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BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP INTERN FUND INVITES
2017/2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Pegge Begich, Chair of the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, announced today the call for 2017/2018 scholarship applications for Alaskans pursuing degrees and/or careers in education, government, and public service.

This year the Fund will not be offering a Fellowship/Intern award. Scholarship applications can be found on the Funds website: www.nickbegichfund.org. As in past years, the Fund will seek to provide as many as twelve scholarships ranging from one \$2,500 Eugene A. Kennedy scholarship to the highest-scoring applicant (which may be renewed for up to four years) to one year scholarships of at least \$1,000.00. Last year these scholarships and awards were provided to 12 Alaskans in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for a combined total of \$21,000. Any Alaska resident pursuing a degree in education, government, or public service is eligible to apply. There is no age limitation on Scholarship applications.

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 43 years ago today. That plane was never found. Said Ms. Begich, "I continue to be encouraged by the Alaskans who are seeking to improve the state – especially in these difficult times. More than ever we need young Alaskans to consider careers in education and public service – these should be our highest callings if we are to truly improve our state. Nick would have been honored by the actions of so many of our recipients over the years. I look forward to seeing the applications of all Alaskans who are ready to step up and take this challenge."

Since its inception the Fund has provided over \$430,000 in support to over 410 Alaskans interested in pursuing careers in education, government, and public service. As part of the Fund, the Eugene A. Kennedy scholarship honors Congressman Begich's long-time friend and aide, Eugene Kennedy, Executive Director of the Fund until 1994. Scholarship applications may be requested through the e-mail and snail mail addresses below. Eligibility requirements are on the application form.

Applications will be accepted by e-mail or U.S. mail and must be sent and postmarked no later than February 17, 2017. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Award winners will be announced in April/May 2017, coinciding with the 39th anniversary of the Fund's founding. All application documents must be submitted in one packet/transmission to one of the following addresses:

E-mail: info@nickbegichfund.org

U.S. mail: Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund
Attn: Tom Begich, Executive Director
P.O. Box 142711
Anchorage, AK 99514-2711

Questions about scholarships and internships may be addressed to info@nickbegichfund.org and sent to the above e-mail or postal addresses.

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