



April 26, 2021

To: All Graduating Seniors

Re: All-America City Scholarship

The City of Valdez offers two \$2,500 scholarships each year to graduating Valdez High School seniors who plan to pursue full-time higher education.

The scholarship program was established in 1982 as a lasting reminder of the All-America City honor awarded to the City of Valdez in 1965 and 1981.

The intent of the scholarship program is to encourage civic involvement among the youth of Valdez, while encouraging continuation of education.

Any student wishing to apply should complete the application package, which must include the following:

1. **City 2021 All-America Scholarship application form;**
2. **Personal letter of application;**
3. **Three letters of reference relating to the student's civic involvement;**
4. **Copy of the student's Valdez High School Transcript; and**
5. **Copy of the student's letter of acceptance or conditional acceptance to a college or university.**

Scholarship application packets are available on the City's website, at Valdez City Hall, and through the guidance counselor at Valdez High School.

Applications must be received in the Office of the City Clerk **no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, May 10, 2021.**

Late or incomplete application packages will not be accepted.

Applications should be delivered to Valdez City Hall or mailed to the following address:

City of Valdez All-America City Scholarship Committee
Attn: Deputy City Clerk
Valdez City Hall
P.O. Box 307
Valdez, Alaska 99686

The scholarship committee will review applications and select scholarship recipients. Awards will be presented at the Valdez High School awards night ceremony in May 2021.

For questions or concerns regarding the scholarship application process, please call (907) 834-3468 or email aferko@valdezak.gov

Sincerely,
Allie Ferko, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

2021 ALL-AMERICA CITY SCHOLASHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. **COMPLETED 2021 ALL-AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM.**
2. **PERSONAL LETTER OF APPLICATION**, which should be addressed to the All-America City Scholarship Review Committee and include the following:
 - a. Personal history- Information about yourself, your family, what you like to do, and your plans for the future.
 - b. Educational plans- Why you wish to go to a college or university, the name of the college or university you plan to attend, your field of study choice, and why you chose that particular field.
 - c. Civic involvement- Describe your involvement in civic and/or community affairs while in high school, your leadership experience, and your reasons for thinking civic involvement is important.
3. **THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE**, specifically relating to your civic involvement and/or community leadership experience. *Please do not submit more than three letters of reference.*
4. **COPY OF YOUR VALDEZ HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.**
5. **LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE OR CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE FROM YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.**

