



Application Guidelines for Campuses & Career Training Centers

Invitation to Apply

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) and Alaska 529 invite postsecondary institutions in Alaska to submit an application for sponsorship of the Kids2College (K2C) program.

Each year, ACPE and Alaska 529 sponsor students for programs culminating in in-person and virtual events at 12-14 college campuses across Alaska. In an average school year, Kids2College serves over 2,300 students.

Application Process

If you are interested in program sponsorship, please complete the online Campus Application. To help ensure a successful partnership, priority applications should be received by ACPE no later than **October 1 each year**. Final sponsorship decisions will be announced by **mid-November**.

Program Guidelines

Elementary & middle schools are invited to apply for the Kids2College program which offers 5th - 8th 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. Postsecondary institutions are invited to participate by supplementing the curriculum with a campus/training center event to help students get a feel for college life and career training options. Postsecondary partners are asked to discuss the program with preferred schools, encourage schools to apply, and identify 3 date options that work for both the campus and school(s). Multi-campus virtual options are encouraged in addition to in-person events, as the best way to connect with rural students.

Kids2College is designed to reach low-income, first generation college-going students, however all schools are encouraged to apply. Although recommended for grades 5-8, we also may work with grades 4-12.

Sponsorship Decisions

Granting partners will review the applications and notify colleges and training centers of sponsorship approval with a Letter of Agreement and coordinator's packet, by mid-November. This letter will outline what expenses sponsorship covers and what is required once the sponsorship is accepted. The Letter of Agreement must be signed electronically prior to shipment of any materials.

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 (preferably by October 1) and direct any questions to:

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Application Instructions

I. Campus Details:

Please identify your campus name, shipping address, and contact information for the Kids2College Campus Coordinator and immediate supervisor.

II. School Information:

Work with your preferred school(s) to identify up to 3 date options for the campus event. Include start/end time, maximum number of students your campus can support per event and the total number of requested events. List each school you would like to work with, including the number of classes, total students and the grade level. Kids2College is designed to reach students in their last year of elementary school, with participation from some middle schools.

III. Curricular Support:

Please include a description for how you plan to assist with lessons and surveys. *Review pg. 7-9 of Teacher's Guide (with application packet).*

Curriculum Lessons:

In addition to the required Lesson 5 College & Career Panel, there are additional opportunities for campus involvement with Lessons 1, 3, 4, and 6. Applicants are expected to review the curriculum and work with teachers to ensure they are on track to 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, enhance each lesson, and some help students prepare for their own Lesson 6 presentations..

Career Panel (Lesson 5):

The Lesson 5 Career Panel allows students to hear directly from professionals about their own college and career training pathways. This lesson helps to prepare students for their own presentations in Lesson 6. Applicants are asked to work with teachers to arrange a date for the career panel and to recruit volunteers for the career panel. Please contact the statewide coordinator with ACPE if you need assistance or have questions.

Surveys:

Applicants are asked to work with teachers to ensure timely completion and submittal of pre- and post-surveys. Pre- and post-surveys allow us to gauge student thoughts about high school and college before and after program participation. This requirement of the Kids2College program helps us to monitor program impact on students. All schools are encouraged to use online surveys whenever possible. Paper surveys should be submitted to ACPE within 1 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 event or virtual tour.



IV. Campus Event:

Applicants are asked to share preferred event methods: in-person, single campus virtual events, multi-campus virtual events, or recording brief 1-2min. Flipgrid (Flip) videos to highlight degree programs. Applicants are asked to describe details for opening and closing ceremonies, backpack distribution, and plans for integrating curriculum into the campus event. Applicants are asked to describe methods for media outreach using the prepared press release template provided on the ACPE website. Please also list expected numbers of volunteers, anticipated number of classes, student arrival/departure times, and whether or not you would like templates for end of program certificates and event nametags.

V. Program Costs:

In general, sponsorship will cover expenses in the following categories:

Program Materials

- Knapsacks for elementary/middle school students
- Student handbooks for elementary/middle school students and teachers guides for educators
- Teacher guides for campus coordinators upon request

Sponsors will provide the items listed above and ship promotional materials to campuses. Curriculum will be shipped directly to schools, unless otherwise requested. The quantity of items covered by sponsorship will be indicated in the electronic Letter of Agreement.

Lunch Expenses

Please indicate the estimated per person lunch cost and whether your campus will help offset the school's cost of student meals. To ensure sponsorship for the highest possible number of students, campuses are highly encouraged to contribute their own funds or recruit local sponsorship to cover these expenses. If campuses cannot provide lunch, schools will be encouraged to bring sack lunches for students, if possible.

Other Expenses

Please list estimated in-kind materials and associated costs, local sponsors, and associated contributions.

VI. Supplies:

Applicants are asked to identify any remaining materials left from previous years, additional amounts needed of each item, and the total material needs based on the student counts determined on page 1 of the application.