

Begich scholarship applications available

ANCHORAGE—Pegge Begich, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, announced today the opening of the ninth annual competition. The open period for applications to be submitted for the 1986 awards is from November 15, 1985 to February 15, 1986. High schools, school districts and post-secondary schools throughout Alaska are being informed this week of the program and applications have been distributed throughout Alaska.

Interested students — those planning a career in education and government and related fields — may apply for scholarship, internships or grants in this 3-month period. Guidance counselors have applications and information. However, more information can be obtained by writing to Gene Kennedy, Executive Director, Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, Apt. #N.521, 800 4th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024, or calling (202) 554-8261.

The Fund is a tax-deductible, non-profit, non-political, educational fund incorporated under Alaska State Law in 1977 and is named for the late Congressman Nick Begich, Alaska's third Congressman, who disappeared on a flight from Anchorage to Juneau on October 16, 1972. He was the incumbent U.S. Representative for Alaska at the time of his disappearance.

An eleven-member Board of Directors, the same Board which was originally appointed in 1977, reviews

the applications and selects the winners, which will be announced on the 54th birthday of the late congressman on April 6, 1986. Money for these annual awards is raised through individual contributions and fund-raising projects.

World-famous satirist, Mark Russell, a member of the Board of Directors, has been featured in two statewide fund-raising efforts.

Last year's winners totaled 16 with a total of \$6000 awarded. This brings the total awarded in eight years to \$30,050.00. These awards have been given to 78 Alaskans in all parts of Alaska.

Interested applicants are urged to contact their principals or counselors or the Executive Director for applications and information. Since many careers overlap, students should check with their school guidance office to see if they would qualify.

Congressman Begich was involved in the twin careers of education and government and these awards are made in these two fields.

Board Members in addition to Pegge Begich and Mark Russell are as follows:

Carolyn Guess, John Schwamm and Nick Begich, Jr. of Anchorage; Margaret Ritchie of Juneau; Carole Fuller and Guy Martin of Washington, D.C.; Lynn Johnson of Orting, Washington; Milton Fredericks of Thorofare, New Jersey; and Dorothy Richroath of Suitland, Maryland.