

**Alaska Alexander Archipelago Tongass and Tidal Science  
Academy(AAATTSA)**

**August - November, 2021**

**New Student Application**



**SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Please mail or email completed applications to:

**Tongass and Tidal Science Academy**  
**PO Box 19569 Thorne Bay, AK 99919**  
**[aaattsa@sisd.org](mailto:aaattsa@sisd.org)**

The application period is open from **February 23 to April 30, 2021**. A number of qualified applicants will be placed on a waitlist, with the possibility of admission through June.

This opportunity is for students who have an interest in environmental and ecological studies, who want to become stronger leaders, and who have commitment to give back to the world through service and labor.

Students who apply and are approved for enrollment will live in Port Alexander, Alaska with a host family for quarter one (the first 9 weeks for the 2021-22 school year), will earn 0.5 elective credit, and will attend the Port Alexander School.

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**Incoming high school freshman, sophomore, junior, and seniors,**  
nationwide, are eligible to apply for the Tongass and Tidal Science Academy.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For more information about the Tongass and Tidal Academy, reach out to:  
[aaattsa@sisd.org](mailto:aaattsa@sisd.org) or call 907-828-8254 ext. 206

## Student Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last M.I*

**Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apt #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State/Province/Region Country Zip Code*

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best way to contact you to set up an interview (check one):**

- Email  
 Phone Call  
 Text Message  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**First Language (check all that apply):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

- English  
 Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Languages other than English spoken, if applicable:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the Tongass and Tidal Academy? (Check all that apply)**

- School Presentation  
 Website/Social Media  
 Newspaper/Magazine/Online Publication  
 Friends/Family  
 Educator Nomination/Referral Email  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade Level (check one):**

- Grade 8  
 Freshman/Grade 9  
 Sophomore/Grade 10  
 Junior/Grade 11

**Current School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Region/Province:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Information

### Parent/Guardian 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Last* *M.I*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Lives with student? (check one)  Yes  No

Highest Level of Education (check one):

- Less than high school  
 Graduated high school  
 Some college  
 Associate's/2-year degree  
 Bachelor's/4-year degree  
 Graduate degree (Master's, Ph.D., etc.)  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Last* *M.I*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Lives with student? (check one)  Yes  No

Highest Level of Education (check one):

- Less than high school  
 Graduated high school  
 Some college  
 Associate's/2-year degree  
 Bachelor's/4-year degree  
 Graduate degree (Master's, Ph.D., etc.)  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

A Parent/guardian must sign to give permission for you to submit this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*We – the staff on the Tongass and Tidal Science Academy Applications Committee (AppComm) – want to hear from you, in your own voice, about what matters to you and why. Keep in mind that there are no right answers to these questions. We invite you to share honestly and genuinely about yourself and your experiences.*

**On this paper or separate pieces of paper, please write or type answers to the following prompts.** While your responses will not be considered on the basis of length, we hope you take the opportunity to express yourself fully.

**Answer two of the three reflective questions below.** If you are selected to be interviewed, these answers will be shared with staff and faculty.

**1. The Tongass and Tidal Academy will be a rigorous 9-week journey in an off-grid Alaska community. What do you anticipate will be most challenging for you? Describe how you would persevere through these challenges.**

**2. Reflect on your education and experience in school. What has been most rewarding and what could be improved?**

**3. Based on what you know about the Tongass and Tidal Science Academy model and its emphasis on environmental and ecological studies, leadership, and service and labor, why do you want to attend the Tongass and Tidal Academy? What unique perspective will you bring, and what do you wish to gain from the experience?**

(Optional) Is there anything else that you feel like we should know that is not presented elsewhere in your application?

- **Please attach your Unofficial Transcript.**
- **Parent signature must be included on the parent contact page of this application.**
- **Please ask a teacher or school administrator to write a letter of recommendation for you to attend the Tongass and Tidal Science Academy. This person's name, email address, and phone number must be included on their letter of recommendation.** We will contact this person to learn more about you as a student and a person.
- **(Optional) More than one letter of recommendation is allowed. If you feel there is a person in your life (e.g. a teacher, an employer, a mentor, a peer, etc.) who knows a different side of you than the teacher or administrator that recommended you, it is your option to obtain an additional recommendation from that person. This person's name, email address, and phone number must be included on their letter of recommendation. We may contact this person to learn more about you as a student and a person.**

**All letters of recommendation must be submitted with your application.**

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