

## 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 \$1,500 which can be used for college, technical school or even to help the student purchase professional clothing as they begin applying for jobs.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Student must be registered in a public, private, or certified home school program and be a fall 2022 or spring 2023 high school graduate from Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Prince of Wales, Kake, Hoonah, Wrangell, Haines, Sitka, Petersburg, or Juneau.
- Student must complete the attached application form and submit a personal essay. Submitting school transcripts, letters of reference, and resumes are OPTIONAL but encouraged.
- Winners will be required to complete a 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 the personal essay. A preference is given to students who have overcome hardships to meet their personal goals and have a direction they desire to go in the future.

### DEADLINE

Complete applications must be received or postmarked **by Friday April 21, 2023** 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 21, 2023**

**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 [ktatsuda@tongassfcu.com](mailto:ktatsuda@tongassfcu.com)

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

### **Application**

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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

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

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

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Personal Essay
- Reference Section Completed
- Optional
  - School Transcripts
  - Letters of Reference
  - Resume or list of community involvement.

#### **PERSONAL ESSAY**

The scholarship selection committee evaluates applications based heavily upon your personal essay. The scholarship committee will consider transcripts, letters of reference, and resume or list of community involvement activities to help select winners as needed.

#### **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS**

- Essay may be typed or handwritten. If your essay is handwritten be sure it is legible.
- Essay should be no longer than 750 words.
- Essay must include your name and community.
- Essay must answer these questions:
  - What obstacles, challenges, and/traumas have you experienced in life?
  - How have those difficulties made school difficult for you?
  - How have you persevered in life and in school despite the challenges?
  - What life goals do you have for yourself in the near future? Why are those goals important to you?
  - How would you use \$1,500 to “Jump Start” your life to help you reach your goals?

**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     Exceptional     Very good     Average     Below Average  
Students work ethic                 Exceptional     Very good     Average     Below Average

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

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Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Katherine Tatsuda at [ktatsuda@tongassfcu.com](mailto:ktatsuda@tongassfcu.com),  
Insert **TFCU Scholarship** in the subject line with inquiries or to expand on reference.