

**Thomas K. Besh Memorial Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Award Application
2016-2017 Academic Year**

Tom Besh was first and foremost an educator with an abiding love for the mountains, running, skiing, and adventure. Tom's associations and contributions to the sport of skiing are many and varied commencing with his ski racing career, evolving into a prominent ski coach, and continuing as a driving force behind the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage. Tom coached at the high school, collegiate, and national level and was a professor of education at UAA. He is also one of a select few to win Mountain Marathon in under 45 minutes.

In his honor, we award this scholarship to individuals who similarly share Tom's love and dedication of skiing and/or outdoor adventure while continuing to exemplify academics, sportsmanship and volunteerism with goals to continue this lifestyle in the future.

Scholarship Information:

Two \$2000 scholarships awarded for the academic year 2016-2017.

Requirements:

Completed application including:

- High school and/or collegiate transcripts
- SAT or ACT scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- 1-2 page essay describing athletic, academic, and community involvement and your goals for maintaining these achievements for future years to come.

Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater

Must be an Alaska resident: senior, high school graduate, or attending an accredited university.

Must be attending an accredited university/college for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Preference given to Alaska residents who will be attending school in Alaska.

Applications will be available online at anchoragenordicski.com or at your high school Career Resource Office.

Applications are due no later than April 15, 2016. A decision will be made by May 1st and applicants notified thereafter.

Please email a completed application to leahbesh@gmail.com or mail to 1426 W 23rd Ave Anchorage, AK 99503. Scanned documents will be accepted but are subject to verification.

If you feel you are a qualified candidate please provide the following:

Name: _____ Sex: M F
School Currently Attending: _____ Years Attended _____
Birth Place _____ Birth Date _____
Local Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
Email address: _____ Phone #: _____

*We will communicate with applicants primarily via email, please check accordingly.

Previously Attended High Schools (include location and dates of attendance):

1. List your extra curricular activities and honors received:
2. List your academic achievements or honors received:
3. What are your college plans (list schools and please update the selection board if there are changes):

4. Please list educational costs:

	Amount (\$)
Tuition	
Room, board, books	
Other costs	

5. Please list sources of educational funding:

Educational Funding	Amount (\$)
Savings	
Other Scholarship/Grants	
Estimated Family Contribution	

I certify that all of the information included in this application packet is factual and true. Any information that has been falsified or misrepresented may result in the withdrawal of recommendations and forfeiture of the award.

Applicant Signature and Date