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**Fair to Award \$4,250 in Scholarships**  
*2016 Scholarship Applications Due April 1*

Palmer, Alaska – The [Alaska State Fair](#) invites Alaska high school students to apply for a 2016 Fair scholarship. The Fair will award \$4,250 in scholarships to five students this year. The application deadline is Friday, April 1, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Scholarships include \$1,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, \$750 for third place, and two honorable mentions of \$500 each. Every student who submits a completed application will also receive two free admissions to the 2016 Fair.

All Alaska junior and senior high school students who plan to attend college or vocational school are eligible to apply. Students who applied last year should prepare a new application, as resubmissions from the previous year will be disqualified.

Applications should include:

- Cover letter including student's name, address, phone and email, school name and phone, counselor's name, and the name of the college or vocational school he or she plans to attend
- Extracurricular resume including interests, clubs, community service and/or employment
- One letter of recommendation
- A photo that may be used for publicity purposes
- Written essay (1,000 words or less) or creative project (audio, video, performance or visual arts, business plan, social media campaign, arts and crafts, photography, etc.). Please note that DVDs will not be accepted. Students should instead submit videos through the [Fair's website](#).

The written essay or creative project should address one of the following topics:

- In light of the [Fair's mission statement](#), how can the Fair have a greater benefit on your community or in the state of Alaska?
- The Alaska State Fair is always looking for innovative and fun events, activities and contests that are free with fair admission to fairgoers. Create a new event, activity or contest that has minimal cost for the Fair.
- The Alaska State Fair's primary purpose is to educate fairgoers. How could the Fair improve its educational programming to be more relevant to youth?

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- How would you use a 12-foot by 12-foot booth space at the Fair to start your own business or to sell goods or services?

Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to the Alaska State Fair, 2075 Glenn Hwy., Palmer, Alaska 99645 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016.

In 2015, the Fair awarded \$4,250 in scholarships to five Alaska high school students: Zelek McNeilly, Linda Kimoktoak, Aleksander Pierson Rentz, Arvinelle Gandia and Michael Dale.

For more information, visit [alaskastatefair.org](http://alaskastatefair.org) or contact Kelly Larson, Fair marketing and communication manager, at 907.746.7164 or [kelly@alaskastatefair.org](mailto:kelly@alaskastatefair.org).

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