



APPLICATION PART 2: SELECT A COMMUNITY SPONSOR

Thank you for applying to Take Wing Alaska as a candidate for our new program! We have received your application and will need you to fill out Part II. The second component of the application process is to select a Community Sponsor. Enclosed are two documents, the first is a template for a letter to someone of your choice to be your Community Sponsor; and the second document is an agreement for them and your parent/guardian to sign.

The role of the Community Sponsor is a positive role model in your community who will mentor you to stay on track through high-school graduation and support you in your endeavors to pursue post-secondary education for the next three years. If you are selected to participate in Take Wing Alaska, in your junior year of high school, they will accompany you to University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and Alaska Job Corps in Palmer to meet professors, advisors, Alaska Native program leaders and students, all who will provide assistance with your transition from rural to urban communities. We ask that the Community Sponsor is not a family member.

We will be in touch to schedule a phone interview with you. We will inform you of our admission decisions on or before May 21, 2010.

All of us in the office appreciate your sincere interest in Take Wing Alaska. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office by phone at 907-272-5338 or email amatthews@akhf.org.



**STUDENT APPLICATION
PART 2**

COMMUNITY SPONSOR

You can use this document as a TEMPLATE LETTER to assist you in finding a Community Sponsor.

Dear Potential Community Sponsor,

I am applying for the Take Wing Alaska three year project that will mentor me for the transitions I will make from my rural home to an urban educational institution. See attached informational sheet. One part of this project is to select a Community Sponsor. I would like you to be my Community Sponsor.

A Community Sponsor's role (with the assistance of Take Wing Alaska staff) is to assist me to stay on track at school through high-school graduation and support me in my endeavors to pursue a post-secondary education. The Community Sponsor will also accompany me on an immersion experience to UAA and Alaska Job Corps during spring term of my junior year. The Community Sponsor will have a variety of resources made available to them and will have the opportunity to participate in an online Take Wing Alaska community of participants.

If you agree to be my Community Sponsor please send a letter or recommendation (including your contact information) and the Community Sponsor/Parent Agreement form on my behalf to:

Alaska Humanities Forum
Take Wing Alaska
421 West 1st Ave Suite 300
Anchorage, AK 99501

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Community Sponsor and Parent Agreement

Thank you for your interest in being a Community Sponsor. The following is a brief overview of your responsibilities as a Community Sponsor and Parental Consent. Resources will be made available to you during the project to assist you in your mentorship.

- Have Fun!
- Be a positive role model. Support, give valuable feedback and encouragement.
- Commit to mentor your student from their sophomore year through their senior year of high school.
- Attend a Campus Immersion Experience with your student during their junior year.
- Support them between their Campus visits in succeeding in school and stay in touch with Take Wing Alaska.

I, _____, am willing to be the Community Sponsor of
_____ (student).

I, _____, Parent/Guardian of _____
(student) do hereby authorize _____ to be my
son/daughter's Community Sponsor, includes a four day Campus Immersion Experience to
Anchorage and Palmer. I also authorize said Community Sponsor to act on my behalf in the
event that medical attention is necessary. In case of an accident or illness while attending
the Campus Immersion Experience and I cannot be reached, I also authorize medical
treatment of my child under the advisement of a certified physician.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____