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Alaska Performance Scholarship is Now a Reality

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Alaska Performance Scholarship is now a reality across this state. As students begin school registration this week, selecting their courses, it is important for them (and their parents) to understand the requirements of the new merit scholarship program – which can provide tuition assistance for both academic and vocational education to those who qualify. Qualifications include completion of a rigorous curriculum as detailed below and at the Alaska Performance Scholarship website at www.aps.alaska.gov.

I'm Berta and I'm Listening...

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Berta". The letters are cursive and fluid.

High School Students – register NOW for classes that will help you qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship!

The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) is an invitation to excellence for Alaska's students, parents, and educators.

To be eligible, students must take a specific, rigorous high school curriculum; earn a minimum 2.5 GPA;
and do well on a qualifying college or career-readiness exam.

Three award levels are offered and any future Alaska high school graduate may become eligible!

Students could receive up to \$4,755* a year!

For more information and specific requirements go to: [APS.alaska.gov](https://aps.alaska.gov)

To apply, most qualified students need to complete only the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Awards can be used at participating colleges or universities in Alaska, or for approved career and technical education programs in the state.



Alaska Performance Scholarship Student Eligibility Criteria

The Alaska Performance Scholarship is available to Alaska 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.

Important: Minimum curriculum requirements are set by year of graduation.

2011 Graduation

All Scholarship Levels

5 units combined in math and science (at least 2 units in each category).

2012 Graduation

Math and Science Option

All Scholarship Levels

4 units math
4 units science
and
4 units language arts
4 units social studies¹

Scholarship Level 2 and 3

7 units combined in math and science (at least 3 units in each category).
and
4 units language arts
4 units social studies¹

Social Studies and Language Option

All Scholarship Levels

4 units language arts
4 units social studies
2 units of the same world language²
3 units math
3 units science

Scholarship Level 2 & 3

4 units language arts
4 units social studies
1 unit world language²
3 units math
3 units science

Graduation 2013 and After

Math and Science Option

All Scholarship Levels

4 units math
4 units science
4 units language arts
4 units social studies¹

Social Studies and Language Option

All Scholarship Levels

4 units language arts
4 units social studies
2 units of the same world language²
3 units math
3 units science

Minimum GPA and Test Scores by Scholarship Level

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

GPA of at least 3.5

and

- A) An ACT score of 25 or higher; or
B) an SAT score of 1680 or higher; or

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

GPA of at least 3.0

and

- A) An ACT Score of 23 or higher; or
B) an SAT score of 1560 or higher; or

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

GPA of at least 2.5

and

- A) An ACT Score of 21 or higher; or
B) an SAT score of 1450 or higher; or

C) For all scholarship levels: A WorkKeys score of 5 in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information will qualify an otherwise eligible student to receive a scholarship award for attendance in a Career Technical Education certificate program, but not for attendance in a degree program.

¹ 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 of the 4 units of social studies.

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

*Administered by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, the APS is a program of the State of Alaska and subject to annual approval of funding.