

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

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BEGICH PUBLIC SERVICE FUND INVITES 2026/2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Paul Begich, President of the Nicholas J. and Pegge Begich Public Service Fund (formerly the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund), announced today the call for 2026/2027 scholarship applications for Alaskans pursuing degrees and/or careers in **education and public service**.

Application forms are found at: <https://www.nickandpeggebegichfund.org/scholarship>. **Applicants are asked to submit scholarship applications through the website** (though mail and e mail applications will continue to be accepted).

The Fund will provide at least 10 scholarships for the 2026/27 academic year. Scholarship sums will include **one** \$3,000 Eugene A. Kennedy **renewable** scholarship to the **highest scoring applicant in the Public Service category** and **one** \$3,000 Hollis P. "Hank" Harrison **renewable** scholarship to the **highest scoring applicant in the Education category**. A number of additional single year scholarships of at least \$1,000.00 will also be provided. Last year over \$39,000.00 in support was provided for 22 deserving Alaska residents pursuing degrees in **education, government, or public service**. There is no upper age limitation on Scholarship applications. **Applications for medical, nursing, and aviation careers will not be considered.**

The 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 Congress 53 years ago today. That plane was never found. Paul Begich, Begich's youngest child, has served as Board President since 2024. "As part of our growth we have updated our name to reflect the over 50 year contribution to the Fund of my mother, Past Chair, Pegge Begich" said Begich. We've updated our website, increased our awards and are expanding our social media presence throughout Alaska". Added Begich "More than ever Alaskans need to support our public and educational institutions. The Fund's renewed emphasis on Public Service underscores the importance of a sound education to a thriving democracy. Please pass on this information and encourage those you know to apply."

Since 1977 the Fund has provided over \$710,000 to 480 Alaskans interested in pursuing careers in education and public service. The Eugene A. Kennedy scholarship honors Congressman Begich's long-time friend and aide, Gene Kennedy, Executive Director of the Fund until 1994 and the Hollis P. "Hank" Harrison Scholarship, honors Hank Harrison, educator and long-time Board member. Online applications are at: <https://www.nickandpeggebegichfund.org/scholarship> or applications may be requested from: info@nickbegichfund.org. Eligibility requirements are on the application form and on the website.

Applications will be accepted by online submission, e-mail, or U.S. mail (address above) and **must be sent and postmarked no later than February 2, 2026**. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Award winners will be announced by June 2026. Written applications should be addressed to: Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, Attn: Tom Begich, Executive Director.

Questions about scholarships and internships may be addressed to info@nickbegichfund.org or sent to the above e-mail or postal addresses.

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