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Basic and Competitive
Semester: Fall

**September 15
Scholarship Type:**
Basic (for vocational
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Semester: Winter

**November 15
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Basic
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Doyon Foundation is seeking candidates for its board of directors. One seat, open to any Doyon, Limited shareholder, will be up for election this October. The term is for three years, expiring in 2011. The election will take place at Doyon Foundation's annual membership meeting on October 18, 2008 in the third-floor board room at 1 Doyon Place in Fairbanks. The time is to be determined.

Qualifications

Candidates seeking election to the Doyon Foundation board must be:

- A Doyon shareholder.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Knowledgeable about private foundation management and higher education.
- Familiar with the Foundation's strategic plan, long-term vision and goals, and updated mission and purpose, which are detailed below.
- Committed to spending up to 200 hours a year carrying out the duties of a board member; this includes attending quarterly board meetings, serving on two board committees on a volunteer basis, completing work outside of meetings, representing the Foundation at various events, and speaking on behalf of the Foundation at events, if asked.

Important Notice

Please note that, under federal laws governing private foundations, family members of Doyon Foundation board members are not eligible to receive a Doyon Foundation basic or competitive scholarship during their term on the board. Family members are defined as the board members' spouse, ancestors, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the spouses of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Current Doyon Foundation scholarship recipients are also not eligible to serve on the board.

Responsibilities/Job Description

The duties of a Doyon Foundation board member include:

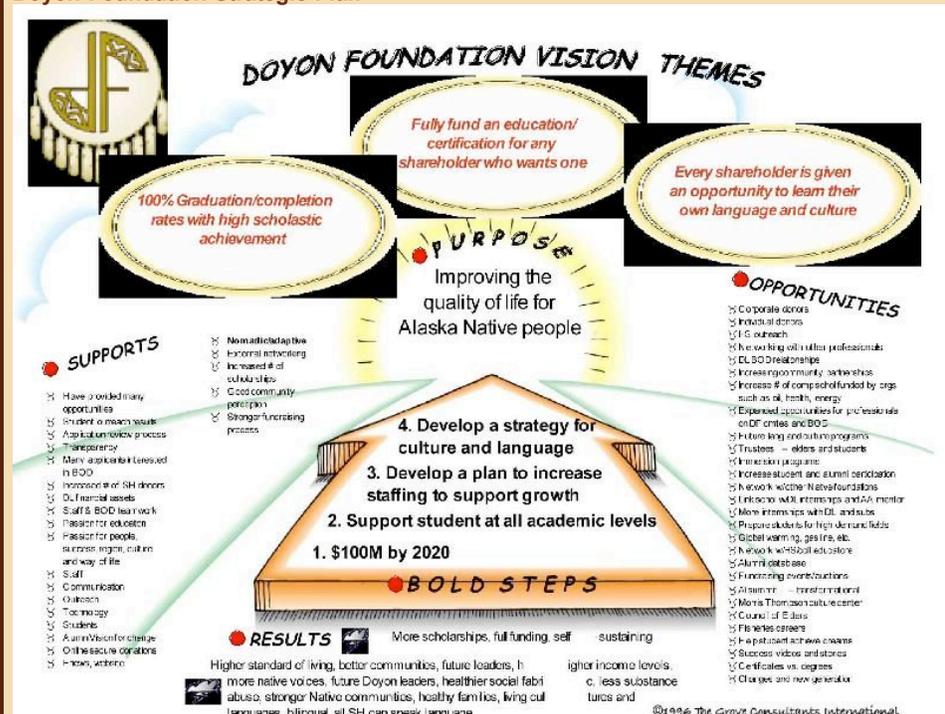
- Contribute skills that help the Foundation make progress on its strategic plan, which is detailed below.
- Consistently work toward and produce results related to the Foundation's long-term goals, which include developing a strategy for culture and language, developing a plan to increase staffing to support growth, supporting students at all academic levels, and raising \$100 million by 2020.
- Define and oversee the mission of the Foundation and keep it relevant to the needs of Doyon shareholders and their descendents.

- Approve programs and services, and monitor their effectiveness.
- Provide strategic guidance to the Foundation and its executive director.
- Ensure financial solvency and help raise resources.
- Select, support and evaluate the executive director.
- Ensure continuous board improvement.
- Attend quarterly meetings in Fairbanks, as well as any special meetings called.
- Serve on two board committees and possibly chair one committee. Committees include Finance/Investment, Development, and Governance.
- Participate in at least one board training event.
- Demonstrate willingness to take on other duties and assignments, as needed.
- Represent and, if asked, speak on behalf of Doyon Foundation at various events.

Time Commitment

To successfully complete the duties detailed above, it is estimated that board members will spend 50 - 200 hours per year on board meetings and committee work, which includes work outside of meetings.

Doyon Foundation Strategic Plan



Core Purpose

To promote self-reliance and the economic and social well-being of Doyon's shareholders and descendants and to strengthen our Native culture and heritage through education.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide the highest level of support to our shareholders and their descendants by:

- Providing post-secondary scholarships, including basic, competitive and vocational.
- Advancing traditional Native knowledge.
- Increasing Native student performance levels.

Our Vision

Achieving the future through educational and cultural values as evidenced by:

- Being financially sufficient to fully fund an education/certification for any shareholder who wants one.
- Every shareholder is given an opportunity to learn their own language and culture.
- 100 percent graduation/completion rates with high scholastic achievement.

Application Instructions/Deadline

Candidates interested in serving on the Doyon Foundation board of directors should submit a resume and letter of interest by **September 26, 2008** outlining their qualifications and reasons they'd like to serve. Materials may be mailed to Doyon Foundation, 1 Doyon Place, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, faxed to 907.459.2065, or e-mailed to foundation@doyon.com.

It is highly recommended candidates familiarize themselves with the Foundation and its work by reviewing the Foundation's annual report, strategic plan, list of committees, brochures and Web site prior to submitting a resume and letter of interest.

For more information, please visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Sharon McConnell, Doyon Foundation executive director, at 907.459.2051 or mcconnell@doyon.com.

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A potluck for Doyon Foundation alumni and current students will be held in Anchorage on Thursday, September 18, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Southcentral Foundation's Gathering Room at 4501 Diplomacy Dr. The building is located across the parking lot from the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Alumni, students, family members and friends are invited to attend the event, which is hosted by Doyon Foundation and the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association. A main dish will be provided, and attendees are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Linda Fleury at 907.360.8901 or lfleury@scf.cc.

Student Dinner Held in Fairbanks September 27

The Doyon Foundation Alumni Association will host a fall student dinner on Saturday, September 27 at 5 p.m. at Doyon, Limited's Chiefs Court at 1 Doyon Place in Fairbanks.

Students, alumni, friends and family are invited to attend the event, which will include traditional Native entertainment, traditional foods, door prizes and networking opportunities.

Alumni should RSVP to Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com. Students should RSVP to Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.

Alumni Association Seeks to Triple Membership

Through an intensive membership drive, the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association is currently seeking to triple its membership. When the association began last spring, there were 32 members on its roster. The goal is to triple that number to 96 members by April 2009, and the association is poised to easily exceed that goal. As of publication time, the association was up to 80 members, who are listed at the end of this article.

As part of the membership drive, the alumni association created a list of potential members, and have been personally contacting and inviting them to join. The association is also running a contest. Alumni are encouraged to visit www.doyonfoundation.com/OpenAlumni/Default.aspx and create an online account. Participating alumni, as well as those who already have an online account, will then be entered to win a beautiful, wool Toneedze Gheltseele (People of the Water) blanket from the Athabaskan Heritage Collection™ Spirit Keeper Series™. Accounts must be created by November 24, 2008 to be eligible for the contest.

According to Tracy Snow, who is leading the alumni association effort, "an alumni is any Doyon shareholder or descendant who has furthered their education in some way."

The goal of the alumni association is to support current students, while bringing together alumni for social and networking opportunities. Over the past year, the association has held a number

of events, such as student dinners, and the first alumni members' picnic, which was held in Fairbanks in August. Snow said the association plans to expand events to Anchorage this year, and then continue expanding to other communities both inside and outside the state.

There are numerous ways for alumni to get involved, and there is no required time or monetary commitment. "Alumni can participate at their desired level. They can pick and choose what they want to do," Snow said.

Among the opportunities, alumni can volunteer to call students to remind them of upcoming scholarship deadlines, bring food to student dinners, deliver snacks to students during finals week, review competitive scholarship applications, participate as a student mentor, and/or attend monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 10 a.m. via teleconference. Please contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at charpentiers@doyon.com or 907.459.2048 if you'd like to participate in the teleconference.

To join the association, 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. Membership is free.

Current Doyon Foundation Alumni Association members include:

- Aaron Peters
- Ada Chapman
- Amber Clayman
- Amber Kocsis
- Annette Freiburger
- Audrey Ranstead
- Becky Gallen
- Bernice Joseph
- Beth Leonard
- Betty Huntington
- Beverly Demientieff
- Billy Weaver
- Carrie Brown
- Charlene Marth
- Charlene Ostbloom
- Cheryl Demientieff
- Cheryl Mayo-Kriska
- Christine Rondon
- Cindy Baldwin
- Cindy Pilot
- Cora Maguire
- Daphne Huntington
- Dawn Dinwoodie
- Dawn Head
- Doris Miller
- Dorothy Pender
- Elaine Richards
- Ellen Evans
- Erika Swanson
- Flora Deacon
- Flora Roddy
- Gabe Sam
- Gail Vanderpool
- Greg Bringhurst
- Helena Schwenter
- Jamie Nollner
- Jennifer Fate
- Jennifer Maguire
- Jessica Anderson
- Jessica Black
- Joy Shockley
- Julie Anderson
- Julie Biddle
- Judith Evans
- Karen Dieringer
- Kay Wallis
- Kris Ann Mountain

- Larri Fredericks
- LaVerne Demientieff
- Lee DeWilde
- Lena Aloysius
- Linda Demientieff
- Linda Fleury
- Margaret Hoffman
- Margaret Matthew
- Mary Jane Derendoff
- Mary Sage
- Melfred S. Hill
- Malinda Chase
- Miranda Wright
- Nikoosh Carlo
- Patricia Brown
- Ron Denny
- Rosetta Demoski-Alcantra
- Seeyaa' Charpentier
- Shane Derendoff
- Sharon Sunnyboy
- Sheena Tanner
- Sheryl Meierotto
- Sheila Vent
- Stephanie Whited
- Susie Sam
- Tanya Beatus
- Teisha Simmons
- Tiffany Sweetsir
- Tracy Snow
- Trudy O'Kelley
- Valorie Adams
- Vera Hunsburger
- Wesley Roberts Dalton
- Wily Splain

Clarification on Mail Back Cards

As mentioned in the last e-newsletter, Doyon Foundation will not be sending the yellow "mail back" cards to competitive and basic scholarship recipients this year. Instead, all scholarship recipients will need to re-apply for their spring 2009 funding using the online or paper application by the November 15 deadline. This is also the deadline for basic scholarship recipients to apply for funding for the spring 2009 semester.

Doyon Foundation encourages all students to apply online, as it is quick, easy and information is archived, so students will not have to fill out the same information each semester. To get started, students without an online account should first create one at www.doyonfoundation.com/CreateAccount.aspx. This should be done as soon as possible, as it takes one - three days to verify the request.

Paper applications may also be downloaded at www.doyonfoundation.com.

For more information, contact Doris Miller, scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com.

High School Students Eligible for Doyon Foundation Scholarships

Through Doyon Foundation's Advanced College Credit program, high school students taking college classes are eligible for part-time scholarships, if their school district does not pay for classes. Students may receive scholarships covering the cost of their class, up to \$400.

To apply, students should complete a basic scholarship application, which may be found at www.doyonfoundation.com/static/files/ScholarshipApplicationForm.pdf. If the student is under 18, a parent must sign the waiver form, found on page two of the application. Students must also provide proof of enrollment, including a class description, course cost and credits received, as well as copies of their official high school transcripts.

While there are no set deadlines for this program, students should submit applications close to the college student scholarship application deadlines, which are March 15 for the summer semester, April 15 for the fall semester, and November 15 for the spring semester.

For more information, contact Doris Miller, scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com.

Get Involved with Alumni Association's Student Mentorship Program

The Doyon Foundation Alumni Association is in the process of refining and expanding its student mentorship program, which was established as a way for alumni members to support current students. That support could range from offering math tutoring to helping a rural student transition to life on a college campus.

As part of the process, the association is currently seeking an alumni member interested in serving as a volunteer mentorship coordinator. This person would be the point of contact for students interested in having a mentor and alumni interested in being a mentor. The coordinator would also be responsible for interviewing the student about their particular wants, needs and interests, then pairing them with an alumni association member who could best meet their needs.

The association is also looking for students interested in being paired with an alumni mentor.

For more information, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.

Submit Entry for Alumni Association Logo Contest

The Doyon Foundation Alumni Association is currently soliciting submissions for its logo contest. The winning entry, which will be selected by alumni association members, will be used as the official alumni association logo and the winner will receive \$250. The contest is open to Doyon shareholders of any age.

Logo submissions should relate to education, the Doyon Foundation and Doyon Foundation Alumni Association mission statements, and the alumni association charter, which may be viewed at www.doyonfoundation.com/OpenAlumni/Default.aspx. Entries should be delivered to Doyon Foundation at 1 Doyon Place Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 or e-mailed in .jpg or .tif format to millerd@doyon.com. The deadline is November 24, 2008.

For more information, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events Focus on Homelessness

There will be a Fairbanks Homeless Summit meeting held at the Chena River Convention Center in Fairbanks from 1 - 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 20. Attendees will discuss the unmet needs of the homeless and possible solutions.

Also, there will be a vigil held on Friday, September 19 to honor the memory of all homeless persons who have died in Fairbanks. The vigil will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church parking lot. Dress warm!

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please call Tom Marsh at 907.458.0223 or 907.378.2730 or Cindy Fields at 907.456.4918 or 907.347.5526.

Voting Information Correction

The last issue of the Doyon Foundation e-newsletter incorrectly stated the date of the upcoming general election as November 7. The correct date is Tuesday, November 4. It also said the date to submit an absentee application was October 5; the correct date is October 25.

Doyon Foundation Alumnus Profile: Michael Ervin



Earlier this summer, Doyon Foundation alumnus Michael Ervin was hired as the second full-time officer with the Galena Police Department, doubling the size of the department.



Prior to becoming a police officer, Ervin, originally from Northway/Tok, worked as a supervisor with Doyon Security, was a Kansas Correctional Officer, and completed a tour of duty in Iraq with the Alaska Army National Guard.

"Education is important because it's hard to have a successful career without an education. If I didn't have the education, I wouldn't have done well in the police academy and be where I'm at today," said Ervin, who earned his GED, completed one year of college, and plans on getting a degree

in criminal justice.

Ervin said he faced a lot of challenges in school, but overcame them by not giving up. Encouragement from friends and family members, and scholarships from Doyon Foundation also helped him keep going.

"Because of the scholarship I received from Doyon, I was able to go to the police academy. I'm very thankful that I am a part of a corporation like Doyon," he said.

Ervin encouraged other students to "stay in school, get the education you need, be successful in your career, and never quit. Life is tough, but you have to put one foot in front of the other and keep going."

Ervin is the son of Betty Didricksen and the late Justin Ervin, and the grandson of Oscar Jimmie and the late Hellen Jimmie.

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 internships, scholarships and other educational opportunities:

- The Rural Alaska Paraprofessional Project at the UAA Center for Human Development is recruiting for a student project assistant. The schedule is 20 hours/week, scheduled to accommodate student classes. To apply, send an updated resume to ankad@uaa.alaska.edu, along with an explanation of why you are interested in the position. For more information, visit www.alaskachd.org.
- The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program introduces health professions students to influential public health professionals, and prepares them to be leaders in addressing public health challenges. This unique experience provides scholarships for 40 students to attend a three-day leadership symposium and conduct a funded, community-based health education project. Students must have five years of post-secondary education and be actively involved in one of six particular areas of study. For more information, visit www.atpm.org/prof_dev/scholars.html, call 202.463.0550 ext. 123 or 866.520.APTR, or e-mail training@aptrweb.org. Applications due February 11, 2009.
- Want to become a voter registrar who goes out and registers voters? Check out these quick and easy online video tutorials - voter registration basics at www.screencast.com/t/tDVkGdtscN and voter registration forms at www.screencast.com/t/d7Qf44VQx.
- Alaska youth are invited to get involved with OurTime 2008, a youth-based voter registration drive and political education program that uses hip-hop to teach political process and how to use it to change your community. To learn more or get involved, contact shayla@ourtime2008.com or visit <http://ourtime2008.org/>.
- Applications are being accepted for the Business and Professional Women/Anchorage 2008 Scholarship. Applicants should be 21 or older, be a U.S. citizen, and demonstrate financial need and a career plan. Preference is given to non-traditional, female students attempting to re-enter the workforce or advance their careers. The \$500 scholarship may be used for tuition, registration fees, books and course fees, as well as education-related expenses like transportation or child care. For more information or an application, visit www.bpw-anchorage.org. Applications due September 19, 2008.
- The Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) is accepting applications for a scholarship to cover travel expenses to attend the 2008 Annual AFS Chapter

Conference during October 27 - 30, 2008 in Anchorage, Alaska. Applicants must be an Alaska Native or other ethnic minority, be in a field of fisheries science or a related discipline, and be a student or in an entry-level position. Applicants should complete an application, available at http://www.fisheries.org/units/afs-ak/meetings/2008/m2008_cult_div_award_application.html, and submit it to Jerry Berg, USFWS, 1011 E. Tudor Rd., MS 361, Anchorage, AK 99503 or Lisa Stuby, ADF&G, 1300 College Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99701-1599. Applications due September 26, 2008.

- Alaska Center for the Performing Arts (ACPA) is introducing a new program for high school and college-age students to write reviews for performances at the Center. The program will start in October 2008. High school and college students between the ages of 15 - 24 are invited to apply to participate in the program by submitting a 200 - 300 word essay on "Why the Performing Arts Matter in our Community." Essays should be e-mailed to Codie Costello at ccostello@alaskapac.org by Friday, October 3.
- The Minority Travel Fund Scholarship will help cover travel expenses to the American Musicological Society annual conference. It is available to minority undergraduates and terminal master's degree candidates who are considering graduate work toward a doctorate in music. For more information, visit www.ams-net.org. Applications due October 11, 2008.
- The Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) offers scholarships for qualified Native American undergraduates to spend a semester in the nation's capital while taking classes at George Washington University. For more information, visit www.gwu.edu/~siw/politics/naplp/, call 202.994.8908 or 800.367.4776, or e-mail NAPLP@gwu.edu. Applications for the spring 2009 semester are due October 15, 2008.

Tips for Success

Are you spending enough time studying for your classes? Spending the right amount of time preparing for your classes is key to your academic success! Use this handy guide to figure out how much time you should be allocating for your studies:

- For a **3-credit course**, you should spend at least **6 hours per week** on homework/studying.
- For a **4-credit course**, you should spend at least **8 hours per week** on homework/studying.
- For a **5-credit course** you should spend at least **10 hours per week** on homework/studying.
- If you're taking **12 credits**, plan to spend **24 hours per week** on homework/studying.
- If you're taking **15 credits**, plan to spend **30 hours per week** on homework/studying.
- If you're taking **18 credits**, plan to spend **36 hours per week** on homework/studying.

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