

In the AY15 academic year APS awards have totaled slightly more than \$10 million for eligible high school graduates pursuing postsecondary studies.⁸ Of that, over \$9 million was awarded to graduates pursuing bachelor's degrees, and over \$900,000 to those pursuing associate degrees. Even with the recent increases in CTE APS-eligible graduates, the dollar total of certificate program awards is barely over \$200,000 in AY15.

It is not surprising that more APS funds are being awarded to the top level recipients, since, based on individual award amounts, Level 1 eligible students receive one-third more than similarly enrolled Level 2 eligible students, and twice as much as Level 3 recipients. With each passing year, though, the differences increase. (See Exhibit 11.)

⁸ APS award amounts are based on student attendance in fall and spring. Historically, total award amounts have been adjusted slightly downward at the academic year end.

EXHIBIT 10

APS Expenditures by Students' Degree/Certificate Pursuit, Fall 2014 Awards

