



Application Guidelines for Schools

Invitation to Apply

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) and the UA College Savings Plan are inviting schools to submit an application for participation in the Kids2College program.

During the past school year, ACPE and the UA College Savings Plan, with the support of The Sallie Mae Fund, shared Kids2College with over 2,300 students in 49 communities across Alaska, with 50% of those students also participating in a campus visit, and the remaining 50% participating in a virtual tour of UAF Campus.

Application Process

If you are interested in program participation, please complete the online school application. To be considered, the application must be received by ACPE no later than **September 15 each year**. Final participant selections will be announced by **mid-November**. Materials typically arrive prior to winter break, with trainings in January. Earlier shipment requests will be honored as staff time allow.

Program Guidelines

The Kids2College program offers 5th and 6th grade students an opportunity to learn about college and career options through classroom lessons and activities, including a college & career panel where professionals share their own college and career experiences with students. The Kids2College curriculum helps prepare students to plan their own college and career pathways and may be supplemented with a visit to a nearby college campus, where available. Although not guaranteed, K-12 schools with small class sizes may request additional or alternative grade levels.

Kids2College is designed to reach low-income, first generation college-going students. School selection will prioritize Title I schools with a high percentage of students in the free or reduced lunch program, however all interested schools are encouraged to apply.

Curriculum

Applicants are expected to review the curriculum and implement a schedule that allows completion of all 6 lessons prior to the campus visit. Completion of all 6 lessons is a program requirement. The supplemental activities found in the back of the Teacher's Guide are optional and enhance the lessons, further strengthening the curriculum, and helping students prepare for their Lesson 6 presentations.

Surveys

Pre- and post-surveys allow us to gauge student thoughts about high school and college before and after program participation. This requirement helps us to monitor program outcomes. All schools are encouraged to use online surveys whenever possible. Paper surveys should be submitted to ACPE within one week of completion.

Pre-surveys must be completed prior to starting the curriculum.

Post-surveys must be completed within 1-2 days of the campus visit or virtual tour, after completion of curriculum.



College & Career Panel

The Lesson 5 College & Career Panel allows students to hear directly from professionals about their own college and career pathways. This lesson helps to prepare students for their own presentations in Lesson 6. Please coordinate with your local/campus coordinator for help in recruiting volunteers for your panel. If your school does not have a local coordinator, the statewide coordinator will assist with scheduling a virtual panel.

Campus Visit

Where available, the campus visit includes a day of age appropriate college classes and hands-on activities designed to give students a feel for college life. Students typically begin with an introduction to the campus prior to splitting into groups to attend their classes. Students often break for lunch during their field trip and end their day with a closing ceremony or guest speakers. A virtual tour of UAF Campus is available for students unable to participate in a campus visit.

Program Materials & Expenses

Program Materials

In general, sponsorship will cover curriculum, promotional materials, and teacher trainings.

Lunch and Transportation Expenses

All schools are asked to provide transportation and sack lunches for students on the day of the campus visit, if a campus visit is offered. This allows program sponsors to provide curriculum to more students across Alaska. If your school has difficulty meeting these costs, please contact shelly.morgan@alaska.gov or 907-269-7972 to discuss potential options for alternative arrangements.

Participant Selections

Granting partners will review applications and notify schools of selection to participate with a letter of agreement to sign electronically, by mid-November.

For More Information

If you would like more information on the Kids2College program or have questions regarding the application process, please contact shelly.morgan@alaska.gov or 907-269-7972.

Please submit completed application online by September 15 and direct any questions to:

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