



# 2021 Alaska Essay Challenge & Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Name	Member # (If you are a member. <i>No need to be a member to apply</i> )
Permanent Physical Address	City, State, Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from physical address)	City, State, Zip Code
E-mail Address	U.S. Citizen Y/N
Phone	Social Security Number
High School	Graduation Date
Choice of College/University	Major Area of Study
Student's Present Employer (if applicable)	Job Title and Average Weekly Hours
Parent/Guardian's Name	Address
Phone	City, State, Zip Code

Nuvison Credit Union will select three recipients in Alaska to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship award.

**Application Deadline: June 25, 2021**

Entries (including scholarship application forms) must be emailed to [essaychallengeAK@nuvisioncu.org](mailto:essaychallengeAK@nuvisioncu.org) OR postmarked or delivered to any branch or office of by **June 25, 2021. No Deadline Exceptions.**

**Eligibility:** Essay Challenge entrants must be a graduating high school senior and Alaska resident. Membership not required to apply. The scholarship must be used for attending a licensed/certified post-high school program. Applicants must have a minimum of 2.25 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student. Employees, board members and committee members of *Denali*. A division of Nuvison Credit Union or Nuvison Credit Union and their children are not eligible to enter.

**Certification and Release Authorization:** I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/ or verify this application. I agree to abide by the decisions of the scholarship committee and understand that the decisions of the committee will be final and not open to contest.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Requirements

1. You must be a resident of Alaska and a high school senior graduating in 2021. You do not need to be a Denali member to apply.
2. You submit your completed essay and application packet in correct order on or before the **June 25 deadline.**

**Your application packet must include *all* of the following in the order given:**

1. **An essay on the topic:** *What can we do to help encourage budgeting and positive savings habits by Americans? How can we educate ourselves and our fellow Americans to be better prepared for financial downturns/upheavals? (tips on essay below)*
2. **Scholarship application form** (page 1 of this document)
3. **Official academic transcripts** for all high schools attended. If you are unable to acquire official transcripts please email [essaychallengeAK@nuvisioncu.org](mailto:essaychallengeAK@nuvisioncu.org)
4. **One of the following test scores** – Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing (ACT), and / or ASSET scores. If you are a student who has not been in school recently and have no test scores, please type a note to explain your situation.
5. **References** – submit **two** recommendation letters from references, such as an instructor, academic counselor, coach, community leader, or employer.

**Please keep the essay to no more than two pages double spaced.**

*Some important issues to reference or consider in your essay:*

1. America is increasingly becoming a debtor nation, as more and more people are finding themselves in debt and don't know how to get out of debt.
2. A recent survey by the American Institute of CPAs pointed out these facts:
  - About 60% of Americans say they're prepared for a disaster; yet
  - Only about 30% of Americans have back-up plans to track and protect personal, medical and financial records; and
  - Nearly 15% of American say they've developed a plan to protect finances in case of a disaster.
3. What are your thoughts on developing a financially-savvy population that is more prepared for life changing financial issues – whether they are short-term issues or longer-term issues like the COVID-19 pandemic?
4. What can we do as a nation, and what are you or your family doing personally, to look ahead and plan for continuing financial health in problematic times?
5. What financial literacy programs have you participated in or know of that can be helpful to the youth of today, as they prepare for tomorrow's financial challenges?

Staple all pages together in the order given above or save in the same order if submitting via email. Binders or folders will not be accepted. Failure to comply with any of the requirements may result in disqualification.

### **Selection**

Essays and applications will be reviewed, judged, and scored by a committee of Credit Union members & employees. The primary intent of the committee is to assist students in advancing their education.

Financial need is not a criterion; however, if a student is already a winner of a full scholarship or has congressional appointment to a military academy where further award will not be meaningful, an application should not be made. Recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, veteran status, sex, or handicap. The decisions of the committee are final. The committee will evaluate your essay and application on content, overall appearance, grammar and neatness. Winners will be contacted by Nuvision's marketing team to coordinate prizes and the check presentation.

**Deliver to a branch or office by June 25, 2021 or mail the application package to:**

Denali. A division of Nuvision Credit Union  
Attn: Marketing/Scholarship  
440 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99503

**OR**

**Email packet to [essaychallengeAK@nuvisioncu.org](mailto:essaychallengeAK@nuvisioncu.org)**

*Thank you for applying and congratulations on your next chapter Class of 2021!*