

TCC GO (Growing Our Own)

TCC GO is dedicated to helping Alaska Native students leave high school with a career plan and knowledge of post-secondary education and vocational training opportunities. TCC GO participants will learn what options might be the best fit for their interests and how to pursue them. Our Student Support Coordinators and staff work with students to develop a plan regardless of their career interest.

Who should apply to TCC GO?

- Any student in 9th-12th grade and attending a school in a village off the road system within the TCC region **or**, if attending school in Fairbanks, an Alaska Native high school student enrolled to a federally recognized TCC-region Tribe.
- Alaska Native students interested in getting a head start on their career or college/technical program of study.
- Students that are college ready and prepared to meet the challenges of dual credit courses.

How to apply?*

Applications are accepted year-round. TCC GO staff will review applications as they are received – students approved will be notified by TCC GO staff within 30 days of receipt. Complete the application and return via email to tccgo@tananachiefs.org or by mail to:

TCC GO Program
Tanana Chiefs Conference
200 1st Avenue
Fairbanks AK 99701

Accepted students will be called or emailed to schedule an appointment to talk with a TCC GO Student Support Coordinator.

*You will need to include either a copy of your tribal ID, a letter from your tribe indicating you are enrolled or eligible for enrollment, or a copy of your CIB from the BIA.

*We encourage students interested in taking dual credit courses with UAF to apply a minimum of 4 weeks before the start of the semester so we can process any tuition payments before classes start.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: (First, Middle and Last):		Regional Corporation (Doyon, Ahtna, NANA, etc.):	
Mailing Address:			
Social Security Number:	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	Gender: Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to respond ☐	
School Name and Location (city/village):			Expected Date of Graduation (mm/yy):
Current Grade Level:	Phone:	Email address (students MUST have their own personal non-school email address):	
How would you prefer TCC GO staff to communicate with you? Select all that apply: Email ☐ Text ☐ Phone call ☐			
Are you a member of a federally recognized tribe? Please include tribal ID, letter from tribe, or CIB with this application. ☐ No ☐ Yes – If “Yes” what tribe? (example “Native Village of Ruby”):			

I understand that I am responsible for maintaining communication with my TCC GO Student Support Coordinator and for submitting any requested documentation needed to verify my eligibility status, to process stipend payment, to arrange reimbursements or participate in TCC GO related activities.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Student Name (please print): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Parent or Guardian)

Contact Name:	Email address (cannot be the same as the student's email address):	
Phone:	Relation to you:	
Is this a work ☐ , home ☐ , or cell number ☐ ?		

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

*I give permission for my child to participate in the TCC GO (Growing Our Own) program, with full understanding that my child will be subject to the policies, procedures and calendar of the TCC GO program. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) establishes certain rights for parents regarding the privacy of their child's educational record. Access to or release of the educational record is only by written parental consent. I understand that I will be required to complete and submit a **FERPA Release Form** to allow access or release of my child's educational record. A release form must be completed for each individual to whom a parent wishes to authorize access/release of his/her child's educational records.*

Media Release

*I hereby grant Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) and their assigns, licenses, and legal representatives the irrevocable right and permission: to use my child's name, photo, portrait, video, image or voice in all forms and media and in all manners. I waive any rights to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, that may be created in connection therewith. I also agree that this releases TCC and any and all of its representatives from any and all monetary obligations or payments for use of video, films, photographs, image and/or voice of my child. (To **opt out**, please initial here: _____)*

I have read the above authorization release and agreement, prior to its execution; I fully understand the contents thereof. This agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

STUDENTS - Please answer the questions below with as much detail as you can.

I would like to learn more about the following opportunities (check all that apply):

☐ courses for dual credit ☐ career exploration ☐ internet reimbursement

Do you have any plans for your education or career after high school? If so, what are they? If not, what kinds of jobs or experiences (travel, learning new skills, etc.) do you think might interest you?



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Student Name (*please print*): _____

How could the TCC GO program help you reach your high school and after-graduation goals?

Are you interested in taking University courses for dual credit? (You would receive high school credit *and* University credit)

Yes ☐ No ☐ I'm not sure, I'd like to learn more ☐

If "yes," what kind of courses would you be interested in taking?

Are there any barriers or obstacles that would impact your ability to participate in dual credit courses or online career exploration activities? (Examples: limited or no access to internet, employment obligations, no place to study, no device – laptop, computer, iPad – for completing work, etc.)

Do you use communication tools like social media apps (Instagram, Twitch, Facebook, TikTok, SnapChat, etc.)? If so, which ones do you use the most?

Currently my career interests include:

In my free time, I like to (list any hobbies, activities, sports, volunteering, etc.):

Once you identify some career areas that interest you, look at your high school curriculum to see what classes may help in your career decision-making. Interested in journalism? Try a writing class. Interested in medicine? Sign up for an anatomy or biology class. Taking a class can re-affirm your interest in the field and build on your skills. If you find that the class is not for you, you still have time to change course and explore different career paths. High school provides the perfect time to "sample" what is out there before you need to make a commitment. **Take classes now to help establish a direction for the future.**



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FERPA Release Form for Parents/Guardians

Student's Full Name (first, middle and last): _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) Social Security Number: _____

School Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Student Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address (if different than student's): _____

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I _____ [name of parent/legal guardian] consent to release the information, as indicated below, to the following Tanana Chiefs Conference staff for my child's participation in the TCC GO (Growing Our Own) program:

Angela Rutman, TCC GO Student Support Coordinator
Purestyn Milk, TCC GO Student Support Coordinator
Isaac Bettis, Youth Services Coordinator (oversees TCC GO)
Stephanie Hinz, Education & Indigenous Learning Manager

Mailing Address:
TCC GO Program
200 1st Avenue
Fairbanks, AK. 99701

TYPE OF REQUEST

NOTE: By selecting the option to release records, the individual(s) listed above will be able to request the following information:

Academic records (including official and unofficial transcripts)

Disciplinary records (as they may impact program participation)

PERIOD OF CONSENT: This consent is valid for the period of: today's signature date until revoked in writing.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I acknowledge by my signature that I understand that, although I am not required to release my child's records, I am giving my consent to release the information. This release will remain in effect while my child is participating in the Tanana Chiefs Conference GO (Growing Our Own) program, unless I revoke such consent.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

DATE RECEIVED: _____ RECEIVED BY (TCC STAFF NAME): _____