

The background is a dark, textured surface with faint, light-colored chalk-like drawings. These include a large letter 'V' in the top left, a globe in the top center, a microscope on the left side, a stack of books at the bottom left, a cross symbol at the bottom center, an open book with handwritten text at the bottom center, a large percentage sign at the bottom right, and a less-than sign at the far bottom right.

HB 48: Improving the Alaska Performance Scholarship

Representative Andi Story

Strengthening tomorrow's workforce

- Alaska is experiencing outmigration and an aging workforce.
- Our youth are more likely to stay and work in-state after high school if they attend postsecondary in Alaska
- This program helps to meet our workforce needs over the long-term.

UA's graduates Alaska hire rate



University of Alaska, Industry workforce reports

The Alaska Performance Scholarship

Passed in statute in 2010

Goals:

- Increasing k-12 rigor.
- Keep high achieving students in-state.

Established the \$400 million HEIF to fund the APS.

10-year review

- Use is less than half of what was anticipated.
- Use has been declining since 2016.
- This means missed opportunities for Alaskans and Alaska.*

**Alaska Performance Scholarship Program Review and Recommendations, 2021, Prepared for Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education by McKinley Research Group, LCC*

ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP



To apply for the APS and other financial aid opportunities, students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by June 30th of each year. Visit fafsa.ed.gov

Maintaining academic rigor with CTE

Required Curriculum (for all levels)	Math & Science Curriculum: (A)	Social Studies & Language Curriculum: (B)	Social Studies & Language Curriculum: (C)
Students can choose either curriculum option. <i>Contact your counselor for information about APS courses. Approved courses may also be available through resources such as the University of Alaska or others. Eligibility is determined based upon courses with a letter grade contained in your high school's permanent student record.</i>	Science (4 credits)	Science (3 credits)	Science (3 credits)
	Math (4 credits)	Math (3 credits)	Math (3 credits)
	Social Studies (4 credits)	Social Studies (4 credits)	Social Studies (4 credits)
	Option: 1 credit CTE	Language Arts (4 credits)	Language Arts (4 credits)
	Language Arts (4 credits)	World Language (2 credits)	World Language (2 credits)
		Or 2 credits CTE* <i>same language for both credits</i>	Option: 1 credit CTE <i>same language for both credits</i>

***1 year sequentially more rigorous content within a career cluster**

HB 48 offers three options for students to apply CTE credits to Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) eligibility:

- A) A student may replace one credit social studies with one credit CTE; or
- B) A student may replace two credits world language with two credits CTE, one year of which is sequentially more rigorous within a career cluster; or
- C) A student may replace one credit social studies with one credit CTE

One credit is equivalent to one year, or two semesters (or semester equivalents) of course work.

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Alaska Performance Scholarship Program Review and Recommendations

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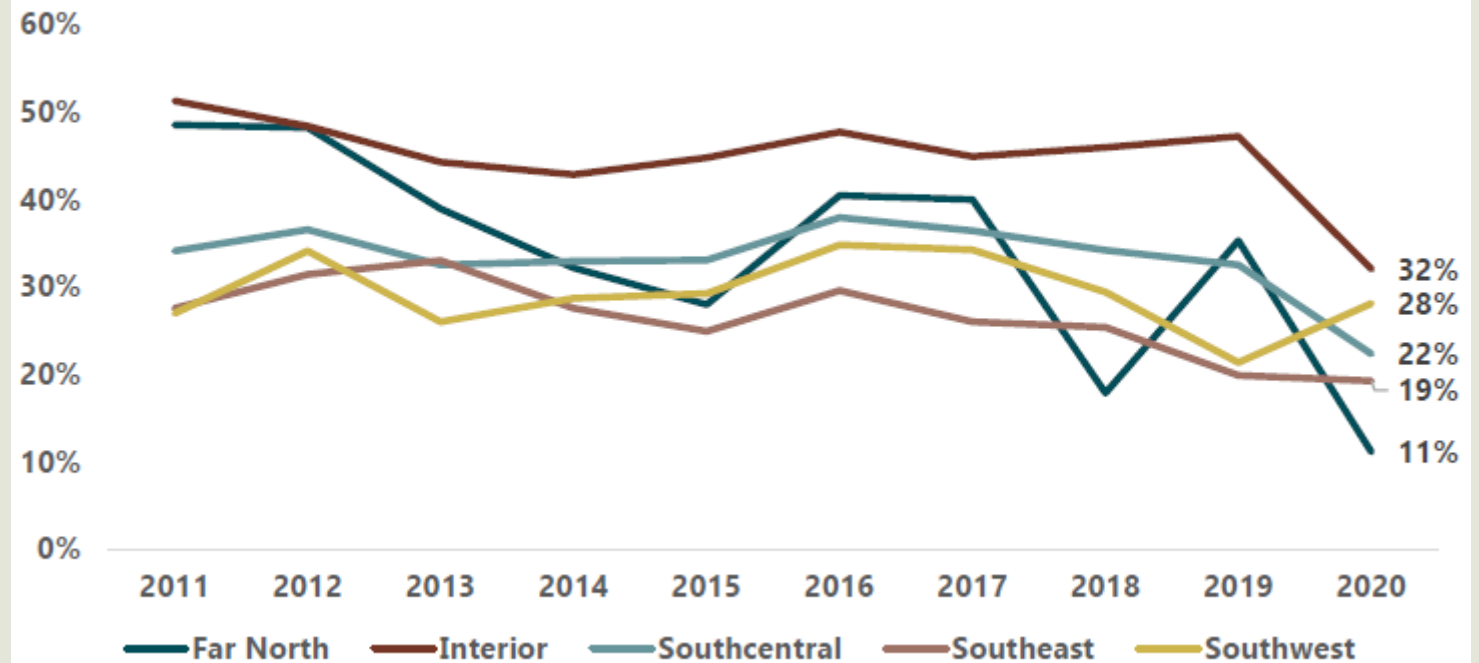


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Keeping the APS Competitive

- Students are getting better offers from outside of Alaska
- Expand the number of years the scholarship can be used from six after graduation to eight.
- Allow more students to utilize CTE options.
- Increase the award.

Figure 4. Percent of APS-Eligible Students Using APS Fall Following Graduation by Region, 2011-2020



Source: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education – Alaska Student Aid Portal data and McDowell Group calculations.

Making the APS work for Alaskans

- Tuition in the UA system averages \$9,600 a year*
- Increasing the amount makes it more competitive with out-of-state offers.
- The current award is ten years old and hasn't kept up with the growing costs of education.
- This amount is affordable within the parameters of the program.

GPA
3.5 ↑

- \$7,000
- (\$4,755)

GPA
3.0 ↑

- \$5,250
- (\$3,566)

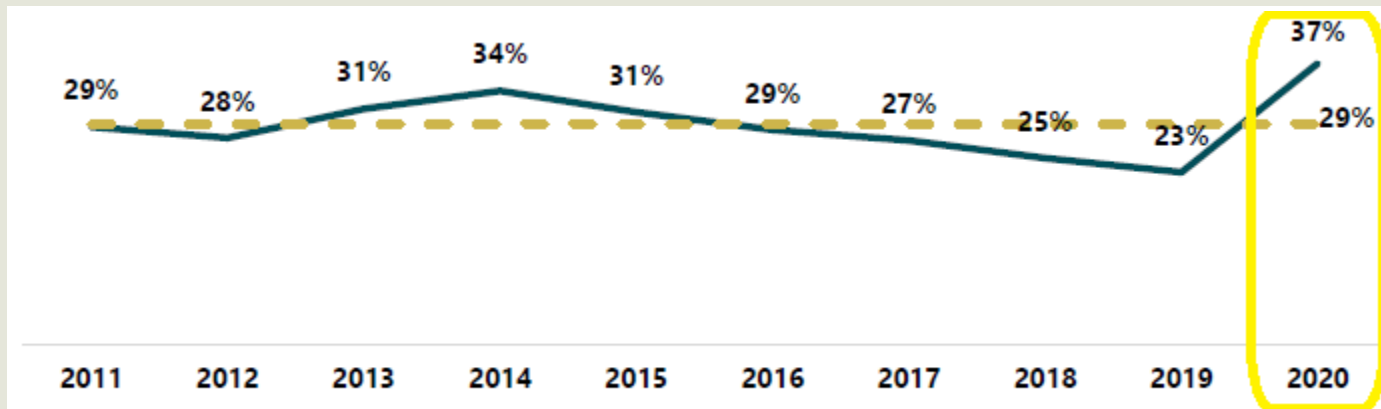
GPA
2.5 ↑

- \$3,5000
- (\$2,378)

*Source: University of Alaska

GPA – a strong indicator for postsecondary success

- Some studies show that GPA is a better indicator of postsecondary success than entrance exam scores.
 - Many colleges are dropping entrance exam requirements.
- When the testing requirement was waved during COVID, many more students qualified.
 - Prior to 2020, lack of access to testing, test preparation, and cost was a barrier.
 - More fair to remote areas.



Source: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education – Alaska Student Aid Portal data and McDowell Group calculations.

Percentage of students who qualify for APS by year.

Making APS more accessible

- Check in with students no later than January 31st during their 3rd year of high school to notify students if they are on track for the award.
 - Review progress for award.
 - Students must finish curriculum requirements senior year.
 - Other states have students apply by a set deadline, and students are notified of qualification.

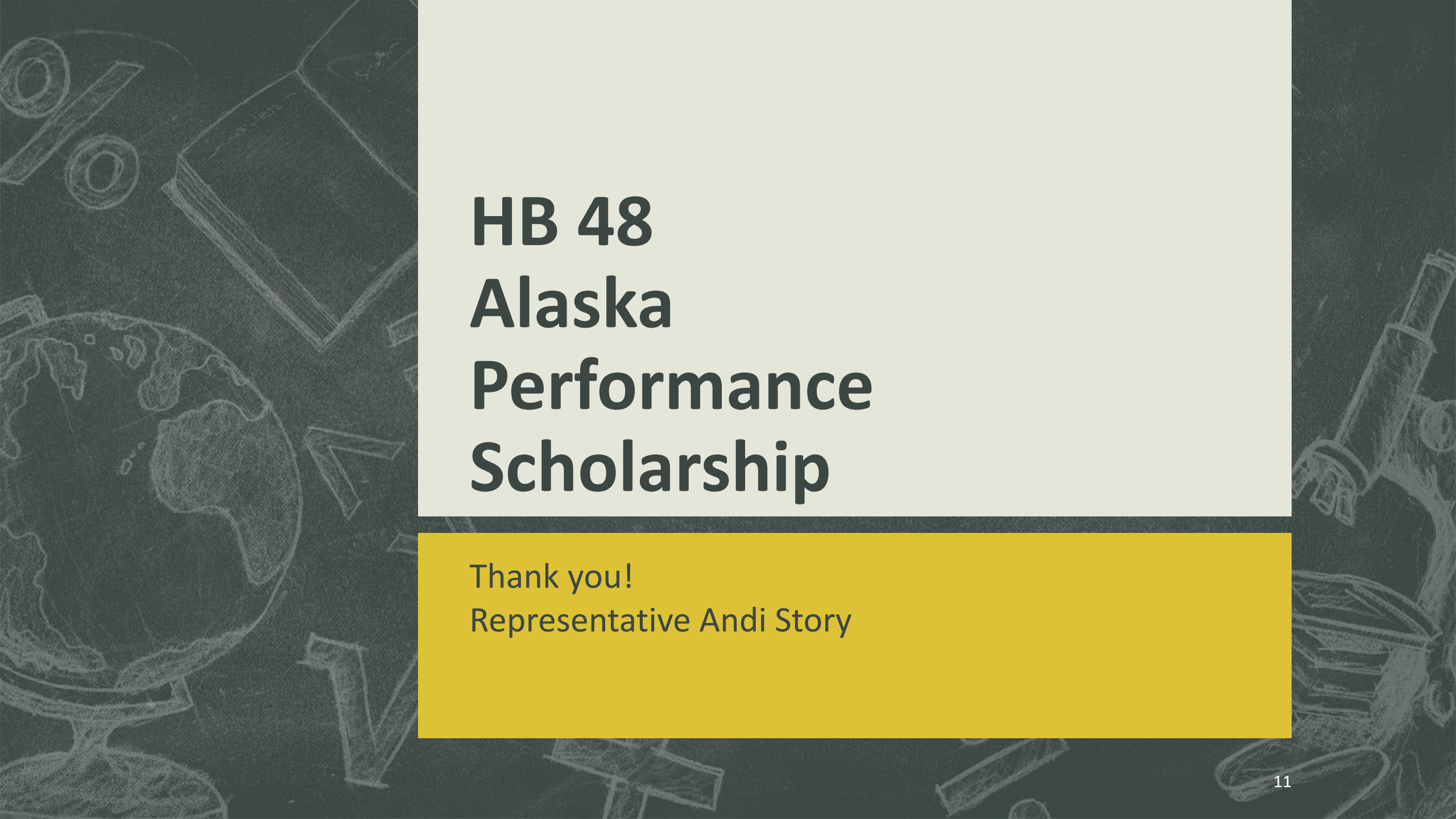
Growing Alaska's future workforce



Source: Association of Alaska School Boards



Source: Alaska Association for Career & Technical Education

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Thank you!
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