



PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

2017-18 Academic Year

University of Alaska Southeast – Sitka Campus

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Sitka, AK 99835 Birthdate: _____

The purpose of this application is to ensure you understand the expectations for participation in the Sitka Start program and continued eligibility for Sitka Start-related scholarships. Your responses to the questions on the following pages will help us get to know you a bit better, and to match you with a *Connections* faculty/staff mentor. This application will remain confidential and be shared only with Sitka Start staff of the Student Success Center and your *Connections* mentor.

Your ability to meet the below expectations for active participation in the Sitka Start program entitles you to a **\$250 per-semester textbook scholarship**, as well as **2-credit scholarship for the HUM 120 cohort class** and **up to a 4-credit tuition waiver second semester** if you are still an active 9+-credit student with at least a 2.0 Fall GPA. Furthermore, if you are enrolled in 12 or more credits each term (full-time), you will receive an additional 1-credit tuition waiver each term.

Expectations of Sitka Start participants:

1. Attend Sitka Start Orientation on campus, Saturday, August 26th, from 9am – 2pm. (lunch provided)
2. Enroll (and complete) the 3-credit HUM 120: Sense of Place: Alaska and Beyond
3. Stay enrolled in 9 or more credits at the Sitka Campus both fall and spring semesters; to receive scholarship money your second semester, you'll need to earn a 2.0 GPA or higher your first term.
4. Engage in at least one co-curricular activity per semester on campus with your Sitka Start peers.
5. Communicate with your Academic Advisor (or *Connections* mentor) if you feel you need some assistance maintaining successful progress in your courses.

Additionally, you will be matched with a *Sitka Start Connections* faculty/staff mentor. This UAS employee has volunteered to be an additional source of individual support to you as you navigate your first year of college and get familiar with all of your available resources. Don't be afraid to ask your mentor for help. We expect you will:

- Maintain semi-regular contact with your *Sitka Start Connections* mentor, especially by responding in a timely fashion to his/her attempts to connect with you.
- Meet up with your mentor at least three times each semester and make efforts to attend mentor/mentee group activities (planned by the SSC at least once per semester).
- Provide feedback on their experiences and evaluation of the mentoring program (and Sitka Start experience as a whole) each semester.
- Contact Student Success Center staff at any time with any questions or concerns about your match.

I understand the above expectations for participation in the Sitka Start program, and that my inability to do so will result in the revocation of any Sitka Start scholarship funds that were disbursed to my student account. I also agree to engage actively, civilly, and collaboratively with my Sitka Start cohort of peers inside and outside the classroom, and to seek on-campus assistance or support as needed for my continued success as a student.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Signature (if student is under 18): _____ Date: _____

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SCAN & EMAIL: sitka.advising@alaska.edu IN PERSON/MAIL: 1332 Seward Ave. - Sitka, AK 99835 FAX: (907) 747-7793

We'd love to get to know you better. These questionnaires are confidential and will only be seen by your advisor(s) and your assigned Connections mentor. Answer only the questions you feel comfortable sharing.

Permanent Address: Same as CURRENT ADDRESS _____

Hometown: _____ T-shirt/Hoodie Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

What is your living situation in Sitka while you complete your studies this year?

- Live alone
- Live with parents or family
- Live with roommate(s)
- Live with boyfriend/girlfriend/significant other
- Live with my partner/spouse - no children
- Live with my partner/spouse - with child(ren)
- Live with my child(ren) as a single parent
- Undecided at this point or searching for affordable housing

What is your program of study at UAS – Sitka?

- Fisheries Technology (AAS, Cert, OE)
- Health Information Management (AAS, Cert, OE)
- Law Enforcement, AAS
- Health Sciences, AAS
- Associate of Arts, AA
- Associate of Science, AS
- Medical Assisting Certificate
- Pre-Nursing Qualifications Certificate
- Pre-Radiology Technician Certificate
- Bachelor's Degree through UAS: _____
- General Education Requirements ONLY - Planning to transfer / Undecided

Have you previously taken any college classes?

If so, please let us know a bit more about when/where/what you studied.

- I have never taken college classes
- I have completed some dual enrollment classes through UAS Sitka
- I have completed college courses elsewhere: _____

What might be some of your co-curricular interests to get more involved on campus? Check as many as you might possibly be interested in learning more about, or list other activities/clubs/events you would like to see:

- Art classes / Art Club
- Study abroad (semester or year programs)
- Leadership Development program
- Service Learning / Volunteerism
- Campus literary magazine or newsletter
- Peer Advisor / Ambassador (Admissions)
- Geocultural Club / travel courses
- Student Government (paid officer positions available)
- Phi Theta Kappa honor society
- Student Activities: movie nights, BBQs, murder mystery dinner, games, etc.
- On-campus student employment
- Peer Advocate training
- English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation groups
- Other: _____

How would you describe your cultural identity? Please share any significant cultural activities or traditions you engage in:

What are some of your personal interests and hobbies?

- sports: _____
- board games or cards
- listening to music, concerts
- singing or playing music
- writing, poetry, journalism
- reading
- computers, gaming
- religious/spiritual activities
- theater or dance
- painting, drawing, ceramics, photography
- running, walking, or other exercise
- movies
- cultural studies, museums, arts & history
- hiking, camping, outdoor recreation
- kayaking or boating
- fishing or hunting
- natural history, environment, conservation
- politics, community activism
- sewing, knitting, quilting, handcrafts
- cooking or baking
- yoga
- working out, weightlifting
- travel
- other: _____

Describe your professional and educational goals:

What about the Sitka Start program and being part of an on-campus cohort of peers do you feel will be the biggest benefit to you, or why are you most interested in participating in Sitka Start?

What do you feel will be some of your greatest personal challenges as a student, and how do you plan to overcome them?

What are some of the things that you feel will help you to be the most successful college student – both things you can do or support you could receive on campus from advisors and your mentor?

What types of interactions or support are you comfortable receiving from your faculty/staff Connections mentor?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> periodic check-ins to make sure I'm doing well | <input type="checkbox"/> availability for me to be able to stop by his/her office as needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> showing me campus/local resources | <input type="checkbox"/> notifying me of things happening on campus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> help when I have an academic problem | <input type="checkbox"/> willingness to have casual chats on/off campus – like meeting for coffee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> help when I have a personal support need | <input type="checkbox"/> someone to help me connect to the community – I'm new to Sitka |

I am comfortable being contacted by my mentor in the following ways (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> email | <input type="checkbox"/> in person – meetings on/off campus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> phone calls | <input type="checkbox"/> social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> text messages | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |

Is there anything else you would like to share that would help us better to understand you, your educational goals, needs, interests, or your situation as a student?

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