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BEGICH SCHOLARSHIP INTERN FUND INVITES
2018/2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Pegge Begich, Chair of the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, announced today the call for 2018/2019 scholarship applications for Alaskans pursuing degrees and/or careers in education, government, and public service.

While the Fund will not be offering a Fellowship/Intern award this year, Scholarship applications can be found on the Funds website: www.nickbegichfund.org. Unlike past years, the Fund will be providing fewer scholarships in the coming year, though for greater sums ranging from one \$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 18 Alaskans in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 for a combined total of \$22,250. 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 45 years ago today. That plane was never found. Said Ms. Begich, "We are always facing new and challenging events in Alaska. My Late Husband understood that the best preparation for these challenges was a good education." Added Begich, "The underpinning of a solid education is also the most effective way to effect public change and encouraging careers in education and public service is critical to improving our state and our society. I look forward to seeing this year's applications and to providing awards to our next generation of leaders."

Since its inception the Fund has provided over \$450,000 in support to over 430 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, 2018. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Award winners will be announced in April/May 2018, coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the Fund's founding. All application documents must be submitted in one packet/ transmission to one of the following addresses:

E-mail: 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 and sent to the above e-mail or postal addresses.

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