

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 secretary, Patty Tilbury, and must be completed and submitted to her no later than May 9, 2013. 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 907-567-3361 or Greg Encelewski at 907-567-3925 or email the Selection Committee at either setnetter@email.com or ninilchik@hotmail.com.