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Alaska Performance Scholarship

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Alaska High School Students –

Earn the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) to pay for college or training in Alaska

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Track your Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) and AlaskaAdvantage Education Grant (AEG).

- Was my FAFSA received?
- What APS level did my school report for me?
- How much time do I have left to use my awards?
- Why did I not get an award this year?

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I want to be alerted to new scholarship information!

I am a(n):*

Name:*

Email:*

* required

Level 1

up to \$4,755 per year

- High School GPA 3.5
- ACT - 25 or SAT 1680
- Specified high school curriculum

Level 2

up to \$3,566 per year

- High School GPA 3.0
- ACT - 23 or SAT 1560
- Specified high school curriculum

Level 3

up to \$2,378 per year

- High School GPA 2.5
- ACT - 21 or SAT 1450
- Specified high school curriculum

Career and Technical Awards can be earned with qualifying WorkKeys instead of ACT/SAT scores.

- Same curriculum requirements and award levels as the collegiate award
- With the determining factor for the level awarded being the students GPA

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WHAT is the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS)?

The Alaska Performance Scholarship provides an opportunity for Alaska high school students to earn a scholarship to help cover the cost of an Alaska postsecondary education. Alaska high school students who take a more rigorous curriculum, get good grades, and score well on college placement or work ready exams, can earn an Alaska Performance Scholarship to qualified Alaska colleges, universities, or vocational/technical programs.

WHO can get the APS?

Alaska residents who graduate from an Alaska high school (public, private, or home school), in 2011 or later and meet the qualifying requirements are eligible for an APS award.

WHERE can the APS be used?

The APS can be used at any participating college or university in Alaska, or for approved career and technical education programs in the state. Click here for more information on participating Alaska postsecondary institutions.

HOW MUCH is the APS?

There are three maximum annual award levels: up to \$4,755, \$3,566, and \$2,378. Maximum levels are established based on a combination of minimum GPA and test scores. An APS award may not exceed qualifying costs of attendance (which typically include tuition; fees; required books, supplies, and equipment; room and board; and transportation)

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remaining after considering all other non-loan aid the student is eligible for. Students may remain eligible for up to 8 semesters, but must fully use the APS within six years of high school graduation.

WHEN will the APS be available?

The APS is sent to schools in two payments, usually 50% of the award when the student begins attendance, and the other 50% at the start of the next term or midpoint of a CTE program. Generally, your school will first apply your APS funds to your outstanding school debt for that year, if any, and then pay any remaining funds to you. Final award notification is made after the postsecondary education confirms qualifying enrollment. Students can monitor their status in their Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP) account.

FAQ about the Scholarship

> **When will I be able to find out my APS award level?**

> **Is funding available for scholarships?**

> **How much is the scholarship award?**

> **What determines the level of scholarship earned?**

> **What is the difference between the UA Scholars program and the Alaska Performance Scholarship?**

> **Can students who are UA Scholars also receive an Alaska Performance Scholarship?**

> **What Does APS/AEG Set -Aside Eligible High Schools Mean?**

FAQs about Curriculum

> **What does a "rigorous high school curriculum" mean?**

> **Is there anything I can do if my school doesn't offer enough courses to meet the curriculum requirements?**

Alaska School Contact Lookup Tool

Select a school for the drop down menu below. Information for an Alaska Performance Scholarship contact person will display to the right.

Please report Incorrect school contact Information to Shari Paul .

- MAKE A SELECTION - 

Information for School District
Staff

APS Program Participation For
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Thank you for your work helping students prepare to be eligible for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS).

Shari Paul is the APS Program Coordinator for the Department of Education & Early Development (EED). She is responsible for helping school districts meet their obligations to: 1) determine students' APS eligibility, 2) ensure this information becomes part of each student's permanent school records, and, 3) ensure student eligibility status is transmitted to EED.

School districts will provide this information to EED through their Summer OASIS reporting. The due date for the Summer OASIS data collection is July 15. EED encourages school districts to submit their complete and accurate data in a timely fashion so that students will receive ample notice of their eligibility status.

Check back frequently for new information or subscribe to updates for important changes.



All schools or postsecondary training providers requesting to administer Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) funds must:

1. Have an established status with the Commission on Postsecondary Education.
2. Submit the Program Participation Agreement and all supporting documentation.

View a list of participating Alaska postsecondary institutions.

Important Information: The deadline for the application period for Alaska postsecondary institutions wishing to enroll students receiving APS funds is June 30 of the preceding year the institution wishes to enroll students receiving APS funds. For more information, please contact our school compliance manager at EED.ACPE-IA@alaska.gov or direct at 907-465-6678.

> Information for School Districts

> **Course Approval Information for School Districts** (*provided by Department of Education & Early Development*)

> **APS/AEG SET-ASIDE ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOLS:**

> **Accredited or ACPE-Authorized**

> **Non-Accredited, Non-Authorized**

MEET APS RECIPIENTS – We are proud of all the dedicated students that have received the APS, here are 3 student stories.



Andrew Lastimoso

– APS Level 2, 2013

Money was tight when Andrew's parents were raised in the Philippines, so tight that as children they would



Sheryce Marshall

– APS Level 3, 2012

Life didn't always come easy for Thunder Mountain High School graduate Sheryce Marshall. But with a positive



Ian Sanders

– APS Level 1, 2011

Ian said his family could not afford to send him to college. Then he learned about the Alaska Performance

study by candlelight because their families couldn't afford electricity. Both parents, knowing the value of an education, pursued and instilled that same value in Dimond HS graduate Andrew Lastimoso. Andrew now shares his journey for the Alaska Performance Scholarship with the rest of us.



attitude, perseverance, and a little help from the Alaska Performance Scholarship Sheryce is living the dream she's envisioned for herself. This is Sheryce's story.



Scholarship from his Bethel High School College & Career Guide. Loaded with this information and focused determination, Ian graduated with a 4.4 GPA! He is now attending UAA and ready to change the world! This is Ian's story.



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