



Kenai Borough Employees Association
Kenai Peninsula Borough
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2026 KBEA Scholarship Application

Kenai Borough Employees Association (KBEA) is looking to award two \$750.00 scholarships. KBEA is the union of over 200 Borough employees. These employees fund the scholarships through their union dues.

The following criteria will be used to award the scholarships:

1. Applicant must submit a typed essay containing a minimum of 250 words telling us about your past, present, and what you expect of the future. Feel free to include any information you feel will make you stand out: challenges overcome and/or successes. This essay should reflect your overall attitude and goals.
2. Applicant must complete the Student Information Sheet (attached) and have it reviewed and signed by your school counselor.
3. Applicant must submit a copy of acceptance to a post-secondary educational institution or a completed application. Include a complete address for the institution. The applicant must be working toward a degree or toward certification in a vocation/technical course of study on a full-time basis during the academic year immediately following high school graduation. Attendance at the institution must be in person, not via correspondence or via the internet.
4. Applicant must submit three (3) reference letters: one from the community, and two from school. *No family members may be used as references*. Photo copies of letters are acceptable.
5. Applicant must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA. A copy of your high school transcript must be attached. Also attach SAT and/or ACT test results if available.

Application Scoring Information

Essay (20 points)

The Scholarship Committee seeks to identify the high school senior(s) that stands out from their peers as a result of personal aptitude and demonstrated diligence in meeting duties and obligations to family, school, community and self. The essay provides insight into the applicant's value system and goals. Significant personal events will reflect on character development and the applicant's personal value system resulting in a desire to contribute to society through achieving worthwhile goals.

Example: I want to complete a degree in _____ at _____ University in order to contribute to _____.

Involvement in Activities (School & Community) (20 points)

College admission standards recognize that being socially successful can be as important as being academically successful. The Scholarship Committee seeks to identify the well-rounded student that has been successful in areas other than just academics. Participation in school activities, community service, scouting, employment, and contests will be considered.

Academics (20 points)

Proper academic preparation is important to be successful at a specified academic endeavor. While a high grade point average (GPA) reflects success in classes, the actual classes taken are important to insure proper academic preparation to be successful in an institution of higher learning.

Example: An expressed desire to enter the medical profession should be backed by the student having taken the best science courses offered by their school.



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Financial Plan (15 points)

Needing funds to attend school is common among all college bound students. Evaluation will be made whether the student has a reasonable plan as to how their education will be funded.

Not all college bound students have had an equal opportunity during their school years. If there are hardships that should be taken into consideration please explain (examples; low-income families, students on their own, physical challenges, etc.)

References (10 points)

What do other people think about the applicant in terms of aptitude and diligence in meeting duties and obligations to family, school, community and self?

Attendance at an institution of higher learning in Alaska (5 points)

The KBEA wishes to promote Alaska educational institutions. Also attending college in state can imply a wise use of limited funding.

KBEA Dependent (10 points)

Extra-points provided since this is a KBEA-sponsored scholarship program

Student Checklist

The following **must** be included in your packet for it to be considered complete:

- Essay
- Student Information Sheet – signed by school counselor
- Application/Acceptance to a post-secondary educational institution
- Reference Letters – 3 total (1 from the community, 2 from your school)
- High School Transcript and/or SAT or ACT test results

Application deadline is March 31, 2026

- Applications mailed must be postmarked by the deadline or delivered to the information/front desk of the Borough Building in Soldotna by the deadline. The address is listed at the top of this page. Application may also be delivered via email at ashirnberg@kpb.us, please put *KBEA Scholarship Application* in the subject line of the email.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All items on the checklist must be attached together and not sent separately.
- Awardees will be notified by May 1, 2026.
- Scholarship payments will be sent directly to the educational institution in August.
- PLEASE NOTE: Materials submitted will not be returned. Photocopies are acceptable.



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Student Information Sheet

Name		High School	
Mailing Address			
Contact Phone		Email	
Parents/Guardians Name			
Are your parents/guardians members of the Kenai Borough Employees Association? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If YES what department does he/she work in?			
What is your parents/guardians contact phone number?			

1. Have you ever had a job during your high school years? YES NO
 If YES, how long? _____ Hours Per Week? _____ Seasonal or Year-Round? _____

Comments:

2. Financial Statement to estimate monies required for the first year after high school:
- Refer to the catalog of the institution to which you are applying. It will have standard cost for tuition, room and board, books and supplies.
 - Talk with your parents/guardians. Reach estimates of what it will cost, and where the money will come from, for your first year. Don't forget about other sources such as Alaska Student Loans and the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend.
 - Use this information to complete the financial statement below, or attach a similar document.

Estimated expenses for the first year:

Estimated funding to meet expenses:

Tuition & fees	<input type="text"/>
Books & Supplies	<input type="text"/>
Room & Board	<input type="text"/>
Personal expenses	<input type="text"/>
Travel expenses	<input type="text"/>
Total Expenses	<input type="text"/>

Parents	<input type="text"/>
Own Earnings	<input type="text"/>
AK Student Loan	<input type="text"/>
AK Permanent Fund	<input type="text"/>
Other loans/Scholarships	<input type="text"/>
Total Available	<input type="text"/>

Subtract Total Available from Total Expenses to give

Calculated Need:



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3. Extra-Curricular Activities. Listed below are six categories. List the activities you were/are involved in. If need attach additional typed pages.

Community Service and Volunteer Work:

Student Government:

Honors:

Sports:

Clubs:

Other:

4. If you could spend a day with an influential person, who would it be and why?



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5. Any other information you would like to add may be written here:

I hereby attest that this is my application and that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If chosen as a recipient, I agree to provide my social security number so that the scholarship payment can be properly identified by the education institution being attended.

Applicant's Signature

Date

I have reviewed the Scholarship packet, and have verified that all of the required information is enclosed.

High School Counselor's Signature

Date