

Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund

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NICK BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP INTERN FUND INVITES 2019/2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Pegge Begich, Chair of the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, announced today the Fund's call for applications for scholarships for the 2019/2020 academic year. Alaskans pursuing degrees and/or careers in education, government, and public service are invited to apply.

The Fund is now accepting applications for scholarships. The application form and required submissions may be found online at <http://www.nickbegichfund.org>. The Fund will award approximately 10 scholarships in the coming year. Awards will range from a \$2,500 - \$3,000 Eugene A. Kennedy Scholarship granted to the highest-scoring applicant (this scholarship may be renewed for up to four years) to one-year scholarships of at least \$1,000.00. Last year, 17 Alaskans received scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$2,500 and totaling \$27,750.

The Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund was created in 1977 by friends and family of the late Congressman Nick Begich (D-Alaska) who passed away in a plane crash while campaigning for re-election to the United States Congress 45 years ago on October 16th. The plane was never found. Said Ms. Begich, "In the coming years we will be presented with unique challenges – both here in Alaska and in our nation and around the world. My late husband understood that, without an educated public, democracy could not flourish." Added Begich, "We encourage careers in education and public service because these are truly the most important elements of a thriving and productive democracy. I look forward to reading the applications of our future teachers and leaders."

Since its inception, the Fund has provided over \$480,000 in support to over 440 Alaskans. As part of the Fund, the Eugene A. Kennedy Scholarship honors Congressman Begich's long-time friend and aide, Eugene Kennedy. Kennedy was Executive Director of the Fund until 1994.

Scholarship applications are available at www.nickbegichfund.org or may be requested via mail. Alaska residents pursuing degrees in education, government, or public service are eligible to apply. There is no age restriction. Other requirements are outlined on the application.

Applications will be accepted by e-mail or U.S. mail and must be sent and postmarked no later than February 20, 2019. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Awards will be announced in May 2019. An application may be submitted via email to tsbegich@gmail.com or via U.S. mail to Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, PO Box 142711, Anchorage, AK 99514-2711.

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