

# Alaska Performance Scholarship

An invitation to excellence, extended to students, parents and educators alike.



## Fact Sheet – October 2011

### WHO can get the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS)?

Alaska residents who graduate from an Alaska high school (public, private, or home school), in 2011 or later, and:

- complete a specified rigorous high school curriculum, defined by regulations
- achieve a high school GPA of at least 2.5, or equivalent
- earn a minimum score on college or career readiness test (21 on the ACT, 1450 on the SAT, or 5 on WorkKeys)
- enroll at least half time, and remain in good standing, in an approved program at a participating Alaska institution
- have qualifying education costs remaining after using all other non-loan aid (e.g. federal grants or other scholarships)

### WHERE can the APS be used?

At any participating college or university in Alaska, or for approved career and technical education programs in the state.

### HOW MUCH is the APS?

There are three maximum annual award levels: up to \$4,755, \$3,566, and \$2,378. Students who meet continuing eligibility requirements may receive up to 8 semesters (four years) of APS awards. An APS award may not exceed qualifying costs of attendance (which typically include tuition, fees, books, tools and supplies, room and board and transportation) remaining after considering all other non-loan aid the student is eligible for.

### WHAT is required to get the APS?

*Step 1) TAKE THE REQUIRED RIGOROUS HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (see chart on reverse)*

*Step 2) MEET THE GPA AND TEST SCORE REQUIREMENTS (see chart on reverse)*

Be sure your SAT/ACT scores are sent directly to your school and received prior to high school graduation.

*Step 3) APPLY*

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1, and before June 30, in each year you wish to use APS funds. An alternate application for students applying to a school that does not receive FAFSA data is available at [APS.alaska.gov](http://APS.alaska.gov). Private school students must also submit an Eligibility Determination Form to EED.

### WHEN will students be able to receive the APS?

Future Alaska high school graduates who qualify for the APS can receive an award for enrollment in a qualifying program beginning on or after August 1<sup>st</sup> following graduation. 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.

Students must fully use the APS within six years of high school graduation. They may be eligible to receive an APS award for up to 8 semesters (four years) by:

- filing a new FAFSA or approved alternate application by the deadline each year
- making satisfactory academic progress as set out in regulations (including number of credits earned and college GPA)
- staying enrolled at least half time in a qualifying program of study



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# Alaska Performance Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

The Alaska Performance Scholarship is available to state residents who graduate from an Alaska high school (public, private, or home school), in or after 2011, who:

1. Complete a rigorous high school curriculum; and
2. Achieve required grade point averages (GPA); and
3. Achieve minimum college or career readiness test scores; and
4. Attend an eligible program at an institution located in Alaska; and
5. File a FAFSA by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Curriculum Requirements by Year of Graduation

### Graduation in 2012

### Graduation in 2013 and 2014

| Math and Science Option             |                                     | Social Studies and Language Option              |                                    | Math and Science Option             | Social Studies and Language Option              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| All Scholarship Levels              | Scholarship Levels 2 and 3          | All Scholarship Levels                          | Scholarship Levels 2 and 3         | All Scholarship Levels              | All Scholarship Levels                          |
| 4 units math                        | 3 units math and 4 units science    | 4 units language arts                           | 4 units language arts              | 4 units math                        | 4 units language arts                           |
| 4 units science                     | OR                                  | 4 units social studies                          | 4 units social studies             | 4 units science                     | 4 units social studies                          |
| 4 units language arts               | 4 units math and 3 units science    | 2 units of the same world language <sup>2</sup> | 1 unit world language <sup>2</sup> | 4 units language arts               | 2 units of the same world language <sup>2</sup> |
| 4 units social studies <sup>1</sup> | AND                                 | 3 units math                                    | 3 units math                       | 4 units social studies <sup>1</sup> | 3 units math                                    |
|                                     | 4 units language arts               | 3 units science                                 | 3 units science                    |                                     | 3 units science                                 |
|                                     | 4 units social studies <sup>1</sup> |   |                                    |                                     |   |

## GPA and Test Score Requirements by Scholarship Level

### Level 1 Up to \$4,755 per year

### Level 2 Up to \$3,566 per year

### Level 3 Up to \$2,378 per year

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| <p><b>Collegiate &amp; CTE<sup>3</sup> Award</b><br/>           high school GPA 3.5<br/>           ACT score of 25 or higher; or<br/>           SAT score of 1680 or higher;</p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>CTE<sup>3</sup> Award only</b><br/>           high school GPA 3.5<br/>           WorkKeys score of 5 in Math, Reading,<br/>           and Locating Information</p> | <p><b>Collegiate &amp; CTE<sup>3</sup> Award</b><br/>           high school GPA 3.0<br/>           ACT score of 23 or higher; or<br/>           SAT score of 1560 or higher;</p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>CTE<sup>3</sup> Award only</b><br/>           high school GPA 3.0<br/>           WorkKeys score of 5 in Math, Reading,<br/>           and Locating Information</p> | <p><b>Collegiate &amp; CTE<sup>3</sup> Award</b><br/>           high school GPA 2.5<br/>           ACT score of 21 or higher; or<br/>           SAT score of 1450 or higher;</p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>CTE<sup>3</sup> Award only</b><br/>           high school GPA 2.5<br/>           WorkKeys score of 5 in Math, Reading,<br/>           and Locating Information</p> |
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<sup>1</sup> Students electing the Math and Science Option may substitute a unit of foreign language, Alaska Native language, or American Sign Language, fine arts, or cultural heritage for one unit of social studies.

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of APS eligibility American Sign, Alaska Native and foreign languages are all considered world languages.

<sup>3</sup> A student may become eligible for a collegiate award or a career and technical education (CTE) award at varying levels. A student cannot receive both awards simultaneously. By qualifying with ACT and/or SAT scores, a student will be eligible to pursue either a collegiate or career and technical program. If qualifying solely with WorkKeys scores, a student will only be eligible for the CTE award. The CTE award can be used for attendance in a career and technical education certificate program, but not for a degree program. Either award can be used for an approved certificate program.