PolarExpress Identification Card

The PolarExpress card is the official UAF photo identification card used by students, staff and faculty and serves as an electronic key to access many campus services and locations. The card includes your name, photograph and UA identification number. Your card holds your Bear Bucks and Munch Money (meal plan) accounts, which you can deposit money into and use for purchases at all dining service locations across campus. You can find the complete list of locations to use your Bear Bucks on the Office of the Bursar’s website. Your card will only allow you to make purchases if money is available in your Bear Bucks account.

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, except for 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. Dining dollars placed onto your Munch Money account expire at the end of each academic year regardless of affiliation with the university. Up to $250 of Munch Money remaining on accounts at the end of the fall semester will roll into the spring meal plan. All unused Munch Money is non-refundable and expires after the last day of the spring semester. Munch Money left at the end of the spring semester does not roll into the upcoming fall semester.

You can access your account balance and add money to your PolarExpress card through eAccounts, 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.