

Women form scholarship-locator firm

Two Alaska women have teamed up to form a scholarship-locating service for Alaska students who have difficulty finding money to attend college.

Marlene Jones, originally from Cordova and Jan Johnson, originally from Wrangell, have formed Alaska Scholarship Resource Association in Anchorage.

The women, both former counselors, said they formed the association because they often saw students who wanted to, and should have gone to

college, go wanting because they couldn't find money to pay for their schooling.

While their company includes the term scholarship in its name, they are actually trying to find any form of financial aid available for students — scholarships, loans, part-time jobs or whatever.

The women say they "will work with anybody interested in going to school." There is no residency restriction but they are only trying to locate money for students attending Alaska colleges and universities.

"There is more than three billion dollars a year out there for loans, scholarships and part-time jobs and a high amount of that money is turned back in because the people don't know about it," says Jones.

She cited a "tiddleywink contest" as one way which students earn money for school.

Both women have worked with students prior to forming this company. They will be contacting all high schools and teachers in schools in the Anchorage area initially and will start to contact rural schools after that.

Jones recommended that students who will be graduating in the spring of 1984 start looking for college money now to insure they have it.

When a student comes in or calls, they take down all pertinent information and send it

to a national computer hook-up which has large amounts of scholarship information. That computer firm will then send from five to 25 scholarship references to apply to.

The student pays a \$52 fee to Alaska Scholarship Resources Association to pay for the service. Jones says that a portion of that money will be put into a scholarship fund they

are starting.

Persons interested in the service should write to the company at 3624 DeBarr, Anchorage, Alaska, or call 272-5539 or 272-5530.