting for a corporate accountant for the accounting department. Minimum qualifications include an undergraduate degree in accounting and four years accounting experience, or any combination of education and experience that provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities. CIRI shareholders are encouraged to apply. For more information, visit <http://www.ciri.com/content/careers/jobs.aspx>. For priority consideration, submit application and resume by March 31, 2009.
- Alaska Employment Group is seeking applicants for marine engineers positions with the Alaska Ocean Ranger Program. Ocean rangers are U.S. Coast Guard-licensed marine engineers who travel on cruise ships and act as independent observers, monitoring state environmental and marine discharge requirements, and checking that passengers/crew are protected from improper sanitation, health and safety practices. For more information, visit www.akhire.com or contact Ira Douglas at 907.777.5900. Applications due March 31, 2009.

Educational Opportunities

- Alaska Works Partnership's Construction Academies offer basic construction training for adults aged 18 and older. Many classes are taught at night and on weekends, allowing people to keep their day jobs while training for better-paying careers in construction. Courses may include basic carpentry, plumbing, electricity, drywall finishing, stick welding, blueprint reading and construction trades math. A majority of graduates go on to work construction-related jobs or enter apprenticeship schools for further training. The Anchorage, Fairbanks, Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula Construction Academies have open enrollment for spring 2009. For more information, visit www.alaskaworks.org/academies.

- Students who are in a PhD program, or thinking about applying to a program, have the opportunity to take a series of courses offered under a Mellon-sponsored Indigenous Graduate Studies Academy at the University of Alaska Fairbanks this summer. First, Bryan Brayboy is planning to offer a three- to four-credit academic writing workshop from mid-May to mid-June. He is also planning a two-day Indigenous Leadership Institute to be held around the latter part of June. Then, during the first three weeks of June, Ray Barnhardt will offer a three-credit graduate course, including a week at the Old Minto Cultural Camp. Finally, Oscar Kawagley will be offering his Native Ways of Knowing course on campus from July 6 - August 7, 2009. For more information, please contact Ray Barnhardt at ffrjb@uaf.edu.
- The Alaska Summer Research Academy (ASRA) is a two-week program offered through the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Natural Science and Mathematics. The goal is to get students in grades 8 - 12 excited about careers and attending college by living on campus and participating in hands-on courses in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art and math. The program will take place July 20 - 31, 2009. One college credit is given upon completion. The New York Life Foundation is offering nine full scholarships for rural Alaska students, including travel to and from Fairbanks. For more information, visit www.uaf.edu/asra or contact 907.474.7221 or 907.474.7077. The application period opened March 1, 2009 and applications are currently being accepted.
- WWAMI - Alaska's Medical School and the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Honors College announce the fourth annual Alaska PreMed Summit will be held March 28, 2009 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The event will take place at Rasmuson Hall at UAA, as well as via teleconference at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Southeast - Juneau, and the Fishery Industrial Technology Center in Kodiak. Students in high school or college are invited, as well as interested parents, counselors and teachers. For more information or to register, visit http://biomed.uaa.alaska.edu/pre_med_summit.html or contact 907.786.4789 or wwami@uaa.alaska.edu.
- The application deadline for the summer 2009 Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) has been extended to March 30, 2009. RAHI will be held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks from May 26 - July 9, 2009. RAHI is a bridging program that assists students from rural Alaska in making the academic and social transition between high school and college. Students live and study on campus during the program. Selected students receive a \$6,000 scholarship, which covers all costs, including travel and a weekly stipend. Applicants should be college-bound, have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and plan to have finished their junior or senior year. For more information, visit www.uaf.edu/rahi or contact 907.474.6886, 800.478.6886 or fyrahi@uaf.edu. Applications due March 30, 2009.
- WWAMI - Alaska's Medical School is now accepting applications for the 2009 Della Keats/U-DOC Summer Enrichment Program at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). The six-week intensive summer program is for disadvantaged Alaska high school students who are interested in careers in medicine and other health care fields. The program will take place June 28 - August 7, 2009 at UAA. There is no fee to participate. Housing is provided, and travel assistance and a small stipend may be available. For more

information or to apply, visit http://biomed.uqa.alaska.edu/dk_udoc.html or contact 907.786.4789 or wwami@uqa.alaska.edu. Applications due March 30, 2009.

- First Alaskans Institute will host the Native Emerging Leaders Forum on April 3, 2009 from noon - 5 p.m. at Cook Inlet Tribal Council at 3600 San Jeronimo Drive in Anchorage, Alaska. For those unable to attend in person, there will also be a live webcast. The forum will focus on the movement of Alaska Native peoples across the state and its impacts on our families and communities. The forum will begin with a lunch panel, followed by facilitated dialogue with the Native Emerging Leaders. A leadership/professional development reception will follow the forum. For more information or to RSVP, contact Krista Lamp at 907.677.1700 or kristalamp@firstalaskans.org. RSVPs must be received by March 30, 2009.

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

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- **Be dependable and professional.** Dress appropriately, show up on time, be thorough in your work, and keep personal calls and computer time to an absolute minimum.
- **Be positive, friendly - and proactive.** Don't wait for formal introductions or for others to seek you out. Rather, proactively introduce yourself to everyone from the receptionist to the president. Remember, summer jobs and internships are an opportunity to start building professional relationships, which are critically important for a successful career.
- **Be a go-getter.** If you've finished your assigned task and don't have anything else to work on, ask your supervisor what else you can do to help. Or, better yet, notice a project that needs to be done and offer to take it on.
- **Be in the know.** You already should have done some research on the company and the industry before your interview. After you get the job, continue to learn everything you can about the company, their competition, new trends, etc. This will allow you to be a valuable, contributing member of the team. Also, don't be afraid to ask questions. This shows you are interested and willing to learn more.
- **Be a goal-setter.** Decide what you want to learn during your summer job or internship and make the most of your time there. Be sure your supervisor knows what your goals are, too, so he or she can help you reach them.
- **Be flexible.** You may not get to do the most glamorous jobs, but if you do them well and with a positive, enthusiastic attitude, it'll make a great impression with your employer.

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