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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

2024 Jump Start Your Life Award Winners

We are proud to announce the winners of our Jump Start Your Life Scholarship Award for 2024!

All our recipients have shown tremendous perseverance and grit as they navigated difficult obstacles on their path to High School graduation.

The award provides each student with $1,500 which they can use for anything that will jump start the next part of their life - whether it's college or technical school costs, a deposit on a place to live, equipment or even professional clothing.

We also want to ensure that they're setup for their future financial journey, so in order to receive the award, each student must complete financial literacy training on our financial planning and guide website. They were able to choose the classes that would most help them from a variety of available topics. It's another way to help jump start their future success!

Congratulations to:

Sarai Buffalo (Metlakatla); Dalila Callahan (Sitka); Benjamin DeCastro (Hydaburg); Mila Hargrave (Juneau); Raven Hotch (Haines); Sean McDonald (Wrangell); Isadora Olivera (Ketchikan); Kylie Orlando (Sitka); Abigail Pavlik (Yakutat); Florence Rosal (Ketchikan); Madison Smith (Metlakatla).

SAVE THE DATE FOR MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY!

Be sure to save the date for our annual Member Appreciation Day. This year we will be celebrating on Friday, August 23rd from 11:30am to 2:00pm at all locations. As always, we'll have food, fun and giveaways! Watch your email, follow us on Facebook or check our website for more details coming soon!

SAVE MONEY WITH TFCU!

Take advantage of these member benefits and services to start saving this summer!

1. **Cell Phone Protection:** Our Tongass and Tongass Gold Checking Account holders can take advantage of our checking benefits, including a reimbursement if your cell phone is broken or stolen (up to $400, a maximum of two claims per year, cell phone bill must be paid out of the associated checking account, lost phones are not covered).

2. **Save money on bills:** An additional benefit of our Tongass and Tongass Gold checking accounts is a free subscription to BillShark. BillShark's team of experts handles bill negotiations and subscription cancellations on everyday bills like cable TV, internet service, and subscription streaming.

3. Our Tongass and Tongass Gold checking accounts also come with **health discounts, roadside assistance, and credit and identity monitoring.**

4. **Transfer high-interest credit card balances** to our Tongass FCU VISA card: Offering a 7.99% APR* on Balance Transfers, no annual fee, no balance transfer fee, and a low fixed rate of 9.95% - 12.95% APR.*

5. **Use your Tongass FCU Visa card to earn points** and redeem them for travel, gifts, subscriptions, and more!

6. **Open a Savings Builder Certificate:** This certificate allows you to make deposits as frequently as you want but limits your access to the funds. Just $50 to open and add money as often as you want; no minimum is required. Access your funds with a 30-day maturity, and the dividend rate is the same as our 1-Year Certificate!

7. **Use Debit Card Round-Up:** After enrolling a checking account for Debit Card Round-Up, we'll round up the transaction to the next even dollar amount every time you use your debit card. At the end of each day, we'll add up the rounded-up amounts and make a single transfer for that total from your checking account to another savings or checking account of your choice!

8. Use your Tongass FCU membership to **receive $25 off an annual AirMed membership.**

9. Need **a financial backup with no interest and low fees**? Sign up for Courtesy Pay and have access to an extra $1,000 in overdraft funds.

**Annual Percentage Rate on approved credit for the life of the balance transfer. Federally insured by NCUA.*

CLOSURES THIS QUARTER

July 4, Thursday, Independence Day

September 2, Monday, Labor Day

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