



RAHI 2007 Student Application

May 29 - July 12, 2007

Application Deadline: Received in RAHI office no later than March 30, 2007

MISSION STATEMENT

The UAF Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI), founded at the request of the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1983, was established to prepare rural and Alaska Native high school students for academic excellence and college success.

OVERVIEW

RAHI was organized by the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) to serve rural and Alaska Native high school honors students. Those who apply should have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and plan to have finished their junior or senior year in 2007. They should read at or above grade level and be committed to earning a college degree. Applicants should be 18 or younger on August 1, 2007.

CURRICULUM

UAF courses are offered for full university credit (7 to 11 credits). Most credits earned apply toward requirements for an academic degree. Completion of all RAHI courses (whether developmental or regular courses) help move the student closer to an academic degree. Required courses are writing (the student is placed in one of two offered) and study skills. Students then choose either Alaska Native dance or swimming. In addition, desktop publishing is offered as an optional class. Students also choose one of several specialty classes, such as math, rural development, geoscience, biochemistry, or Alaska Native Psychology. Credits earned may also help satisfy some requirements for high school graduation, depending upon your school district policy. Course work loads are substantial. RAHI has a safety net to give individual help and encouragement to those who may struggle from time to time.

CAMPUS LIFE

Housing - Students live in a UAF residence hall with a RAHI roommate and full-time residence staff who supervise, tutor, and give support to students to live comfortably and to work efficiently. Students are divided into family groups of roughly eight each. Weeknight study hours are required and tutors are on hand to help with all courses.

Recreation - Recreational offerings on weekends are available. A fun, stress relieving midterm break weekend outing occurs June 23. Student Recreation Center, Wood Student Center, and Patty Pool are among campus recreational facilities available for use.

Meals - Students eat at the campus dining facility.

Permission to Leave Campus - Students may be checked out to leave the campus only with adults, approved in writing, in advance, by parents or guardians, and only at times that do not conflict with academic schedules. Students may not be checked out overnight or weekends.

Costs of Attending RAHI - Selected students are sponsored into the program by a \$6,000 scholarship. This covers all costs for the entire program, including travel, textbook, room, board, supplies and a weekly stipend.

Graduation - A cap and gown ceremony graduation ends the program on July 11 followed by an evening banquet. UAF tuition waivers are awarded to the top two academic students.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS

If you are committed to earning a college degree, you should apply. The RAHI selection committee reads each application and ranks it, then makes their recommendation to the RAHI office. RAHI will notify all applicants by mid-April. Not everyone is accepted.

START-UP

Travel to Fairbanks is May 29th, orientation and course registration is May 30th. Full credit, fast-paced university courses start May 31st. Students may not start RAHI late or leave early. **No late starts! No early departures!** If you quit and leave before completion you will not graduate or earn college credits.

RULES

Responsibility to self and to each other, plus university and state law all combine to shape RAHI rules of conduct outlined in a student contract. Safety, comfort, and the need to ensure an atmosphere that supports learning are all objectives of this policy. Students are expected to attend classes, be prepared and on time, and participate in program social events. Students respect each other, instructors, and residence staff, as well as property.

STAFF

Course instructors are typically UAF professors. All staff are available for individual help. RAHI residence staff is made up of adults, including some upper class college students, who live with students during RAHI. A program director, academic coordinator, residence hall director, and program assistants provide overall program supervision and support. All staff are here to help the students be successful at RAHI.

COST

All program costs (about \$6,000+ per student) including travel, books, supplies, room, tuition, board, and weekly stipend are provided by RAHI and **free to students accepted into the program.**

DEADLINE

Give parts "B", "C" and "D" of this application to the appropriate persons to complete their parts. Complete and fax or mail this application so it is **received in the RAHI office no later than March 30, 2007.** It is your responsibility to have all parts of the application received by RAHI by that deadline. **FAXing before the deadline is preferred and more reliable.** You must check back with those persons making recommendations, your teacher, counselor and community person, to ask if they have sent their parts to us on time. Make certain your school sends us your transcript and test scores. Applications are kept confidential and are only seen by the readers on the committee and by RAHI 2007 staff. Call us 1-800-478-6886 or email <fyrahi@uaf.edu> if you need help or have any questions.

Use this checklist in preparing your application.

- Part A, Application** - Fill out completely, leave nothing blank, send to us on time.
Part A, Essays - Two essays are required. A few sentences do not make an essay – 300 words please, and no help allowed from anyone in writing your essays!
- Part B, School Assessment** - Two recommendations are required. Give one copy to your counselor or principal and one copy to a teacher who knows you and your work. Be sure they complete and fax/mail their part to us on time.
- Part C, Community Recommendation** - Give this to someone in your community who knows you well. Be sure they fill out and send to us on time.
- Part D, Transcript & Test Scores** - Fill out and give to your school secretary. Be sure they mail/fax grades and scores to us on time.

We will notify you on the status of your application.

Please pay attention to this process.

RAHI WILL NOT CONSIDER INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS



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Application for the Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) - Deadline: March 30th Program Dates, May 29 - July 12, 2007

Fill out completely. Leave nothing blank. Write in N/A where not applicable. **Your completed application must be received by the RAHI office no later than March 30, 2007 - NO EXCEPTIONS.**

PERSONAL DATA

Gender: Male Female Current Grade Level: Junior Senior
Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Home address: _____
Box # City/Town Zip Code
How many years have you lived at this address? _____ Social Security #: _____
Home phone: _____ Email address: _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

School now attending: _____
School address: _____
Box # City/Town Zip Code
Graduation/last day of school: _____ Counselor's name: _____
School telephone: _____ School FAX: _____
Any other schools attended:

Dates: _____ Grades: _____ Why left: _____
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Favorite high school course: _____
Courses taken outside of high school for college credit, if any:

of credits completed: _____
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Academic honors received: _____
College/university you have applied for and have been accepted to:

Name of School(s) Location

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Any other summer programs you have attended:

Name of Program(s) Dates

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Favorite non-academic activities: _____

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Father's name: _____ Mother's name: _____

Living Deceased

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Home address if different from yours: _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Email: _____

Native corporations and tribal affiliations:

Father's village corporation: _____ Mother's village corporation: _____

Regional corporation: _____

Tribal affiliation: _____

With whom do you make your permanent home? Father Mother Legal Guardian Other relation

Legal Guardian: (if applicable) _____ Guardian Email: _____

Full address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Emergency: _____

The following items are optional:

First language, if other than English: _____ Language spoken at home: _____

Please check all that apply:

Alaska Native: which (Tlingit, Yup'ik, etc.)?: _____

American Indian: which (Navajo, Cree, etc.)?: _____

Asian American Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander

Hispanic African American, Black

White or Caucasian Other (specify): _____

SHORT ANSWER QUESTION

Choose a non-academic activity in which you participated and explain in two sentences why it has been meaningful to you. _____

REQUIRED ESSAYS

Two formal essays are required (300 OR MORE WORDS). No teacher, counselor, or anyone else may help you. Follow the directions exactly. Do not write only a few sentences, or only a brief statement. The essays are a major part of your application and count heavily in the final selection. Attach your typed essays on a separate sheet. You must put your name on each sheet.

1. Explain what you expect to be doing in 10 years and why?

2. Who is your hero and why?

Include both typed essays with your application to RAHI. You may use a dictionary, grammar text, and spell check.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

ABSOLUTELY NO TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUG USE OR POSSESSION ALLOWED at RAHI. Can you agree to this? _____

I certify that all information in my application is the truth, to the best of my knowledge. I certify the essays are my own work. I hereby apply for admission to RAHI. I understand that *if selected* my RAHI \$6,000 scholarship will pay for all expenses. I understand I must attend from May 29 to July 12, and that I must maintain a steady effort to complete all required work, and participate in the academic and social aspects of the RAHI program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail application to:
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CONFIDENTIAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

to be filled out by school counselor or principal

**** DEADLINE: RECEIVED BY THE RAHI OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 30, 2007****

Student's name: _____ School: _____ Present Grade Jr Sr

Any individual completing this form should have sufficient knowledge of the applicant to provide the information requested. RAHI prepares students for college and is rigorous. Students are expected to complete seven to eleven university credits in a six week period. **Academic expectations of students at RAHI are very high. Course work loads are substantial.** Help us to know this student! Nominate a present junior or senior to RAHI who is motivated to earn a college degree. This student should have a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average and read at or above grade level; preferably have lived all or most of their life in rural Alaska; and be likely to improve their chances for college success by early exposure to college learning. RAHI encourages rural Alaska Natives to apply. Be candid; all information is kept confidential. Only those who score applications will see them. Do not help students with writing their two required essays. These are FORMAL ESSAYS, demonstrating the student's writing. Thank you for your help.

1. Student's cumulative GPA _____

If you answer no to the following questions, please explain:

Standardized test scores reflect ability? yes no

Does student read at grade level? yes no

3. School recommenders sometimes write favorably about a student's academic strengths and describe them generally as a wonderful candidate for RAHI. A poor transcript may contradict this assessment with many Cs, Ds and even failing grades. If this is the situation, please explain the contradiction: _____

Please answer the following questions. Please write a brief explanation. If you need more space for your responses, feel free to attach another sheet:

Does student have a history of inappropriate behavior? yes no

Does the student show a lack of respect for authority, peers, or property? yes no

Does the student have a history of drugs and/or alcohol problems? yes no

Does the student smoke (yes does not disqualify)? yes no

Does the student have supportive parents/family?

yes no

Overall Recommendation: Write a brief statement to help us know this student:

1) Attitude toward education, e.g., excited, motivated, intellectually inquisitive.

2) What are this student's weaknesses?

3) Please describe the student in the following areas. What are the student's plans to earn an academic degree, such as ability to understand new material and to adapt to new situations, punctuality, school attendance, maturity under stress, motivation to learn, ability to meet deadlines and to complete assignments on time, leadership, and respect for authority. Please be frank and direct.

Print your name _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Familiar with RAHI? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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to be filled out by **math, science or english teacher**

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Student's name: _____ School: _____ Present Grade Jr Sr

Subject(s) you teach: _____

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1. Please answer the following questions. Please write a brief explanation. If you need more space for your responses, feel free to attach another sheet:

Does student read below grade level? yes no

Does student have a history of inappropriate behavior? yes no

Does the student show a lack of respect for authority, peers, or property? yes no

Does the student have a history of drugs and/or alcohol problems? yes no

Does the student smoke (yes does not disqualify)? yes no

2. Please provide a brief explanation for each question:

How is this student's attendance in your class?

Does this student follow directions and complete work on time?

What grade do you expect this student to receive in your class?

Does the student have supportive parents/family?

yes no

Overall Recommendation: Write a brief statement to help us know this student:

1) Attitude toward education, e.g., excited, motivated, intellectually inquisitive.

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COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATION

to be filled out by **someone in your community who knows you well.**

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Student's name: _____ Community: _____ Present Grade: _____

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Please answer the following questions and comment on answer below. If you need more space for your responses, feel free to attach another sheet:

Does student undertake tasks without being asked? yes no

Does this student willingly follows directions? yes no

Does this student act in a mature, dependable way? yes no

Does this student have a history of drug or alcohol use? yes no

Does this student have a history of inappropriate behavior? yes no

Please help us know this student, write a statement of recommendation that shows strengths and weaknesses that will help us know this student better. Please be candid. Use reverse side, if necessary. Thank you. _____

Print your name: _____ How long have you known this student? _____

Address: _____ E-Mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST SCORES

to be filled out by student and submitted to your school office

**** DEADLINE: RECEIVED BY THE RAHI OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 30, 2007 ****

Student: Fill out your portion of this form, then submit to the school counselor, principal or secretary. This form authorizes your school to send us your transcripts and test scores.

Student applicant information:

Student's name (print): _____

Address _____

Social Security #: _____

Date of birth: _____

I am presently a: junior senior

I graduate/will graduate on (date): _____

from (name of school): _____

Student's signature: _____

Date today: _____

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- To My School:** Please send a copy of
- (1) my full transcript including the fall 2006 semester.
 - (2) the last three years of my standardized test scores to RAHI.

If you fax, please also send a clear copy by mail.

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