

To: Graduating Seniors of Ninilchik High School

**NOTICE OF THE
ERLING KVASNIKOFF COLLEGE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**



Erling Kvasnikoff grew up in Ninilchik. He fished with his Dad on a hand trap and later fished a gill netter. Erling attended school in Ninilchik from 1946 until 1957. As one who loved the sea, Erling joined the Navy in 1958. He served on a Destroyer as a radioman operator. In his last year in the Navy he was transferred to Kodiak, Alaska where he remained after leaving the Navy and acquired and fished his own boat. He lived in Kodiak until he retired and moved back to Ninilchik where he remained until his death. Erling will always be remembered as a great story teller and guitar player. He loved life, his family and his friends. He was a father, brother, uncle, friend, fisherman and adventurer to those who knew and loved him.

In his will, Erling established the Erling Kvasnikoff College Education Fund to provide a scholarship annually to one senior graduating from Ninilchik High School with the aptitude, ability and desire to attend college (or other school as described below) and who shows promise to contribute much more to society with additional education, but who would not be able to attend without financial assistance. Every senior graduating from Ninilchik High School may apply.

The applicant who is successfully awarded the scholarship shall receive up to \$3,200 per semester to be applied to education expenses for attendance at a college, junior college, trade school or specialized or vocational training facility approved by the Selection Committee. The award to any one recipient shall total no more than \$25,000. In order to continue to receive interim payments up to the maximum of \$25,000, each Erling Kvasnikoff Scholarship recipient must remain enrolled as a full time student and must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA average. If any recipient fails to satisfy any of those conditions, the scholarship payments shall cease and the remaining funds earmarked for that recipient shall remain in the Fund for future scholarship recipients, unless the Selection Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, finds good cause to excuse the failure of the recipient to meet any of the conditions. Throughout the period of awards to an Erling Kvasnikoff Scholarship recipient, the Selection Committee may, from time to time in its discretion, require the recipient to provide to the

Selection Committee proof of acceptance and continued enrollment in the approved school, proof of the cost of tuition, books, and lab fees (which may be paid directly to the school), and proof of the recipient's grade point average.

The senior selected for the scholarship shall be advised on or before graduation night. All decisions of the Selection Committee shall be supported by a majority vote of the three members and shall be final. The members of the initial Selection Committee are: Wayne Kvasnikoff, Dan Leman and Greg Encelewski. Applications can be obtained from the school counselor at Ninilchik School. They will also be available on the KPBSD Scholarship Database. Applications should be accompanied by a written statement by the applicant stating the applicant's intent and desire with respect to obtaining further education, including the name of the school and program the applicant wants to be enrolled in, an acceptance letter from such school if it has been already obtained, a transcript of his or her high school grades and three or more letters of recommendation.

*If you have any questions, call Dan Leman at 907-398-6733
or email the Selection Committee at either
setnetter2003@yahoo.com*

- * Due to the school counselor or front office at ninilchik School by May 4th, 2026
- * Can also scan to Dan Leman at
setnetter2003@yahoo.com

APPLICATION
(Erling Kvasnikoff College Education Scholarship)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian
address: _____

Years residing
in Ninilchik: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

College or School
you desire to attend: _____

Date Semester will
commence: _____

Credit Hours to be
taken during semester: _____

Intended major,
if known: _____

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please attach:

1. A written statement by the applicant stating the applicant's intent and desire with respect to obtaining further education. Please include the name or names of the school(s) you desire to attend and the intended major or program you wish to take if you have already selected a major or field of study. It is not required that you have made such an election.
2. A copy of any acceptance letter from a school the applicant wants to be enrolled in, if one has already been obtained (not required to apply).
3. Your Ninilchik High School transcript.
4. Any letters of recommendation that you desire to submit

AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

I authorize the Selection Committee and any of its members to access all my current and ongoing personal and academic records and transcripts for so long as I am under consideration for an Erling Kvasnikoff Scholarship or am receiving awards as an Erling Kvasnikoff Scholarship recipient.

AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

If awarded an Erling Kvasnikoff Scholarship, I understand that I will receive awards of no more than \$3,200 per semester ("awards") to be applied to education expenses for attendance at a college, junior college, trade school or specialized or vocational training facility. The Scholarship awards shall total no more than \$25,000. In order to continue to receive awards each semester, I must remain enrolled as a full time student and must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. If I fail to satisfy those conditions, the scholarship awards may, in the absolute discretion of the Selection Committee, cease. Upon request of the Selection Committee from time to time throughout the period of I am receiving awards as an Erling Kvasnikoff Scholarship recipient, the Selection Committee may require me to provide to the Selection Committee proof of acceptance and continued enrollment, proof of the education expenses being incurred (tuition, books, and lab fees) and proof of my grade point average. If I fail to timely provide the proof requested, my awards may be terminated by the Selection Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.

I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the Selection Committee.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____