



AASB's 33rd Annual
**June Nelson Memorial
Scholarship Competition**

Win a \$1,500 Scholarship!

The Association of Alaska School Boards is proud to announce its 33rd Annual Scholarship Award Competition. The June Nelson Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of the late June Nelson, a 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 scholarship is made possible and funded by individual contributions of school board members and administrators from across the state!

This 2023-2024 school year, AASB will award up to fifteen \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward post-secondary education! Up to two of these may be awarded to returning college sophomores. Up to two scholarships may specifically be given to students planning to attend trade/vocational schools.

Essay Prompt

Who or what in your educational experience has influenced your direction in life?

1st year applicants, apply here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/24JuneNelsonScholarship>

Returning winners from 2022-2023 apply here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2ndYear_JuneNelson

Application Submission Deadline:

April 1st, 2024 by 5:00 pm AKST



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*If you have any questions or difficulties, please call
(907) 463-1660 or email us at aasb@aasb.org.*

June Nelson Memorial Scholarship Guidelines



1. **Up to fifteen \$1,500 AASB Scholarships** will be awarded this 2023-2024 school year.
2. **Qualifications**
 - a. The student must be graduating this school year.
 - b. The student must be accepted as a full-time student by either a business, trade, or college institution.
 - c. Only students graduating from AASB's member school districts will be considered for the scholarship award. Students attending private schools are not considered.
3. **Application** The student shall complete and submit the following to AASB by using the online application:
 - a. Student and school information
 - b. Response to the essay question up to 750 words in length
 - c. Student Activities
 - d. Copy of your high school transcript with cumulative GPA
 - e. Acceptance letter from a business, trade, or college institution.* If you haven't been formally accepted at the time of applying, you may submit your application package to AASB without the acceptance letter but don't forget to submit it by **April 1st, 2024**.
 - f. Two letters of recommendation, one from a community member and one from a teacher.
 - g. SAT or ACT scores

*College Acceptance letters: If the student does not receive an acceptance letter from their institution of choice, one from another school or housing agreement (anything that shows the student has been accepted) will suffice.

Six Trait Writing Rubric

Readers scoring the application will use the Six-Trait writing rubric. This rubric identifies and evaluates six traits or characteristics of effective writing on a six-point scale. The rubric is designed to provide a consistent scoring method based on recognized traits of effective writing.

Descriptions of the Traits

- ***Idea/Content***: This trait addresses the writer's theme along with the supporting details that develop and enrich the 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 the audience and purpose.

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- *Sentence Fluency*: This trait addresses the rhythm and flow of language. The 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.

Application Scoring

In addition to the points earned for the essay, there are three (3) additional areas for which scholarship reviewers can award the application points.

Unique Circumstances: Committee members may take into consideration things like the remoteness of the students' home/school district, a student's family situation, learning disabilities, work, illness, or other hardships. There is no hard and fast rule. It is also entirely possible that a student does not require unique circumstances. Maximum points: 15

Student Activities: Provide information on the following activities that you have been involved in during high school. This includes: Community Involvement, Extra-Curricular Activities or Cultural Activities and Family Traditions. Maximum points: 30

Letters of Recommendation: Students must submit two letters of recommendation, one from a community member and one from a teacher. Points are awarded based on the inclusion of the letters, NOT on the content of the letters. Maximum points: 5