

Scholarship



DON AND JEAN DONATELLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our Legacy - Your Future

Alaska Mill & Feed has a rich history, evolving from a small family business into a staple of Alaskan industry. The company was originally founded in 1950 by Don Donatello, a chemical engineer who graduated from M.I.T in 1939. After serving in the U.S. Army and being stationed in the Aleutians during World War II, Don was on his way back to the east coast when he met Jean on the steamship, who was returning to the University of Washington. He then moved to Anchorage in 1947, where he settled down, married, and decided to make Alaska his home. Don started his entrepreneurial journey by producing bleach cleaners and waxes at home, supplying the local school district and private companies. In 1958, he acquired the land where Alaska Mill & Feed currently stands, with the initial intent of developing a rendering plant to produce tallow for soap. This venture led to the construction of the state's first and only FDA-approved feed mill in 1964. A year later, in 1965, Don was recognized as the U.S. Small Businessman of the Year by President Lyndon Johnson.

Over the decades Alaska Mill & Feed has continued to grow and adapt to meet the needs of Alaskans. In 1965, the company adopted the name Alaska Mill & Feed. During the late 1970s, we expanded to include a fertilizer blending plant and a farm and garden retail operation. In the 1990s, we further broadened our business by launching our wholesale distribution under the name Alaska Garden & Pet Supply. In 2016, the Donatello Family entrusted the business to its employees, making it 100% Employee-Owned. Today, we manufacture hundreds of items under ten different trademarked names produced in our original location in Anchorage. Despite these changes, many of our original customers still fondly refer to us as "Don's," a nod to our founder and the products he created. The Donatello Family built this business on simple yet strong principles: providing good advice, fair prices, and excellent customer service. These values continue to guide us today.

In honor of Don's ingenuity, dedication, and passion for building a better Alaska, we are proud to announce the Don & Jean Donatello Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship aims to support future generations in agriculture, trades, and industry through entrepreneurship. We encourage you to submit your project plan and scholarship application to help support your goals for the coming year and future.

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ALASKA GARDEN & PET SUPPLY
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2025 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

\$5,000 agriculture related project/field	\$2,500 unrestricted project/field	
Requirements		Points
1.	Complete application form	required
2.	Send an Official Transcript- SEALED and STAMPED of high school grades	required
3.	Be ages 15 to 18 and participating in Alaska FFA or 4H Program or Trade Studies	required
4.	Maintain a minimum of B average (3.0) during the academic year. <i>Must submit sealed transcripts</i>	10
5.	Attach a brief, one-page, single spaced essay on the following items: Field of study or project (<i>student's responsibility to identify agriculture-related field i.e. production, livestock, crops, veterinarian, natural resources, forestry, etc.</i>) Reasons for requesting this scholarship. Plans for applying field of study after graduation.	10
6.		10
7.		20
8.	Attach brief resume to include the following: Employment experience Community involvement Extra-curricular activities (FFA, 4-H, FHA, Scouts, athletics, music, social clubs, organizations)	10
9.		10
10.		10
11.	Include three letters of recommendation.	10
12.	Overall presentation of written application	10
	Total points possible from written application	100
FINALISTS		
1.	Oral presentation (3-5 minutes summary of essay) before the AK Mill & Feed Executive Committee & Scholarship Committee Chair at the board meeting to be held in 4 th Quarter. Appropriate dress required for interview. FINALISTS MUST MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION IN PERSON.	80
2.	Finalists will be asked to hand-write a paragraph on the day of the interview on why they deserve the scholarship.	20
	Total points possible from presentation and writing	100
	Points from application & interview will be added together to determine winners.	
	Winners must notify AK Mill and Feed upon program enrollment.	
Scholarship winners will be chosen by the AK Mill & Feed Executive Committee & Scholarship Committee Chair.		

Please send the application packet to: ALASKA MILL FEED & GARDEN CENTER
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
1501 E FIRST AVE
ANCHORAGE AK 99501

DEADLINE: Applications must be received by **December 1-31, 2024**
For more information call 907-222-2047

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2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 2,500.00 unrestricted project/field
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Place an X in only one of the boxes above selecting your field.

Personal Information	
Date:	
Name (last, first, middle):	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Parent's / Guardian's Name:	
Parent's / Guardian's Address:	
Education Information	
Current High School:	
Current Alaska FFA or 4H Program:	
Proposed or current College/University:	
College/University Address:	
Proposed or current Field:	
Enrollment Date:	
Resume	
Please attach a Resume with the following items: Employment history, Community Involvement, Extra-Curricular Activities	

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