

## **The Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship Fund**

The Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship committee, on behalf of the City of Soldotna, will conduct an annual scholarship process to determine who will receive scholarships from the Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship fund. The City of Soldotna manages a scholarship endowment which was funded from Dr. Anderson's family in his memory.

Dr. Anderson was a dedicated physician to the residents of the central peninsula for 36 years. He delivered over 5,000 babies in that time and was also the only physician in the state who offered services for in vitro fertilization. He believed strongly in education and public service and was on the KPBS School Board for 16 years. He also served on the Soldotna City Council and twice as mayor of Soldotna including at the time of his death. He was a strong advocate of Scouting and served many years as a scout master and in various other district scouting positions. 5 of his children graduated from SoHi. He believed in all types of post secondary training and as a result two types of scholarships will be funded - two for those pursuing an 4 year degree that could lead to a profession in a medically related field and one for trade or vocational or trade school in a medically related field.

The Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship Fund Committee awards scholarships based on the qualifications of each applicant. There are two types of scholarship awards available for students applying for a Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship:

1. Recipients pursuing a four year post secondary education will receive either a one-time scholarship of \$1,600 or a one-time scholarship of \$975.
2. Recipients pursuing an education in a vocational/technical school will receive a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship.

### **Eligibility Criteria for a Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship:**

A Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship is available to high school seniors, whose legal residence is in Alaska and meet the criteria outlined below. The purpose of each award is to cover tuition, fees, room and board, and books.

1. Applicants must be a high school senior attending high school in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.
2. Applicants must be pursuing a post-secondary education at an accredited college, university or an appropriate vocational/technical school of choice beginning no later than the fall semester of 2026.
3. Applicants must have minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5(vocational/technical school) or 3.0 (four year post- secondary education) in their respective high school transcript.

### **Applications are available at the following places:**

1. Online at [www.soldotna.org/scholarships](http://www.soldotna.org/scholarships) ;
2. Soldotna City Hall (177 Birch, Soldotna, AK 99669);
3. KPBSD students may find an application on the OneStop Portal; or
4. Contact your high school counselor.

**Applications must be turned in to Soldotna City Hall, located at 177 Birch, Soldotna, Alaska, 99669, by March 20, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. or applications which are mailed must postmarked by March 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

The Scholarship Committee at its sole and absolute discretion will score applications based on the qualifications of each applicant. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award at their

respective high schools awards ceremony or by mail. The decision of the committee is final and there are no appeals. Funds will be sent directly to the recipient's school of choice upon receipt of proof of enrollment. **It is the student's responsibility to provide proof of enrollment to the committee prior to arranging the transfer of awarded funds.**

The Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship Fund Committee consists of the following individuals:

John Michael Jeremy Anderson

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David Patat

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If you have any questions please email the committee at [drandersonscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:drandersonscholarship@gmail.com)

### **The 2026 Dr. John Nels Anderson Scholarship Application**

#### **Each Applicant shall submit the following documents in order:**

1. **Cover Page**

The cover page shall include the applicants name, home mailing address, phone number(s), email address, parent(s)/guardian(s) name, parent(s)/guardian(s) address, parent(s)/guardian(s) phone number (s), their high school's name, the college or school they desire to attend, the date the semester begins, intended major, and a photo (optional).

2. **Resume**

The resume shall be in a traditional format and shall include the following:

- A. Header: Applicants name, home mailing address, phone number(s), email address.
- B. Work Experience
- C. Community service/Volunteer work
- D. Extra-curricular Activities
- E. Awards/Honors/Recognitions

3. **Personal Essay**

The personal essay shall not exceed 500 words, in size 12 font, double spaced. Applicants shall answer the following question:

**"What are your career and personal goals and why have you chosen these goals?"**

4. **Letters of Recommendation**

Each applicant shall submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation (maximum of three letters of recommendation) from individuals who are not related to the applicant.

5. **A Certified Transcript**

An official transcript, enclosed and sealed in an envelope

**\*By submitting your application, you are granting the Scholarship Committee the right to use your name, picture, and/or any part of your application for advertising purposes in any medium.**