

**Nicholas J. and Pegge Begich Public Service Fund
(formerly the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund)**

PO Box 142711
Anchorage, Alaska 99514-2711

2026/27 Scholarship Application

Since 1977, the Fund has carried on the legacy of the late Congressman Nicholas J. Begich, who served Alaska as a teacher and legislator. He believed education was a right and privilege to be available to all.

If submitting by post, please print in ink or type and complete all application fields. Please review instructions on format. Applications not meeting the formatting 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 2026 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): _____

Name of current high school or college you are attending: _____

Years of College completed (circle one): 0 1 2 3 4

**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 or aviation careers are generally not considered):** _____

How did you learn about the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund? _____

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*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** 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 may be mailed complete with all elements and **postmarked by midnight February 2, 2026** to Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, Attn: Tom Begich, Executive Director, P.O. Box 142711, Anchorage, AK 99514-2711, or either **submitted through the website or e-mailed to tsbegich@gmail.com, by midnight February 2, 2026**
7. Applications may be requested from info@nickbegichfund.org
8. Please do not bind or staple mailed applications. E mailed or on on-line applications are preferred. You may also apply at: <https://www.nickandpeggebegichfund.org/scholarship>
9. If submitting through the website, please notify the Fund at tsbegich@gmail.com once your application has been submitted so that we may confirm receipt.

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 registrar's office and may be sent directly from the school, **but must be postmarked or electronically received by midnight February 2, 2026.**
- _____ **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.