Alaska Performance Scholarship and UA Scholars Award Utilization
University of Alaska 2015-2016 Academic Year

The University of Alaska's 2015-16 academic year is the most recent complete year for which information on this topic is available. During that period, there were 4,154 Alaska high school graduates receiving the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), the UA Scholars award, or both. Of these scholarship recipients, 1,106 (27%) were 2015 Alaska high school graduates entering UA as first-time freshman. The remaining 3,048 (73%) scholarship recipients were those already attending UA.

2015 High School Graduates (2015-16 UA Academic Year) (27%)
- 7,666 students graduated from Alaska high schools in 2015.
- Of these graduates, 2,212 (29%) immediately enrolled in a degree program at UA for the fall 2015 semester (2015-16 academic year).
- 50% of those new college freshman, or 1,106, received either the UA Scholars award, the Alaska Performance Scholarship, or both.
    - Alaska Performance Scholarship Only = 677, 31% of recent Alaska high school grads
    - UA Scholars Award Only = 159, 7%
    - Simultaneously receiving both APS and UA Scholars = 270, 12%
    - Total = 1,106
- The other 50% received neither scholarship

Non-First-Time Freshman Scholarship Recipients (2015-16 UA Academic Year) (73%)
Of the 3,048 continuing scholarship recipients attending UA during the 2015-16 academic year:
- 53% were receiving the APS only
- 22% were receiving the UA Scholars only
- 25% were receiving both the APS and the UA Scholars simultaneously

The Alaska Performance Scholarship was established in 2011 so has been in place for less than 6 years. Consequently, it is just now approaching a sustained, steady state usage level. For the same reason, the overlap profile for Alaska high school graduates who receive one or both of the APS and UA Scholars awards has also just stabilized. Consequently, current year information is considered to most accurately represent usage while historical information on the overlap of these two programs has less relevance and utility.

Overall, half of all incoming recent Alaska high school graduates benefit from one or both awards. Each type of award benefits a different group of students, with some students receiving both awards. A higher proportion of first-time freshman from Alaska who receive only the UA Scholars award self-identify as having Alaska Native or other minority racial background than those who receive the APS or both APS and UA Scholars award. Students who only receive the APS award and not the UA Scholars award are more likely to be from Alaska's larger secondary institutions and communities, compared to students who receive the UA Scholars award. In general, students who receive both awards perform better at UA than students who receive only one of the two awards, or who receive neither award.

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Total Number of Alaska Performance Scholarship and/or UA Scholars Award Recipients
Attending the University of Alaska During Academic Year 2015-16   4,154

2015 Alaska High School Graduates (UA Freshman)	1,106	27%	of recipients were newly entering UA freshman
Other, Non-Freshman Scholarship Recipients	3,048	73%	of recipients were already attending UA

Total 2015 Alaska High School Graduates   7,666

Number Immediately Entering UA in the fall of 2015 (UA 2015-16 Academic Year)	2,212	29%	enter UA right after graduation
Total receiving UA Scholars and/or APS	1,106	50%	receive one or both of the APS and UA Scholars Scholarship
UA Scholars Only	159	7%	receive only the UA Scholars Scholarship
APS Only	677	31%	receive only the APS Scholarship
Both	270	12%	receive both
Neither	1,106	50%	receive neither scholarship

Other, Non-Freshman Scholarship Recipients Attending UA in Academic Year 2015-16

3,048
- about 53% are receiving the APS alone (no UA Scholars award)
- about 22% are receiving the UA Scholars award alone (no APS award)
- about 25% are receiving both the APS and the UA scholars awards simultaneously