

ALASKA INTERMEDIATE WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY TRAINING APPLICATION — MAY 5 – 15, 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 wildland fire Division of Forestry 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 Monday, May 5th to Thursday, May 15th (May 4th and May 15th are travel days).

Participants will arrive on May 4th to check-in and go through orientation before classes begin on May 5th.

The academy will consist of a closed campus. Participants will remain in designated areas. Sleeping accommodations will be provided in Tok 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.

Intermediate 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 & 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
Delta Area	PO Box 1149	Delta Jct, AK 99737	907-895-4225	Dave Matheny	Dave.Matheny@alaska.gov
Tok Area	PO Box 10	Tok, AK 99780	907-883-1400	Kato Howard	Kato.Howard@alaska.gov
Valdez-Copper River	PO Box 185	Glennallen, AK 99588	907-822-5534	Josh Sutherland	Joshua.Sutherland@alaska.gov
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):

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 #: _____

Please list any allergies _____

Please list any dietary restrictions _____

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:

<u>Clothing Type</u>	<u>XS</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>XL</u>	<u>XXL</u>	<u>XXXL</u>
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?

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?" ** 1
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.

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**