

Begich scholarships available

WASHINGTON — The Board of Directors of the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund announces the opening of the application period for the 1979 awards beginning on January 1,

1979. Applications for the financial grants will be available at all secondary schools and colleges in Alaska after the first of the year or by writing to the Executive Director in Washington.

The second annual grant applications will be available to March 31, 1979 and the winners will be announced on the 47th birthday of the late Congressman Nick Begich, who represented Alaska in the Congress for the two-year period, 1971 until his disappearance on October 16, 1972, on a flight from Anchorage to Juneau.

The Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund was incorporated under Alaska law on September 21, 1977 and this last spring was awarded tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. All donations to the Fund are therefore now tax-exempt.

The first annual awards were announced on the late Congressman's birthday last April 6th. The winners were Nancy Davidge of Juneau who was awarded a grant of \$1000 to assist her in her graduate level work at the University of Maryland, where

she is now studying speech pathology. Shaarine Kirchoff of Anchorage was granted an intern award of \$500 to allow her to study government in Washington and she is now in her first year at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Any Alaska student interested in education or government is invited to apply for a grant that will enable them to study away from their home residence. The 11-member Board of Directors selects the winners.

The amount of money to cover the cost of the awards for 1979 was raised as contributions to the Fund at a birthday party for the Executive Director on Capitol Hill in Washington in November.

Applications will be available in all colleges and secondary schools in Alaska the beginning of January at the respective guidance offices and should be returned as soon as possible. The applications may also be obtained by writing to Gene Kennedy, Executive Director, Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Fund, Apt., N. 521, 800 Fourth St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.