TONGASS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The ALPS (Achieve Lasting Potential Scholarship) Award
APPLICATION PACKET

The ALPS Award was created to honor the legacy of ALPS FCU and their history of service to their communities.

The ALPS Award is available to provide adult students with financial assistance so they can attend a trade school, college, or certified training program that will help them further their careers and improve their financial well-being.

The ALPS Award will be awarded to qualifying adult students in the amount of $1,500 per award per applicant per calendar year.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must show proof of enrollment in a college, trade school, or certified technical program.
2. Applicants must have been a Tongass FCU member for at least six months prior to the application deadline.
3. Applications will be accepted year-round. Application deadlines are the last day of each quarter – March 31, 2026; June 30, 2026; September 30, 2026; and December 31, 2026.
4. Applicants must be 18 years of age and older and continue their education to improve their life circumstances.
5. Applicants must plan to reside in the State of Alaska after graduation or completion of a certification program.
6. Applicants must complete a 60-minute financial education session with a Tongass FCU-certified financial counselor prior to receipt of the award.
7. Applicants must include a current resume with their application.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tongass Federal Credit Union membership
2. Proof of enrollment in a qualified program.
3. Answers to applicant questionnaire.
4. Plans and goals for the future.

SELECTION & PAYMENT

1. After the application deadline, the Tongass FCU scholarship committee will select a winner within 21 days.
2. The selected applicant's financial education session will be scheduled.
3. Upon completion of the financial education session, a one-time payment will be mailed via check to the school's mailing address on the scholarship application.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Digital Applications: The application should be sent as a PDF. The file name should be "2026 ALPS Award Application _ Your First Name _ Your Last Name." Emailed to scholarships@tongassfcu.com

Print Applications: Alternatively, completed printed applications can be hand-delivered to any of our 14 Tongass FCU branches or microsites. You can also mail your completed application to:

Tongass Federal Credit Union
c/o Laura Castetter
2000 Tongass Avenue
Ketchikan, Alaska

Questions about the application process may be directed to scholarships@tongassfcu.com or call (907) 225-9063.

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Applicant Information

First Name:	Last Name:			
Permanent Mailing Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:		
Email:				
Phone Number:	___ Home	___ Cell	___ Work	___ Other
Date of Birth:	Tongass FCU Member #:			

Program Information

Name of College or Trade School:		
Financial Aid Office Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:		
Phone Number:	Fax Number:	
Major Field of Study or Degree/Certificate Program:		
Program Start Date:	Expected Completion Date:	

Applicant Education

Schools Previously Attended:	**Dates Attended:**	**Diploma or Degree Earned (if any):**

Applicant Questionnaire

Please complete the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. If needed, please write answers on a separate sheet of paper, and attach to your application packet.

1. Please tell us about yourself including a short description of your personal and professional history, and your hobbies and interests.
2. What are your dreams and goals for the future?
3. Why is this educational or certification program important to you? How will it help you reach your goals?

4. How will completing this educational program add value to you, your family, your friends, and your community?

5. Please explain your plans to reside in Alaska following completion of this education.
6. Please attach your resume to your completed packet.

The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I grant permission to:

_____ (College or School Name) to release to Tongass Federal Credit Union any information necessary to process my scholarship funds if awarded.

_____ _____

Applicant's Signature Date

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COMPLETION CHECKLIST

	Proof of enrollment in a college, trade school, or certified technical program.
	Completed Application
	Additional pages, as needed
	Current resume