Nick Begich

Scholarship Intern Fund

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**BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP INTERN FUND INVITES**

**2014/2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The application period for the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, is now open for 2015/2016 scholarship applications for Alaskans pursuing degrees and/or careers in education, government, and public service.

The Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund Scholarship applicants must be Alaska residents interested in pursuing a degree in education, government, or public service. There is no age limitation and funds may also be used for graduate studies. Last year over $20,000 was provided to deserving Alaskan students who applied for the scholarship. The highest award, the Eugene A. Kennedy Scholarship, goes to the highest-scoring applicant. The Eugene A. Kennedy award this year will be for $2,500 and is renewable for up to three additional years. Additional scholarships will be provided for $2,000, $1,750, $1,500 and other amounts. No scholarship will be awarded for less than $750. We again anticipate providing approximately $20,000 I scholarships for the 2015/16 School year.

The Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund was created in 1977 by friends and family of the late Congressman Nick Begich (D-Alaska). Since its inception the Fund has provided over $380,000 in support of Alaskans interested in pursuing careers in education, government, and public service. Congressman Begich’s plane disappeared on a flight from Anchorage to Juneau on October 16, 1972 while campaigning for reelection to the United States House of Representatives. The plane was never found. The Eugene A. Kennedy scholarship is named for Congressman Begich’s long-time friend and aide, Eugene Kennedy who served as Executive Director of the Fund until 1994.

Scholarship applications are available on the web at: www.nickbegichfund.org or may be requested by writing either the e mail or regular mail addresses below. Eligibility requirements are detailed 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 28, 2015. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Award winners will be announced in April 2015, coinciding with the month in which Congressman Begich would have been 83 years of age. All application documents must be submitted in one packet/transmission to one of the following addresses:

E-mail: cwrecord@alaska.net U.S. mail: Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund

 Attn: Tom Begich, Executive Director

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Questions about scholarships and internships may be addressed to Tom Begich and sent to the above e-mail or postal addresses.