



Doyon Foundation offers four scholarship programs, including the **Competitive, Basic, Short-Term Vocational and Advanced College Credit Scholarship programs.**

To be eligible for these programs, applicants must:

- 1. Be enrolled to Doyon, Limited or be the child of an original enrollee.** Enrollees are defined as stockholders holding class A, B, C or D shares. Individuals who are enrolled in more than one regional corporation are eligible if their first enrollment was with Doyon, Limited. Gifted or inherited shares do not qualify an individual for scholarship eligibility. *If the student is a child of an original shareholder, an original birth certificate (BC) is required for verification. Once the original BC is received, a copy is made and it is immediately returned. Students can also send a certified (notarized) copy.*
- 2. For competitive and basic scholarship applicants:** be accepted to an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school, and be in a program that lasts at least six weeks or 120 hours.
- 3. For short-term vocational scholarship applicants:** be in a course or program that is less than 120 hours and less than one year.
- 4. Maintain the following cumulative grade point average (GPA):**
 - Undergraduates: 2.00
 - Graduate or Masters: 3.00
 - Specialists or Doctorates: 3.25

If a new student applies with a GPA below these criteria, the student will immediately be placed on probation for the first funding period. If a returning student's GPA falls below these criteria during any funding period, the student will be placed on probation. If the student fails to increase his/her cumulative GPA to the minimum level during the probation period, sequential funding will be canceled and the student must successfully complete a semester on his/her own before reapplying for funding.

5. Have a high school diploma or GED (except for the advanced college credit award).

Both **competitive and basic scholarship** recipients must submit an online application form and transcripts **each semester** (please read the following detailed requirements for competitive and basic scholarships). Students funded in the fall semester who plan to continue school in the spring must re-apply online by November 15 to receive funding for the spring. Supporting materials, such as proof of enrollment, class schedule, letters of recommendation and official or unofficial transcripts may be submitted online via the scholarship portal, emailed to foundation@doyon.com, or postmarked by November 15. Students who apply and are not selected to receive a competitive award will automatically be awarded a basic scholarship if all criteria are met. Students do not need to submit separate online applications for the competitive and basic scholarships.

Official transcripts must be submitted the first time a student applies for a scholarship in an academic year, which runs August through July. For example, if the student applies in the fall, he or she must submit official transcripts. If the same student reapplies in the spring or summer of that same academic year, unofficial transcripts will be accepted.

Returning students are students who received a scholarship the prior scholarship period. The Foundation understands that sometimes grades/transcripts are not available until after the scholarship application deadline. In this case, students should submit all other application materials by the deadline, and then submit transcripts **immediately** after grades for the semester/term are available. The transcripts must show grades for the semester/term that the student received a scholarship for.

Short-term vocational scholarship students may apply year-round for funding. Doyon Foundation will pay the actual cost of the course or program, not to exceed \$1,000. Students may receive only one such award per year. This is funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Advanced college credit students may apply year-round for funding. Doyon Foundation will pay the actual cost of the course or program, not to exceed \$400. High school students are eligible to receive this award as long as their school district does not pay for advanced placement classes. This is funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note: Undergraduate and vocational students can receive a maximum of \$15,000 in scholarships throughout their entire undergraduate or vocational career. Students seeking a one-year to two-year master's degree are eligible to receive an additional \$10,000, for a total maximum of \$25,000. Students seeking a three-year to five-year graduate degree (PhD, MD, JD, etc.) can receive an additional \$10,000, for a total maximum of \$35,000.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE DOYON FOUNDATION TO ENSURE HIS/HER APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED BY THE APPROPRIATE DEADLINES.

Please contact Doyon Foundation directly, or visit the website with any questions.

Website: www.doyonfoundation.com ♦ E-mail: foundation@doyon.com

Blog: www.doyonfoundationblog.com ♦ Facebook: www.facebook.com/doyonfoundation

Doyon Foundation updated scholarship policies in 2017 and there are several changes students should be aware of. Please review the below changes carefully, and contact the Doyon Foundation office if you have any questions about the new requirements.

Failure to attend/drop out: If a recipient fails to attend the educational institution outlined in their application, or drops out before completion of a semester beyond institution's drop deadline, Doyon Foundation will require that the scholarship be returned in full, either by institution, the recipient or a combination thereof.

If the recipient fails to return the scholarship to Doyon Foundation, the student will be placed on probation the next attending term. (*When a student is placed on probation, they will not be eligible for a scholarship the following semester.*)

If Doyon Foundation is not notified beforehand by the student that they will not be attending or that they are withdrawing, student will be placed on probation the next attending term.

Change in full-time/part-time status: After award letters are issued, scholarship recipients will have two days to notify Doyon Foundation of a change in their full-time or part-time status. If notification of credit load change is made by the educational institution and not the scholarship recipient, student will be placed on probation for the next attending term.

Competitive scholarship recipients not eligible for second semester: If at any time during a year in which a student has received a competitive scholarship the student does not meet the agreed-upon criteria in the scholarship guidelines and in their signed Conditions of Acceptance form, Doyon Foundation will require that the scholarship be returned in full, either by the institution, the recipient or a combination thereof. If the scholarship is not returned in full, student will not be considered for future competitive scholarships.

Maximum probation cap: If student is placed on more than three probations in their academic career, future applications will not be considered.

Misuse of funds: If a recipient misuses or attempts to misuse scholarship funds, Doyon Foundation will require the funds be returned in full, either by the institution, the recipient or a combination thereof. If the recipient fails to return funds to Doyon Foundation, future applications will not be considered and any current award approved for the recipient will be withheld. In the case of fraud or criminal act, the scholarship committee may decline to consider any new scholarship applications, even if the scholarship recipient repaid the misused funds in full. The scholarship committee will determine improper use of funds on a case-by-case basis.

Students who drop due to hardship: Waivers may be issued for students who have experienced exceptional or extraordinary circumstances "beyond the student's control" that result in the failure to satisfy scholarship requirements and where there is a reasonable expectation that the student will meet these requirements in the future. Exceptional or extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to, a death or illness in the family or personal illness. A letter explaining the circumstance must be submitted to the Doyon Foundation executive director for approval. Supporting documentation, such as an obituary, letter from doctor or counselor, statement from advisor, etc., will be required.

New requirements for proof of academic enrollment: First-time scholarship applicants must provide an acceptance letter from their institution showing their expected degree and field of study and a course schedule when it comes available. Returning applicants must provide a course schedule for each subsequent semester a scholarship is applied for.

For more information, contact us at 907.459.2048, 1.888.478.4755 ext. 2048 or foundation@doyon.com.

COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Must be submitted online by May 15 every year

Full-time students only

Awards range between \$5,000 - \$9,000

Students applying for the Doyon Foundation competitive scholarship must be attending school full-time and must re-apply each year. If full-time status is not met for any reason during the funding year, the scholarship will be terminated. Competitive applications are only accepted online. An independent competitive scholarship review committee reviews each application packet and scores the following areas: personal essay (40 points possible), grade point average (40 points possible), letters of recommendation (30 points possible), and personal impression (10 points possible).

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING BY MAY 15:

<input type="checkbox"/>	ONLINE APPLICATION FORM Available at www.doyonfoundation.com .
<input type="checkbox"/>	PROOF OF ENROLLMENT This includes a copy of letter of acceptance or enrollment verification letter AND current semester course registration form from the school the student will be attending. Must show student's field of study and class standing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS Students new to higher education must submit their most current senior-level official transcripts or original GED scores. Students returning to higher education must submit their most recent official university, college or vocational school transcripts. Each student's GPA will be scored for a total of 40 possible points. For example, a GPA of 3.2 equals 32 points. High school students who have not yet graduated are to submit their most recent official transcripts, and also submit final high school official transcripts upon graduation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERSONAL ESSAY The essay needs to focus on four topics, which will be scored up to 10 points each for a total score of 40 possible points. The four topics include: 1) educational goals, 2) professional goals, 3) extra-curricular and community service activities or volunteerism, and 4) cultural awareness and contributions to a healthy Native community. Essays are included with the online application. The online essay portion is broken out into the four topic areas and each topic area should be no more than 250 words. Students should outline how they intend to achieve their goals, and focus on their strengths. Returning students should not submit their previously submitted essay, but rather revise their original essay to incorporate current events, achievements and growth experiences. Proofread and run spellcheck!
<input type="checkbox"/>	TWO PROFESSIONAL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION The letters of recommendation should come from individuals who can attest to the student's academic abilities, professional and educational development, community involvement or cultural activities. Recommendation letters must be currently dated, limited to two pages and <u>submitted directly by the author to Doyon Foundation</u> . Letters may be mailed Attn: Competitive Scholarship Review Committee, 615 Bidwell, Suite 101, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701; uploaded directly to the scholarship portal; or emailed to foundation@doyon.com . Recommendation letters must be written on letterhead, include the author's contact information, and have an original signature. Letters of recommendation from immediate family members will not be accepted. The letters of recommendation are worth total of 30 possible points.

The personal impression for the overall application packet will be scored for a total of 10 possible points. Tips to maximize personal impression points include: do not include pictures, folders, resumes or cover letters with the application; include a well-rounded essay and letters of recommendation addressing all the focus points; and ensure the professional quality of all submitted materials.

Doyon Foundation encourages competitive scholarship recipients to complete one summer internship, volunteer at least 20 hours, serve on a local or regional board, or give presentations on their field of study. Doyon Foundation requests that recipients submit a written report detailing the internship/service and lessons learned within one month of completing the activity.

Half of each competitive award is distributed in fall and the other half in spring. Competitive recipients funded in the fall semester must reapply for the spring semester by November 15. Students can reapply by submitting an online application by November 15. **Official transcripts are required once per academic year.** If competitive recipients reapplying for the spring semester already have official transcripts on file for that academic year, they may submit unofficial transcripts.

BASIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Must be submitted on or before the following deadlines every year:

May 15 - Fall deadline

November 15 - Spring deadline

March 15 - Summer deadline

Part-time and full-time students may apply. Awards range between \$800 (part-time students) and \$1,200 (full-time students) per semester. Basic scholarships are awarded on a semester basis, and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applicants applying for the Doyon Foundation basic scholarship may be attending school either part-time or full-time. Applicants must submit:

- 1) A complete **online application form**, available at www.doyonfoundation.com.
- 2) **Proof of enrollment** (i.e., copy of letter of acceptance or enrollment verification letter AND current semester course registration form) from the school he/she will be attending; this must show student's field of study.
- 3) **Transcripts** from the last school attended (university, college or vocational school) are required with each application. Official transcripts are required once per academic year. If the student is returning for another semester *within the same academic year* (runs August – July) and has already submitted official transcripts, he or she may submit unofficial transcripts.

Students new to higher education must submit their most current senior-level official transcript or original GED scores.

Full-time: Students must be enrolled in 12 or more credits. Graduate students must be enrolled in 9 or more credits.

Part-time: Students must be enrolled in 3 to 11 credits. Graduate students must be enrolled in 2 to 8 credits.

Basic vocational students are defined as those enrolled in a one-year to three-year certificate or associates degree program.

Basic undergraduate students are defined as those enrolled in a four-year minimum bachelor's degree program.

Basic graduate students are defined as those enrolled in any degree program upon completion of their bachelor's degree (i.e. master's, JD, MD or PhD).

We define an **official transcript** as a transcript received directly from the issuing institution (whether on paper and still in the envelope or a certified electronic copy) that is properly signed/authenticated.

Students funded in the fall semester must reapply for the spring semester by November 15. Students can reapply by submitting an online application.

Short-term vocational scholarship students are defined as those enrolled in a course or program that is less than 120 hours and less than a year. Short-term vocational students may apply for only one such award per year. Short-term vocational students must complete a separate application and submit the required materials.

Advanced college credit scholarship students are defined as high school students enrolled in a course or program where they receive credit. Advanced college credit students must complete a separate application and submit the required materials.