

RAHI still seeks students as deadline nears

RAHI is still looking for students. But the application deadline is near. RAHI is the Rural Alaska Honors Institute of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

The program is designed to improve the success of rural, and particularly Native, students who come to the university. Each summer approximately 50 selected high school juniors attend the six week program on the UAF campus. During RAHI they are immersed in an intensive program of academic preparation for college.

RAHI is designed to help prepare rural students for their freshman year at UAF. The courses are relevant to students from rural areas who intend to return to their home regions after earning a college degree. The program is designed to encourage the development of special programs by university departments which will respond to the needs of rural organizations and corporations.

Course work aims to help students gain learning skills and study habits necessary for college success. It is also designed to develop incentive and a sense of purpose among participants.

To provide a realistic introduction to college life, students will receive college-style teaching and will be expected to complete structured research projects. Participants will be expected to spend several hours a day working on their homework.

Counseling and tutoring support are included in the program to help students meet these expectations.

Only students who have just completed their junior year of high school who plan on attending the University of Alaska-Fairbanks are eligible for RAHI participation. Students from REAA, municipal, parochial and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools may apply. Candidates from all races and ethnic backgrounds are accepted.

The Rural Alaska honors Institute is an honors program. It is not a remedial academic program. RAHI is looking for bright students who are interested in college and who have potential leadership qualities or a genuine interest in helping other people. Students with a history of behavior, discipline and/or motivation problems

will not be accepted.

Generally, students are not accepted who have a high school grade point average of less than a 3.0 (B average). The workload during the summer session can be expected to severely tax students who have a reading ability lower than eighth grade.

Required classes include Alaska Native Land Claims, college learning skills, library skills, microcomputer literacy, public speaking, college knowledge, writing and math tutorials, and team research projects.

All program costs, including travel, tuition, room, board and supplies are provided.

A maximum of two students from a community will be accepted. March 1 is the deadline for all applications. Applications postmarked after March 1 will not be accepted.

Application materials are available from high school counselors or contact Ann Frentzen at Alaska Native Programs, 507 Gruening Building, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-0140. The telephone number is 474-7181.