

About Doyon Foundation

Doyon Foundation was established in 1989 by Doyon, Limited, the regional Native corporation for Interior Alaska. As the private foundation for Doyon, Limited, we serve the educational and cultural needs of Doyon's shareholders and their children.

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, our mission is to provide the highest level of support to shareholders and their children by providing post-secondary scholarships that include basic, competitive and vocational; advancing traditional Native knowledge; and increasing Native student performance levels.

"The Doyon Foundation has assisted me a lot. I've been getting scholarships ever since I began school and they help pay for tuition, books and all other expenses. Scholarships are very important to continuing on, especially in today's economy."

- Edwin Bifelt, business student, Morris Thompson scholarship recipient

Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic

The Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic was established by Doyon Foundation in honor of the late Morris Thompson. Proceeds from the classic support the Morris Thompson Scholarship Fund, an endowed fund benefitting higher education students studying business management and leadership.

The fund allows Doyon Foundation to award annual competitive scholarships to Alaska Native students who exhibit the qualities we admired most in Morris – vision, dedication to excellence, exemplary leadership and integrity. During the 2008 – 2009 academic year, we awarded a total of \$52,000 in Morris Thompson scholarships – more than double what we awarded the year prior. With the generous support of our golfers and sponsors, we expect to maintain a consistent funding level this year.



"Alaska's students are a field of potential that local businesses and individuals do well to cultivate. After all, the students of today are the employees and employers of tomorrow."

- Jacqueline Esai, Yale law student, Morris Thompson scholarship recipient

Morris Thompson An Inspiring Role Model for Our Youth

The Morris Thompson Scholarship Fund honors the late Morris Thompson, a Doyon shareholder who was born and raised in the Yukon River village of Tanana. Morris was hired as vice president of Doyon, Limited in 1981. In October 1985, he was appointed president/CEO, a position he held until his passing on January 31, 2000.

Throughout his lifetime, Morris was an active community member, dedicating his time to the Anchorage and Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, the University of Alaska Board of Regents, and the Alaska Children's Trust, among others. His valuable contributions were honored numerous times, with awards such as the Associated Students of Business 1997 Business Leader of the Year.



Today, Morris' life continues to set an excellent example for Alaska Native youth, who are inspired by his numerous contributions to the region, the state and the nation, as well as his dedication to improving the social and economic well-being of all people.

"Recipients of Doyon scholarships are doing wonderful things to help better our Native community and I thank all those that contribute to the Foundation."

- Samantha Smith, pharmacy student, Morris Thompson scholarship recipient