

# Alaska Power Association **Hank Nikkels Scholarship for Engineers**



Alaska Power Association (APA) is offering scholarship opportunities of up to \$4,000 and textbook stipends of up to \$1,000 for Alaska residents attending college who are **studying engineering**. APA is the statewide trade association for the electric utilities that supply power to more than a half-million Alaskans in communities from Utqiagvik to Adak, through the Interior and Southcentral, and down the Inside Passage.

Hank Nikkels was a 25-year management employee of the Municipality of Anchorage at Chugach Electric Association (FKA Municipal Light & Power) and a leader in Alaska's electric industry who died in 2002. The Alaska Power Association membership established a scholarship in his memory to help ensure future electric utility leaders have an opportunity to further their education in the electric power industry.



## Rules of eligibility

- The scholarship is for Alaska residents attending college in Alaska or outside of Alaska full-time or part-time working toward obtaining a doctoral, Master or Bachelor of Science degree in engineering (electrical, mechanical, civil, or computer science).
- Students pursuing a bachelor's degree must be at least a sophomore.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average at the time of application.
- Preference will be given to students from communities that receive electric power from an Alaska Power Association member electric utility. Additional points will be given to in-state students during scholarship application evaluations.

## Scholarship process

A completed and signed application (on the next page) must be accompanied by:

- A current college academic transcript (an official transcript is preferred)
- A letter of recommendation from each of the following individuals:
  - Instructor or department chair
  - Community member, industry member, or employer
  - Personal reference (not a family member)
- A 500-word essay, including a personal history, which addresses this question:
  - In what role do you see yourself contributing to the electric industry in Alaska?

**The completed application (see next page) and the supporting documentation (transcript, letters of recommendation, and essay) must be received by Alaska Power Association no later than 5 p.m. Friday, August 15, 2025.** It is the responsibility of the scholarship applicant to contact Alaska Power Association to ensure that the scholarship packet was received by the deadline.

For more information, contact Michael Rovito, Deputy Director, at [mrovito@alaskapower.org](mailto:mrovito@alaskapower.org), 1-907-771-5711 (office).

Alaska Power Association, 703 West Tudor Road, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

## Alaska Power Association Hank Nikkels Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/College \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade point average \_\_\_\_\_ (Provide current official college academic transcript)

List any honors and awards

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List any participation you have had in academic or electric industry-related organizations:

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Estimated graduation date from your educational program (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate/Degree \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all answers to the preceding questions are true and correct. I understand that any false answers or deliberate omissions on this application may be grounds for rejection of this application and withdrawal of any award granted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Important Notes

The Alaska Power Association Scholarship Committee will select the finalists based on the merits of the application and support documentation. Finalists may be interviewed.

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If a hardcopy is delivered, applications should be submitted to Alaska Power Association in a sealed envelope that states, “APA Hank Nikkels Scholarship Application: Not to be opened until after the closing date.” The application and backup materials may also be submitted via e-mail at **[scholarships@alaskapower.org](mailto:scholarships@alaskapower.org)**.

Alaska Power Association’s physical and mailing address is 703 West Tudor Road, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. It is the responsibility of the scholarship applicant to contact Alaska Power Association to ensure that the scholarship packet was received by the deadline. E-mailed applications will be acknowledged via a reply upon their receipt.

In the event no qualified applications are received, the committee reserves the right to forego awarding a scholarship in a given year.

Self-guided checklist for applicants:

- ☐ Signed application form
- ☐ A current college academic transcript (an official transcript is preferred)
- ☐ Three letters of recommendation
  - Instructor or department chair
  - Community, industry member, or employer
  - Personal reference (not a family member)
- ☐ 500-word essay, including a personal history, which addresses this question:
  - In what role do you see yourself contributing to the electric industry in Alaska?
- ☐ Sealed envelope that states, “APA Hank Nikkels Scholarship Application: Not to be opened until after the closing date,” or submittal via e-mail to [scholarships@alaskapower.org](mailto:scholarships@alaskapower.org).

The scholarship recipient will be publicly announced at the Alaska Power Association 74th Annual Meeting Awards Banquet on September 25, 2025, in Cordova, Alaska. After being selected, the scholarship recipients will be asked to supply a photograph that will be used in a presentation during the trade association’s awards banquet. **(Note: APA plans to award scholarships before the start of the fall semester.)**

Scholarship recipients are required to provide the Alaska Power Association Board of Directors with a brief summary of academic achievements and a copy of an official transcript one year after receipt of the scholarship funds.