

**2023/24 Scholarship Application**

The Fund was created in 1977 to carry on the ideals of the late Alaskan Congressman Nicholas J. Begich, who came to the state in 1956 as a teacher and believed that education was both a right and a privilege, one that must be available to all.

*Please print in ink or type and complete all application fields. Please review all instructions on format. Applications not meeting the formatting in the instructions will not be considered.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) Month/Day/Year

**Permanent Alaska Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** AK **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where you would like your check to be mailed after June 2023 if you are awarded a scholarship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Email (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following information if you are under 18 years of age.**

**Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address(es) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place(s) of Employment for Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current annual salary(ies) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of school you are currently attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School year award will be used:** 20\_\_ - 20\_\_ **College Year:** 1 2 3 4

**Check one:** \_\_\_\_ **Full-time student** \_\_\_\_ **Part-time student**

**The specific course of study you will pursue or apply your education to (this MUST be either related to Education or Public Service. Applications for medical careers are generally not considered):** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund?** \_\_\_\_\_

*Applications may include additional materials such as a list of extracurricular activities (volunteer efforts, work experience, sports, clubs, etc.) you have engaged in and any organizations in which you are currently active. No more than three pages of **additional** materials will be considered.*

**Letters of Recommendation:** *With your application packet, **please include two current letters** of recommendation: one from a teacher, counselor, employer, or community activist; and one from a peer, friend, or colleague.*

**Essay:** *Each applicant must include a **500-word statement** on a separate sheet detailing your goals, the reasons you are applying, and any other information that would assist the Board of Directors in making its selections. Specifically, if you are applying for an education scholarship, please elaborate on why you want a career in education OR how a teacher made a difference in your life and how that experience has shaped your decision to go into education. If applying for a political science, government or public service scholarship, outline who in the current or historical political arena (city, state, or nation) would you most like to emulate and why, OR if you were a candidate for public office today, what would be your platform, OR if you were providing a public service today, what would be your motivation for providing that service?*

**Please Note:**

1. **The Board will consider only applications of students interested in careers in education, government, and public service.** Medical, Nursing, or Aviation applications will not be considered,
2. Transcripts for student applicants must be included or sent directly from the school. A minimum of "C" average for the previous school year is required.
3. **No more than three (3) additional pages should be included with your application, excluding transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essay.**
4. Photographs may be included with application but are not required.
5. Only Alaska residents are eligible for these awards.
6. Applications must be mailed complete with all required elements and **postmarked by midnight February 27, 2023** to Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, Attn: Tom Begich, Executive Director, P.O. Box 142711, Anchorage, AK 99514-2711, or **e-mailed by midnight February 27, 2023 to: tsbegich@gmail.com.**
7. Any questions may be e-mailed to Tom Begich at tsbegich@gmail.com.
8. Applications may be obtained from the website: [www.nickbegichfund.org](http://www.nickbegichfund.org)
9. Please do not bind or staple mailed applications. E mailed applications are preferred.
10. If submitting through the website, please notify the Fund at [tsbegich@gmail.com](mailto:tsbegich@gmail.com) once your application has been submitted so that we may confirm receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation from us, you may be assured that we have not received it.

**No late applications will be accepted**

**Application Checklist**

*Please include all of the following with your application:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application form
- \_\_\_\_\_ 500-word essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript: (high school for college freshman or college transcript for sophomores, juniors, and seniors). Transcript must be an official sealed copy from the college registrar's office and may be sent directly from the school, but must be postmarked by midnight February 27, 2023
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Two letters of recommendation:** one from a teacher, counselor, employer, or community activist; and one from a peer, friend, or colleague describing the applicant's attributes as they relate to education, government, and/or public service careers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **No more than 3** additional pages of information related to your application