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PARENT GUIDE
Alaska Career Information System

Important Dates For High School Seniors:
Oct 1 (or soon after) Go to fafsa.gov to complete the FAFSA annually.
Feb 15 Scholarship applications are due at UAA, UAF, UAS, APU, and the UA Foundation. Submit a FAFSA for priority financial aid at many schools.
June 30 Submit a FAFSA by June 30 for the state grant and/or scholarship (APS* & AEG*)

Help for Parents:
AKCIS.org explains commonly used terms and concepts
• Choosing a School
• Paying for School
• Job Search
Attend College Goal Alaska events and Financial Aid Nights in your community (collegegoalak.org)

Tools for Counselors, Teachers, and Users
Resources in AKCIS improve your experience including:
• national & Alaska curricula
• implementation
• user guides
• tutorials and more

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AKCIS Helpline: 800-441-2962 (option #3) or in Juneau 465-2962
akcis@alaska.gov
Parent Guide for Education & Career Planning

AKCIS.org is an online tool to help build your student’s Personal Learning & Career Plan (PLCP):

** Site administrative tools are provided for counselors/advisors to assist students with college & career planning. Contact your school or the AKCIS Helpline for more information.

++ Counselors/advisors create Parent Accounts. Contact your student’s school or the AKCIS Helpline for more information.

^^ Register at CollegeGoalAK.org, contact your school’s counselor, or visit ACPE.alaska.gov for more information.

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1) GETTING STARTED (TYPICALLY 7TH - 9TH GRADE)

- Complete Assessments: Discover how interests, skills, & values match occupations.
- Record education, employment, skills, achievements, & test scores for easy retrieval with the Resume Creator.
- Explore Career Clusters, Occupations, & Industries with your learner: Access helpful occupational information.
- Examine Programs of Study: Explore the many options available.
- Compare school & training program offerings: Learn about costs, demographics, & more.
- Set Goals: Personal, academic, & career. Update Goals in AKCIS annually.

2) DIGGING DEEPER (TYPICALLY 10TH - 11TH GRADE)

- Evaluate postsecondary education & training options available in AK and outside.
- Financial Aid Sort: Create a list of local, state, & national scholarships & grants.
- Track scholarship & school requirements, meetings, campus tours, & career fairs with the Application Tracker.
- Visit APS.alaska.gov for APS information Checklist: Does your student meet the GPA, testing, & curriculum requirements?
- Consider attending Financial Aid Events: Sessions are delivered locally & by webinar.

3) NEXT STEPS (TYPICALLY 12TH GRADE)

- Plan secondary & postsecondary course work to meet goals using the Course Planner.
- Gather parent & student financial documents to complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.ed.gov.
- Take Placement Tests - ACT, SAT, WorkKeys: Use the Application Tracker to record dates & results.
- Request Letters of Recommendation: Scan & save these letters in Saved Files & Links at AKCIS.org.
- Attend College Goal Alaska and Financial Aid Events: Sessions are delivered locally & by webinar. ^^
- Review Award Letters: Remember to “accept” the aid! Update results in the Application Tracker.
- Hone interview skills with the Job Search section: Get ready for school, scholarship, & career interviews.

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START HERE

Student:
- □ Create a Student Portfolio through the school’s site account, in AKCIS.org**

Parent:
- □ Register a Parent Account to review your student’s progress, reflections, & choices.**