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**BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP INTERN FUND INVITES**  
**2019/2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Pegge Begich, Chair of the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, announced today the call for 2019/2020 scholarship applications for Alaskans pursuing degrees and/or careers in education, government, and public service.

This year the Fund is only accepting applications for scholarships. The application form can be found on the Fund's website: [www.nickbegichfund.org](http://www.nickbegichfund.org). As with last year, the Fund will be providing approximately 10 scholarships in the coming year. Scholarship sums will range from one \$2,500 - \$3,000 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 17 Alaskans in amounts ranging from \$750 to \$2,500 for a combined total of \$27,750. Alaska residents pursuing degrees in education, government, or public service are 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 45 years ago today. That 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 country and world. Nick 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 seeing the applications of our future teachers and leaders."

Since its inception the Fund has provided over \$480,000 in support to over 440 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 20, 2019. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Award winners will be announced in May 2019. All application documents must be submitted in one packet/ transmission to one of the following addresses:

E-mail: [tsbegich@gmail.com](mailto:tsbegich@gmail.com)

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](mailto:info@nickbegichfund.org) and sent to the above e-mail or postal addresses.

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