

JUNE NELSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



28th Annual Scholarship Competition 2nd Year Applicants

Win a \$1,500 Scholarship

Application Deadline March 25, 2019

The Association of Alaska School Boards is proud to announce its 28th Annual Scholarship Award Competition. The June Nelson Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of the late June Nelson, longtime school board member from Kotzebue. June contributed much to the cause of education, and will be remembered for her outstanding service on behalf of Alaska's children.

This 2018-2019 school year, AASB will award fifteen \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward post-secondary education. Thirteen of these scholarships are available for graduating seniors and two may be awarded to returning college sophomores.

Application

The student shall complete and submit all of the following using the online application (click link below):

[https://](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019JNMS2ndYear)

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- Short application form
- Copy of your Fall semester grades (as long as you maintained a 2.0 GPA or above)
- Completed essay

Scholarship Information

The winners of the June Nelson Memorial Scholarship Awards will be announced after April 6, 2019.



If you have any questions or difficulty, please call or e-mail AASB at:

phone (907) 463-1660 email aasb@aasb.org
www.aasb.org

Essay Topic

What advice would you give to graduating seniors about the transition from high school to college/business/trade school? What hurdles have you had to overcome and why has the experience been worth it?

Six Trait Writing Rubric

Readers for the scholarship essay will use the Six Trait Writing Rubric. This rubric identifies and evaluates six traits, or characteristics, of effective writing on a six point scale, with 6 the highest score and 1 the lowest. The rubric is designed to provide a consistent scoring method based on recognized characteristics of effective writing.

Descriptions of the Essay Traits

- *Ideas/Content:* This trait addresses the writer's theme along with the supporting details that develop and enrich that theme. Ideas should be clear, complete, and well developed.
- *Organization:* This trait addresses the structure of a piece of writing including the thread of central meaning and the patterns that hold the piece together. A well-thought out order of ideas should be apparent with a consciously planned opening and closing.
- *Voice:* The type of voice will vary according to the purpose and type of piece, but it should be appropriately formal or casual, distant or intimate, depending on the audience and purpose.
- *Word Choice:* This trait reflects the writer's use of specific words and phrases to convey the intended message in an interesting, precise, and natural way appropriate to audience and purpose.
- *Sentence Fluency:* This trait addresses the rhythm and flow of language. Sentence structure should be strong and varied.
- *Conventions:* This trait addresses the mechanics of writing, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraph breaks. It also includes proper format.

An average of 6 or 5: Exceeds the Expectation
An average of 4: Meets the Expectation
An average of 3: Approaches the Expectation
An average of 2 or 1: Falls Far Below the Expectation

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