

ALASKA STATUTES Sec. 14.43.820 and Sec. 14.43.825

Sec. 14.43.820. Alaska performance scholarship program; eligibility.

- (a) Subject to appropriation, the commission shall award an Alaska performance scholarship to an applicant who
 - (1) is a resident of the state as defined in AS 01.10.055;
 - (2) graduated or will graduate within six months from a high school in the state;
 - (3) except as provided in (c) of this section, has completed a core academic curriculum of high school level coursework that includes
 - (A) four years of mathematics, four years of language arts, four years of science, and four years of social studies, one year of which may include a foreign language, an Alaska Native language, fine arts, or cultural heritage; or
 - (B) three years of mathematics, four years of language arts, three years of science, four years of social studies, and two years of a foreign language or an Alaska Native language;
 - (4) has a minimum grade-point average in high school of 2.5 or higher; the department shall set by regulation minimum requirements based on a substantially similar standard for districts that do not assign grades;
 - (5) has achieved a minimum score on a
 - (A) college entrance examination; or
 - (B) standardized examination designed to measure a student's level of preparedness to make the transition to work, as selected by the department; and
 - (6) is enrolled in good standing in a course of study at a qualified postsecondary institution in this state that is intended to result in the award of a certificate or degree.
- (b) The commission shall establish in regulation standards for continuing and regaining eligibility for a scholarship.
- (c) The commissioner shall waive a portion of the core academic requirements specified under (a)(3) of this section for not more than 24 additional months after a student graduates from a high school in the state to provide an eligible applicant the opportunity to complete the academic requirements at a qualified postsecondary institution using a scholarship awarded under AS 14.43.825(a) or at a public high school in the state with a district sponsorship under (f) of this section if the applicant submits a timely application on a form approved by the commissioner and provides satisfactory proof that the applicant was unable to complete the academic requirements under (a)(3) of this section as a result of circumstances beyond the applicant's control, including
 - (1) illness or disability;
 - (2) a lack of reasonable access to the required coursework at a small or remote high school attended by the applicant in the state; and
 - (3) other circumstances prescribed by regulation adopted by the board.
- (d) The commissioner shall approve or deny an application for a waiver submitted under (c) of this section within 30 days after receiving the application.
- (e) An applicant who receives a waiver under (c) of this section, shall, within the time granted

for the waiver, provide satisfactory proof to the commissioner of completion of the core academic requirements specified under (a)(3) of this section.

(f) Notwithstanding a contrary provision in this title, a school district that agrees to sponsor a student for a waiver under (c) of this section may include a student who has been approved for a waiver under (c) of this section in the student count conducted under AS 14.17.600 as a full-time or part-time student if the student attends a school in the district for the purpose of completing the core academic requirements under (a)(3) of this section.

(g) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

Sec. 14.43.825. Maximum annual awards.

(a) The maximum annual awards for the Alaska performance scholarships are as follows:

- (1) the first award level is \$4,755 and requires a
 - (A) 3.5 grade-point average or above; and
 - (B) very high minimum score on a college entrance examination;

- (2) the second award level is \$3,566 and requires a
 - (A) 3.0 grade-point average or above; and
 - (B) high minimum score on a college entrance examination;

- (3) the third award level is \$2,378 and requires a
 - (A) 2.5 grade-point average or above; and
 - (B) moderately high minimum score on a college entrance examination.

(b) A student's eligibility for a scholarship terminates six years after the date the student graduates from high school unless the student qualifies for an extension of time allowed by the department by regulation.

(c) Except as provided in (b) of this section, a student receiving a scholarship may remain eligible for up to eight semesters of enrollment in good standing at a qualified university or college, which may include graduate courses.

(d) Scholarships may be awarded to a full-time student or, if a student is enrolled part time, prorated based on the number of credits. In this subsection, "full time" means enrollment in a course of study that is not less than 12 credits, and "part time" means enrollment in a course of study that is not less than six credits but less than 12 credits.

(e) The amount of a scholarship award may not exceed the amount of the student's costs of attendance as certified by the postsecondary institution for the purposes of federal financial aid, less any other scholarships or nonloan financial aid awarded to the student.

(f) Payment of a scholarship is subject to appropriation and the availability of funds for expenditure under AS 37.14.750. If insufficient funds are appropriated or available in a fiscal year to pay all eligible scholarships, the commission may not award a scholarship to a new applicant, and the commission shall pay existing awards on a pro rata basis for that fiscal year.

4 AAC 43.020

Standardized examination and grade point average requirements

- (a) A student is eligible for an Alaska performance honors scholarship if the student meets the curriculum requirements of 4 AAC 43.030, obtains a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and provides proof of
- (1) an ACT composite score of 25 or higher;
 - (2) an SAT combined score of 1680 or higher; or
 - (3) a combined WorkKeys score of 13 or higher, with no single score lower than four in each of the following areas:
 - (A) applied mathematics;
 - (B) reading for information;
 - (C) locating information.
- (b) A student is eligible for an Alaska performance achievement scholarship if the student meets the curriculum requirements of 4 AAC 43.030, obtains a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and provides proof of
- (1) an ACT composite score of 23 or higher;
 - (2) an SAT combined score of 1560 or higher; or
 - (3) a combined WorkKeys score of 13 or higher, with no single score lower than four in each of the following areas:
 - (A) applied mathematics;
 - (B) reading for information;
 - (C) locating information.
- (c) A student is eligible for an Alaska performance opportunity scholarship if the student meets the curriculum requirements of 4 AAC 43.030, obtains a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, and provides proof of
- (1) an ACT composite score of 21 or higher;
 - (2) an SAT combined score of 1450 or higher; or
 - (3) a combined WorkKeys score of 13 or higher, with no single score lower than four in each of the following areas:
 - (A) applied mathematics;
 - (B) reading for information;
 - (C) locating information.
- (d) A student who qualifies for a scholarship using the WorkKeys examination must use the scholarship award in a career and technical program that results in the award of a certificate.