

Nixon Approves Interior's BLA Scholarships

The President approved the Interior Department's supplemental budget for FY 1973 including Senator Ted Stevens' amendment to provide 3,500 BLA scholarships for Native students, including 300 Alaskans.

Stevens told the Appropriations Committee that "it is now evident that about 3,500 Indian and Native students across the country who have been accepted into college this fall and spring may not be able to return due to lack of funds."

Senator Stevens pointed out that "since 1965, the dropout rate for Indian and Native students has gone from 18 per cent down to 14 per cent - BLA scholarships for these 3,500 students will help this progress continue."