



# DOYON FOUNDATION

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### **Doyon Foundation Awards \$232,460 in Scholarships at Ceremony Tomorrow**

The Doyon Foundation will award more than \$232,000 in scholarships to 238 students at a scholarship award ceremony scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, August 28, 2009. The ceremony will take place at the Doyon, Limited Chiefs Court at 1 Doyon Place in Fairbanks, Alaska. Media and the public are invited to attend.

A total of \$232,460 in scholarships will be awarded, including 19 competitive scholarships, ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,000 for the 2009 – 2010 academic year; 176 basic, \$800 scholarships to full-time students for the fall 2009 semester; and 43 basic, \$400 scholarships to part-time students for the fall 2009 semester.

Doyon Foundation's scholarships, which are funded through corporate and individual donations, as well as fundraisers including the Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic, are awarded to Alaska Native students pursuing higher education. This year's scholarships will go to a diverse range of students who are attending school all over the Doyon region, across Alaska and throughout the U.S. The students are also pursuing a wide range of degrees – from certificates to doctorates – in career fields including engineering, medicine, law, accounting, business, education, biology and dental hygiene.

One of this year's scholarship recipients is Raymond (Ramy) Brooks, who is also the keynote speaker at tomorrow's scholarship award ceremony. Brooks, who received the Ruederich competitive scholarship this year, is a sophomore at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he is pursuing a bachelor's of science degree in geological engineering.

Doyon Foundation was established in 1989 by Doyon, Limited, the Fairbanks-based regional Native corporation for Interior Alaska. The Foundation's mission is to provide the highest level of support to shareholders and their descendents by providing post-secondary scholarships; advancing traditional Native knowledge; and increasing Native student performance levels. Since inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million in scholarships to more than 2,300 students.

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