

POLAREXPRESS IDENTIFICATION CARD

The *PolarExpress* card is the official UAF photo identification card used by students, staff and faculty to access UAF facilities and to make purchases. The card includes your name, photograph and UA identification number. A central database holds information to identify the buildings and rooms you may access, meal plan type, some account balances, library checkouts, computer lab access, and other activities. See the complete list on the Office of the Bursar's website (<http://www.uaf.edu/bursar/polarexpress/>).

Your *PolarExpress* card lets you check out library books, vote in student elections, as well as access to the Student Health and Counseling Center and other student services. The card's magnetic stripe holds a unique key that may provide secure access to residence halls, laboratories and the Student Recreation Center. You can deposit money into your Bear Bucks account, which can be used at all Dining Services locations, photocopiers, the Wood Center counter and the UAF Bookstore. The *PolarExpress* card is a permanent card, valid for two years after the holder's last affiliation with the university. All privileges expire upon departure from the university, with the exception of Bear Bucks and Munch Money accounts. Holders who return to the university system within two years and no longer have their *PolarExpress* card must purchase a replacement card.

You can also enjoy optional banking convenience (<https://www.wellsfargo.com/debit-card/campus-card/uaf/>) through a second magnetic strip with your *PolarExpress* card when you link it to a Wells Fargo Everyday Checking Account. This allows you to use it for free access to cash at Wells Fargo ATMs nationwide and for purchases using your PIN.

You can access your account balance and add money to your *PolarExpress* card through eAccounts (<https://eacct-ualaska-sp.transactcampus.com/eaccountsuaif/AnonymousHome.aspx>), a secure way to check all your stored value accounts (Bear Bucks, Munch Money, copy card, etc.), add money to your card, view your transaction history, deactivate a lost or stolen card, and more.

Due to recent COVID-19 mandates, we are issuing cards by appointment only. If you need an ID card, please fill out the *PolarExpress* form (<https://nextgensso.com/sp/startSSO.ping?PartnerIdpld=urn:mace:incommon:alaska.edu&TargetResource=https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/Submit/Form/Start/a45e53fb-0ee6-45f8-9137-4fa1987e1ce0>). **If you have any questions about the form, you can contact the Office of the Bursar.**