

Senator Bettye Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund

Applications Open February 4th, 2021 - April 8th, 2021

The Senator Bettye Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund is currently accepting applications.

North to the Future Business Professional Women presents, in partnership with the Rasmuson Foundation, and managed by The Alaska Community Foundation, the Senator Bettye Davis Memorial Scholarship. **The 2021 Senator Bettye Davis Memorial Scholarship fund will accept applications February 4th, 2021 to March 31st, 2021.** Applications must be submitted on the Alaska Community Foundation no later than 5:00 pm Alaska Standard Time.



Mrs. Bettye Davis graduated from Elliott High School in Bernice, La., and received her bachelor's degree in social work from Grambling State University. She began her career as a nurse at Alaska Psychiatric Institute and retired from the State of Alaska, as a social worker with the Department of Health and Social Services. Upon retirement, she served as a member of the Anchorage School Board for 11 years, including two years on the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Davis served as an Alaska State Representative from 1990-1996, and became the first African-American to be elected as an Alaska State Senator in 2000, where she served until 2012. Davis was a Democratic Party member of the Alaska Senate, representing the K District.

Senator Davis had a love for her community and the state of Alaska, and was specifically devoted to education, children's issues, health care, women's rights and the advancement of minorities. She was steadfast in her faith and was a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for more than 45 years.

Scholarship awards are up to \$1,000 with the opportunity to reapply to renew the award up to 3 years.

Qualifications:

- Woman of minority origin, identified as: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, or Hispanic
- Resident of the State of Alaska
- Proof of participation in community service activities and/or social programs
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Preference:

- High School Senior
- Students currently enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school
- Applicants with professional aspirations aligned to public service (i.e. Public School Educators, Government Servants and Community Leaders)

Criteria:

- Resume
- Personal Essay (One page minimum)
- Transcripts
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Verification of Application or Acceptance to post-secondary institution

IMPORTANT: Successful applicants must submit their student ID number and program information to ACF through the online system before their award can be disbursed. If we do not receive the above information by **July 31, 2021, the scholarship may not be awarded. Please contact ACF if you cannot send in the information by this date.**

Contact The Alaska Community Foundation with questions: scholarships@alaskacf.org or 907-334-6700

To Apply visit: <https://alaskacf.org/blog/scholarships/bettye-davis-memorial-scholarship-fund/>

Deadline: April 8th, 2021