



UA Scholars Program Highlights

- Started by UA in 1999 to attract students from high schools in every corner of the state
 - Funded by UA
- 5,266 students have benefited
- 1,873 degrees awarded
- 79% pursuing bachelor's degrees and 14% associate degrees or certificates
- 90% remain in Alaska after graduation
- 66% receive additional financial aid including loans



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UA Scholars Program and APS – a comparison

Different Programs, Multiple Objectives, One Goal: Alaska Student Success

The UA Scholars program and the Alaska Performance Scholarship are both merit-based scholarships designed to reward student achievement and promote post-secondary attendance in Alaska.

UA Scholars Program

The UA Scholars Program was established in 1999 by the University of Alaska to attract the top 10 percent of students from every graduating high school class in the state. The program keeps top performers in Alaska and increases student diversity.

The \$11,000 cash scholarship is not reduced if other aid is received. Funding for the scholarship comes from the university's own Land Grant Trust Fund.

Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS)

The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) was established in 2010 as an invitation to excellence for high school students. It rewards students who complete a rigorous high school curriculum, earn good grades and score well on achievement tests.

The goal of APS is to better prepare students for post-secondary education and to incent them to continue their education in Alaska.

The amount of the APS can be reduced when other scholarships or grants the student receives decreases his or her cost of attendance. APS funding proposals are currently under legislative consideration.

Receiving Both Scholarships

More scholarships mean greater opportunity for Alaska's students. While some students may receive both scholarships; others will receive only one. And some college-bound students will not receive either one.

The criteria for each scholarship are different and the goals of each scholarship are different.

A student receiving both scholarships would have considerable help paying for post-secondary education or workforce training if they attend the University of Alaska.

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	UA SCHOLARS PROGRAM	ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP
OBJECTIVE	To incent top students from every community in Alaska to attend the University of Alaska	To incent students to be well prepared for higher education and career success and to pursue those in Alaska
TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP	Merit-based: class standing	Merit-based: curriculum, GPA and college/career test scores
NEED-BASED COMPONENT	None	None
FUNDED BY	University of Alaska	State of Alaska
IMPLEMENTED	1999	2011 subject to appropriation
ELIGIBILITY	Graduate in the top 10% from qualified high school Scholars are designated from virtually every community in Alaska	Complete rigorous curriculum Achieve minimum 2.5 GPA Earn at least moderate scores on ACT, SAT or Work Keys
WHO DETERMINES ELIGIBILITY	Designated by qualified high schools based on class standing	School districts determine initial eligibility according to APS statutes and regulations
TERM OF SCHOLARSHIP	8 semesters over 5 years	From 2-8 semesters over 6 years
AWARD AMOUNT	\$1,375 per semester for \$11,000 total award	\$1,189 - \$2,378 based on award level per semester Lifetime \$9,512-\$19,020 based on award level
CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	Satisfactory Academic Progress and GPA	Annual Credits and GPA based on class standing
FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS	The award is not tied to cost of attendance and not limited by other scholarships or financial aid received by student	"Last Dollar" award that cannot exceed the cost of attendance after all other scholarships and grants have been paid (including UA Scholars)
APS/UA SCHOLARS ELIGIBILITY OVERLAP	Scholar may be eligible for APS based on curriculum, test scores and GPA	APS recipient may be eligible for UA Scholars Award based on class rank
FUNDING	Provided by earnings of UA's Land Grant Trust Fund which is comprised of revenue generated by UA natural resource development. No State appropriation	Concepts Under Consideration Annual Direct Appropriation Renewable Funding Source
COST OF PROGRAM	Approx \$3.5 million annually	Est. \$8.5 to \$20 million annually
OUTCOMES	UA Scholars Have High Retention Rates 85% return for a second year UA Scholars Have High Graduation Rates more than 50% graduate within 6 years 1,873 degrees UA Scholars Stay In-State 90% remain in Alaska today UA Scholars Increase Diversity in fall 2009 nearly 20% were Alaska Natives	Anticipated Outcomes: Increase in higher education readiness Increase in post-secondary education enrollment Increase in post-secondary graduation rates Increase in qualified local hire, Alaska workforce