

**Alaska's 2011 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program**  
**Funded through the Higher Education Act for the 2011-2012 school year**  
**Student Eligibility Criteria and Information**

**Eligible applicants must be graduating from a public or private secondary school, a home school, or be receiving the recognized equivalent of a high school diploma (GED) in the 2011-2012 school year.**

- Through the federally funded Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, approximately 16 Alaska students selected from across the state will each receive \$1,500 scholarships for their first year of full-time study during the 2011-2012 academic year at an institution of higher education or at a technical school. Full time enrollment must be maintained during the first school year.
- Scholarships are renewable annually for up to four years of study, pending appropriation of funding by the U.S. Congress, provided the student is making substantial progress toward completion of a degree or program. Students must submit all required documents and information to the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development annually as requested to maintain scholarship eligibility.
- Eligible applicants must have applied for admission as a full-time student at an institution of higher education or a technical school. Scholarship winners must be accepted as a full time student prior to receiving the scholarship.
- Each eligible applicant shall be a legal resident of Alaska, and be a U.S. citizen or national.
- Applicants must not be in default on a federal student loan or other obligation.
- Male scholarship winners must register with the Selective Service and be able to provide proof of registration to the school that he plans to attend prior to receiving funds.

**TIME LINE**

| <b>PROCESS</b>                                     | <b>DATE</b>                   |
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| Application period                                 | February 3 – April 5, 2011    |
| <b>Application deadline</b>                        | <b>April 5, 2011, 4:30 PM</b> |
| Selection Committee meets                          | Early – Mid April 2011        |
| Recipients High Schools notified                   | Early May 2011                |
| Agreement and Verification form sent to recipients | Early June 2011               |
| Enrollment Verification Form due to EED            | December 1, 2011              |

**ALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON FEDERAL FUNDING.**

**Students must ensure that their application packet is delivered directly to the Department of Education & Early Development offices in Juneau no later than Monday April 5, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will be ineligible for consideration.**

**NO FAXED OR EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**RETURN APPLICATION TO:**

Katy Gutschmidt, Office Assistant  
Attention: Robert C. Byrd Scholarship  
Department of Education & Early Development  
801 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 110500  
Juneau, AK 99811-0500

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Phone: 907-465-6535  
Email: [shari.paul@alaska.gov](mailto:shari.paul@alaska.gov)

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Phone: 907-465-2843  
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**Alaska Department of Education & Early Development**  
**2011 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program**  
**Application for the 2011-2012 School Year**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION – APRIL 5, 2011, 4:30 PM**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**List the postsecondary school(s) to which you have applied and indicate any to which you have been accepted:**

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**\*\*\*Please be sure you have included the following application items. \*\*\***  
**Each item is required. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for review.**  
**No application items will be returned.**

- This cover page with original signature.
- Copy of academic transcript or GED certificate. An original **is not** required.
- Copy of SAT and/or ACT scores, original **not** required. Scores may be submitted on testing agency report or on high school transcript. The SAT must include the critical reading, math and writing components of the SAT, not SAT Subject tests.
- Essay: Discuss an issue of social significance that is important to you. Take a stand and defend your position. The essay must be typed using a 12 point font, double-spaced, and is not to exceed two pages. The essay will be judged on organization, idea and content, evidence of personalization, and writing conventions.
- Three letters of recommendation must be included with this application, i.e. from principals, teachers, counselors, supervisors and/or employers. Letters **must** accompany this application. **Do not** send under separate cover.
- Description of extra-curricular and community service activities (indicate approximate amount of time dedicated to each activity), leadership positions, job experience, and other achievements or accomplishments. Please do not submit actual awards or certificates of achievement as no portion of the application will be returned.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_