

## **Jump Start Your Life Award | by Tongass Federal Credit Union**

The purpose of the **Jump Start Your Life** award offered by Tongass Federal Credit Union (TFCU) is to encourage and recognize well deserving high school seniors in our service area who have overcome obstacles to get to high school graduation. The award provides up to \$1,000 which can be used for college, technical school or even to help the student purchase professional clothing to help them as they begin applying for jobs.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Student must be a fall 2020 or spring 2021 high school graduate from Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Prince of Wales, Wrangell, Hoonah or Kake.
- Student must be willing to discuss their high school transcript with the Scholarship Committee at TFCU or provide it through electronic means.
- Student must complete the attached application form.
- Winners will be required to complete a 30-60 minute financial literacy training with a TFCU employee, prior to receiving award.
- Winners agree to open an account at TFCU by meeting identification and information requirements, if they do not already have an account.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Applicants will be evaluated on the completeness and care taken in completing this application. A preference is given to students who have overcome hardships to meet their personal goals.

### **DEADLINE**

Complete applications must be received or postmarked **by Friday April 16, 2021** entries may be submitted at your local TFCU Branch or mailed to:

**“Jump Start Your Life”**  
Tongass Federal Credit Union  
Attention: Financial Literacy  
2000 Tongass Avenue,  
Ketchikan AK 99901

## **Application Deadline: Friday, April 16, 2021**

**Disclosure:** *the award will be deposited in a Savings or Checking Account at Tongass Federal Credit Union for the winning graduate. A minimum \$5.00 must be kept on deposit to keep an account open. There is a \$5 closing fee for members under 18 and \$25 closing fee for members 18 and over if the account is closed within 90 days of opening.*

**Please visit our website at [tongassfcu.com](http://tongassfcu.com) for a list of our locations, contact information and lobby hours.**

**Internal use only:** Scan and email application to [finlit@tongassfcu.com](mailto:finlit@tongassfcu.com)

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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

*Applicants are evaluated based on strength of their response to the questions below. Careful consideration should be given to your response in order to receive the award. While a review of high school transcripts is a part of the evaluation, awards are not based solely on academics. **A strong preference is given** to students who have shown the ability to work hard and overcome obstacles even if they have a lower GPA. **Please attach your essay answering the following:***

1. What personal goals do you have for the near future?
2. How would you use \$1,000 to “jump start” your life after high school?
3. What obstacles (any kind) have you overcome to get to graduation?

### REFERENCE

I believe the applicant above has worked hard to meet their personal goals and is deserving of recognition through the TFCU Jump Start Your Life Scholarship. Please rate the following:

Ability to overcome obstacles	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Below Average
Students work ethic	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Below Average

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Leigh Patton-Woodward at 907-228-6760 or [lwoodward@tongassfcu.com](mailto:lwoodward@tongassfcu.com), (insert TFCU Scholarship in the subject line) with inquiries or to expand on reference.