

Memorandum

AFA Scholarships Available Now!

TO: All Alaska Schools
AFA Regular Members
AFA Limited Participation Members
FROM: AFA Scholarship Committee
SUBJECT: Don Bell Alaska Logger Scholarships for 2011
DATE: November 15, 2010

We are pleased to announce the availability of the Don Bell Alaska Loggers Association Scholarship Applications for the year 2011.

Any student that has a parent employed by an AFA Regular Member or Limited Participation Member company or is employed by one of these companies and is enrolling full time in an academic institution for the next school year beginning in September 2011 is eligible to apply. Previous award winners are eligible to apply.

Please NOTIFY your employees about the availability of these scholarships!

**Please post & distribute
this scholarship information
to all your employees**

If you have any questions, call the AFA office at 907-225-6114.

Regular Members
Don Bell Alaska Loggers Scholarship Award
Eligibility Requirements
2011

The Alaska Forest Association will award scholarships in 2011. The object of these scholarships is to assist the recipients in getting a post secondary education. Don Bell Alaska Loggers Scholarship recipients who are still attending college are eligible to apply and may be awarded one of these scholarships. One of the scholarships may go to a graduating senior who is entering a vocational or technical school. Favorable consideration will be given to a qualified applicant from an Alaskan high school of fewer than 160 students (or to a student who is completing a certified correspondence course). The number and amount of awards depends on growth in Scholarship Fund Investments.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must have a parent who is a working employee of an AFA Regular Member company or be employed by an AFA Regular Member company;
2. Previous DBALA recipients now enrolled in any college or accredited Vocational-Technical Program are eligible to apply if criteria number 1 is met. (An individual may receive no more than four total DBALA Scholarships.)

BASIS OF SELECTION

The following criteria will be used to select the scholarship recipients (listed in priority):

- Essay (see instructions below)
- Autobiography (see instructions below)
- School grades and rank in class
- Test scores (ACT or SAT)
- Recommendations (see instructions below)
- Extracurricular activities (community service and involvement, work, etc.)
- Presentation of application

AWARD

The scholarship committee will award a minimum of one scholarship per year. More than one scholarship may be awarded by the committee depending on the number of applicants and the finances available from the DBALA Program. All awards will be based on the strength of the applicant and his/her application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A bound portfolio (not a fax copy) must be received in the AFA office **on or before April 15, 2011** and must include all the following items – in the order they are listed below:

- **Cover sheet** (as attached)
- **Official school transcript** or if a transcript is not available, include grade information of at least seven semesters and your rank in your class. (must be signed by a school official)
- **SAT and/or ACT scores** (give an explanation if these are not available)
- A complete **list of school activities and extracurricular activities**
- A **recommendation from a teacher**
- A **recommendation from a person in your community** (not a relative)
- A **recommendation from an employee of an AFA Regular Member** company
- **Autobiography, 500 word limit**
Use this essay to describe yourself, your plans, goals and your dreams.
- **Essay, 1,000 word limit**
Use this essay to demonstrate your knowledge of the forest products industry to the committee. The following question should be answered through your essay:
 - How has the forest products industry influenced you life? What does the forest products industry mean to you?
 - What effect, if any, have national issues, politics and economics had on Alaska's forest products industry?
 - How will Alaska's forest products industry influence your future?
 - How will your future plans positively impact Alaska's forest products industry?

NOTIFICATION

The winners will be notified by mail, email or telephone and will be required to show proof of registration at their selected college.

The recipient of the award is responsible for having the verification sent to AFA. When AFA receives this verification from the college registrar, the check will be sent directly to the school.

RESTRICTIONS

The award may be used for:

- Room and Board (while in regular attendance & in good standing in school)
- Tuition
- Textbooks and school supplies

The award must be used during a full continuous academic year, beginning any time during the school year immediately following the award. If a student drops out of school or is unable to continue (except for health reasons), no further payment for any purpose shall be made.

QUESTIONS?

Call AFA: (907) 225-6114
Email: afa@akforest.org

**DON BELL REGULAR MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION COVER SHEET
2011**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE PRESENTLY ATTENDING: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ BIRTHPLACE: _____ SEX: _____

NAME OF PARENT(S) EMPLOYED BY AFA ASSOCIATE MEMBER: _____

PARENT(S) LISTED ABOVE IS EMPLOYED BY: _____

POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL(S) YOU HAVE APPLIED TO:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

AWARD CEREMONY INFORMATION:

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

Return completed application portfolio **on or before April 15, 2011** to:

**ALASKA FOREST ASSOCIATION
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
111 STEDMAN ST., SUITE 200
KETCHIKAN, AK 99901**