

# ALASKA BASIC WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY TRAINING APPLICATION — APRIL 19 – 29, 2025 IN CHUGIAK, ALASKA

*The Alaska Basic Wildland Firefighter Academy is a DOF Training Program funded by the State of Alaska  
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**This application will be scored and rated in the selection process for applicants. Division of Forestry sponsorship is required.**

**Application is due at your local Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Office no later than March 15, 2025 (early applications will be accepted)**

**Travel to and from the Academy will be coordinated and provided by the Statewide Training Office.**

ACADEMY OVERVIEW– The academy will be conducted at the Birchwood Camp in Chugiak, Alaska from Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> as well as the afternoon of April 29<sup>th</sup> will be student travel days).

Participants will arrive on April 18<sup>th</sup> to check-in and go through orientation before classes begin on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The academy will consist of a closed campus. Participants will remain in designated areas. Sleeping accommodations will be provided in Chugiak and will be camping or agency provided housing when available. Participants will be provided with meals and refreshments. A typical academy day will start with physical fitness training, followed by 10-12 hours of classroom and/or practical exercise instruction, with meal breaks. Evening sessions may be conducted throughout the academy. Participants are expected to take part in all activities. Little personal time will be allotted during the academy. The academy will be hard work, and successful participants will be immersed in a rewarding learning and skill-building experience. Successful completion of the academy could earn the applicant a spot on a fuels crew/module. Working on the fuels crew/module will require a commitment of approximately 4 months with the opportunity to work later into the fall, as well as the opportunity to take Initial Attack or Extended Attack fire assignments as the fire season dictates.

## **Basic Academy Application Instructions:**

Please complete the application and return it to your sponsoring Division of Forestry Area Office by March 15, 2025 (contact information listed below).

## **Application Requirements:**

1. You must have a valid/active email account which you check regularly. Email is how we will communicate with you before and after the Academy.
2. You must have already taken the basic wildland firefighter courses (S-130, S-190, I-100, IS-700 & L-180), have a valid Red Card and be Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) qualified. If you have taken the Red Card class and have NOT attended your field day or taken your pack test at the time of application, please make sure you complete these obligations BEFORE the start of the Academy.

## **List of Division of Forestry Area Offices:**

| <u>Area Office</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>City &amp; Zip Code</u> | <u>Phone Number</u> | <u>Primary Contact</u> | <u>E-mail</u> |
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| Fairbanks Area      | 3700 Airport Way       | Fairbanks, AK 99709  | 907-451-2636 | Brittany Stillie | Brittany.Stillie@alaska.gov  |
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| Tok Area            | PO Box 10              | Tok, AK 99780        | 907-883-1400 | Kato Howard      | Kato.Howard@alaska.gov       |
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| McGrath Office      | PO Box 130             | McGrath, AK 99627    | 907-761-6302 | Seth Ross        | Seth.Ross@alaska.gov         |
| Palmer Office       | 101 Airport Road       | Palmer, AK 99645     | 907-761-6341 | David Camacho    | David.Camacho@alaska.gov     |
| Kenai-Kodiak Area   | 42499 Sterling Highway | Soldotna, AK         | 907-260-4200 | Mike Hayes       | Michael.Hayes@alaska.gov     |

**NAME (full name as it appears on gov't issued photo Identification):**

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Do you have a government issued photo Identification? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Identification Type: \_\_\_Alaska Driver's License \_\_\_Alaska ID \_\_\_Tribal ID \_\_\_Passport \_\_\_Other

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contact (Cell, Message, or Pager #): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (you must have a valid email account which you check regularly): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (to send certificates to):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Name and Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you have a current Red Card rating of Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**OR have you completed...**

- S-130 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- S-190 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- L-180 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- I-100 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- IS-700 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

You will be required to pass a Work Capacity Pack (Arduous) Test.

[Http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/wct/2002/brochure\\_2002.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/wct/2002/brochure_2002.pdf) Do you understand this test and are you prepared to meet this requirement? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Student Clothing Sizes/PPE Information:**

| <b><u>Clothing Type</u></b> | <b><u>XS</u></b> | <b><u>S</u></b> | <b><u>M</u></b> | <b><u>L</u></b> | <b><u>XL</u></b> | <b><u>XXL</u></b> | <b><u>XXXL</u></b> |
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| T-Shirt                     |                  |                 |                 |                 |                  |                   |                    |
| Nomex Shirt                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                  |                   |                    |

**Nomex Pant Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. If you need more room, please add additional sheets.

**I.** Tell us what experience or qualities you have that makes you well suited to take this academy?

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\_\_\_\_\_

**II.** What two things do you routinely do that demonstrates you work hard?

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

**III.** List two examples when you have been successful working with others.

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

**IV.** List two examples when you have been successful at learning new skills.

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

**V.** What three qualities do you have that make you a good member of a team?

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_

**VI.** What two personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

**VII.** From the description of this training, which two items are you most excited about?

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_

Provide names and contacts for two references who are not relatives (we are not obliged to contact references):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*You need to ask yourself now, and be prepared to answer during the selection process: "Are you mentally and physically prepared to commit to this 10-day academy?" \*\***  
**THIS IS A VERY PHYSICAL ACADEMY**

**1- If you are selected for and attend the academy, you will be expected to commit to stay for the full duration of the academy and abide by the rules of conduct. A serious violation of rules will be considered as your decision to leave the academy early. Travel to and from the Academy will be coordinated and provided by the Statewide Training Office. Training certificates will not be issued to students leaving the academy early. If you chose to leave the academy early, you may jeopardize future firefighting training and employment opportunities. You will also be expected to arrange and pay for you own travel back home.**

**I understand and agree to these conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

**This student is being sponsored by the Division of Forestry:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Office Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If the applicant is chosen to participate, the sponsoring DOF Area Office will be responsible for:

- (a) Hiring the participant as an employee of the local Area Office
- (b) Providing the participant with ongoing opportunities and mentorship to further her/his continued development. This includes rostering of the employee on a fuels crew/module or staffing for Initial Attack during periods of high fire danger or staffing shortfalls.

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Signature of FMO or authorized person      Title      Date

**ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT TO SELECTED STUDENTS AFTER THE  
NOMINATION DUE DATE OF MARCH 15, 2025**