

Alaska EXCEL
PAY- it- FORWARD Scholarship
Application Checklist



You can use this scholarship if you need training or preparation for trades, jobs, or the military! (see page 4) Read on for the eligibility requirements.

I have earned 1 high school credit with Alaska EXCEL, the equivalent of 2 EXCEL sessions (9, 10, 11, 12, or specialty session) or 1 Summer XL Camp. (Due to Covid-19, NSBSD students need to have .5 credits for this application)

STOP! Check your eligibility! You must check the above box before moving forward. You must have earned 1 credit through EXCEL to be eligible.

If you are unsure, contact Tony Wilson 907-222-0798 or twilson@excelalaska.org to find out.

Application Check List/Cover Page: **See Application & Personal Statement Scoring Guide**

Personal Statement: **See Personal Statement Directions**

Reference letters: **See Scoring Guide**

Resumé: **See Resumé Scoring Guide**
(must include reference letter from school staff or employer)

Current high-school senior to 24 years of age (at time of application deadline)

Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

Applications must be submitted no later than November 20th 11:59pm

- Winter Scholarship DUE: November 20th
- Spring Scholarship to be announced
- Summer Scholarship to be announced

To submit your application, choose one of the following methods:

- Use the link on the website to fill it out online:
<https://alaskaexcel.org/college-and-careers/scholarships/>
- Download the pdf file or use fillable pdf and email to Tony Wilson:
twilson@excelalaska.org
- Print the pdf, send it by USPS mail to:
Alaska EXCEL / ATTN: Tony Wilson
4141 University Drive / Anchorage, AK 99508

Application Cover Page

Name: _____

School: _____ Senior graduation year: _____

Address: _____

Email
Address: _____

Phone
Number: _____

1. Post-secondary training of choice (university, training center, military, etc.):

2. Career Training Preferred (military career included):

3. Estimated cost of training (may include driver's license, food workers card, etc.)

Personal Statement Directions:

1. Use these topics for each paragraph:

- First paragraph – Introduce yourself
- Second paragraph – How has Alaska EXCEL programs played a critical part in your future or life?
- Third paragraph – Explain any financial responsibilities you have (i.e. rent, childcare) and explain your financial needs (i.e. driver's school). Include estimated amounts.
- Fourth paragraph – State your future goals and how will the training help you reach them.

2. Read the Application and **Personal Statement Scoring Guide**

Terms and Conditions:

Students awarded scholarships agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Scholarship awards will be to those who can show they have achieved their high school diploma, GED, or if attending post-secondary school can provide transcripts showing a 2.0 GPA and above. High school seniors may apply and must provide diploma or GED upon graduation.
2. Scholarship awards will be used to attend an approved training program after high school. This can include any training to further the student in their career or schooling. Scholarship funds will be held by Alaska EXCEL and distributed directly to the training facilities or programs.
3. If interested in obtaining subsequent scholarships, you may apply for the next quarter.
4. Scholarship winners agree to mentorship from Alaska EXCEL to transition onto your path and agree to be coached during your training and transition to work.
5. Students are responsible for immediately notifying Alaska EXCEL of any changes in their status which may affect their eligibility for scholarship awards or their ability to attend programs.
6. Scholarship winners agree to telling their story and sharing photos for marketing. This will increase the amount of money the scholarship is able to provide through fundraising. Sharing your story is also part of *Paying it Forward* to encourage other students to succeed and keep working hard for their goals.

Certification:

I certify the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If Alaska EXCEL awards me a scholarship, I agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions stated above.

Applicant signature:

Date

UNDER 18 Parent or Guardian signature:

Date

TRAINING EXAMPLES:

- If you are going into a job you might need:
 - Driver's license
 - Interview clothing
 - Getting a bank account
 - Food workers card
 - Travel costs
- If you are heading to the military you might need:
 - Help with the ASVAB
 - Driver's license
 - Getting a bank account
 - Travel costs
- If you are university bound you might need:
 - Tuition
 - Books and fees
 - Room and board
 - Travel costs
- If you are headed for a training facility you might need:
 - Tuition
 - Help with the TABE entrance exam
 - Driver's license
 - Travel costs