

## Thrive Ninilchik-Barbee Scholarship

The Thrive Ninilchik-Barbee Scholarship is for a graduate or GED student of the Ninilchik School or a home-schooled graduate from Ninilchik area. The scholarship is awarded annually for up to four years and will be paid directly to the award winner's chosen college, university, vocational, trade school, or apprenticeship program. The 2026 award amount will be \$1,000 for the first year however more funds may be given in the future. Preference will be granted to a local resident who is choosing a practical career that benefits the Ninilchik Community and/or Alaska. All forms of post secondary education are encouraged to apply.

### Eligibility – Initial Grant and Annually

New candidates are:

- Scheduled for current school year graduation from the Ninilchik area or recently attained GED.
- Maintaining a 2.5 GPA or better in the current school year.

Returning grant recipients:

- Maintaining a 3.0 GPA average or equivalent (to be eligible for subsequent year scholarship).

### Criteria

Candidates will complete and submit:

- Informational Cover Letter, see below.
- Two Letters of Recommendation (non-relatives).
- Copy of letter of acceptance into post secondary education/training.
- Official Transcript
- Personal Resume to include community service, leadership positions, and school activities. These may be organized or personally attained opportunities.
- Personal Essay Guidelines for Scholarship Applications approximately 800-1000 words:
  1. Educational Goals Describe the specific education or skills you wish to pursue that will help you secure employment in your chosen field.
  2. Impact of the Scholarship Explain how receiving this scholarship will assist you in gaining the necessary skills and knowledge to achieve your career goals and make a positive contribution to Alaska.
  3. Specific Skills and Knowledge Identify the specific skills and knowledge you aim to develop and explain why they are important to your career aspirations.
  4. Career Path Clearly state the job or career you hope to obtain with these skills and knowledge.
  5. Significance Discuss why acquiring this education is crucial for your personal development and for benefitting your community in Alaska.

Please keep your essay concise and focused. The application must be completed and submitted by hardcopy to Thrive Ninilchik-Barbee Scholarship, PO Box 39828, Ninilchik, AK 99639, by April 1st. Finalists will be chosen and interviewed by Thrive Ninilchik Board and prominent community members of non-relation to applicants. Awards to be presented during the candidate's Graduation ceremony.

If you have questions completing this application, please contact Mark Barbee at 941-780-4424 or email [thriveninilchik@gmail.com](mailto:thriveninilchik@gmail.com) (using the Subject line "Thrive Ninilchik-Barbee Scholarship Grant").

### Education Postponement

If the winner chooses to postpone the grant, the scholarship grant may be received from up to one year from the date of graduation, depending upon selection committee review and approval.

Thank you for your interest in applying for this scholarship.

# COVER LETTER

## Candidate Information

(Please print and write legibly, bonus for filling in on a manual keyboard)

Name:		Years in Ninilchik:
Mailing Address:		
Physical Address:		
Phone:	Email:	HS GPA:
Previous Thrive Ninilchik-Barbee Scholarship Recipient: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>  Previous Year GPA: _____  Post Secondary Education currently attending: _____  Field of Study Seeking: _____	<b>NO</b>  Identify the school\program you wish to attend: _____  Field of Study Seeking: _____

Certification: I certify that all the information I have provided for this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide the information required on this application now and on request, including proof of enrollment, transcripts, and any and all additional supporting documentation and information as required and requested by the scholarship committee and/or individual committee members. I further agree, if chosen, to provide a short, written paragraph to be published on the value of the scholarship award I received toward my academic\professional pursuits for media purposes. Please Note - The scholarship will be paid directly to the award winner's chosen school\academy\institute. If I fail to satisfy any conditions set forth herein, the scholarship may, at the absolute discretion of the selection committee, cease and terminate.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print your name:** \_\_\_\_\_