



Alaska Performance Scholarship

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

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Governor Sean Parnell - proposed the Governor's Scholarship Program, which initiated discussion and debate resulting in the approved Alaska scholarship program.

Alaska Legislature – in 2010, passed Senate Bill 221 (SB 221) which created the new Alaska scholarship program, now known as the Alaska Performance Scholarship, in AS 14.43 Article 11A. SB 221 was sponsored by Senators Stevens, McGuire, Davis, Kookesh, Meyer, Paskvan, Menard, Stedman, Thomas and Egan. It is anticipated that funding for the Alaska Performance Scholarship will be a significant 2011 legislative priority.

Department of Education and Early Development (EED) – establishes the:

- test scores that qualify students for specific award levels
- specific courses that meet the curriculum requirements set in statute
- phased-in curriculum requirements for the classes of 2011 and 2012
- process for home school students to determine scholarship eligibility

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) – is responsible for program operations and administers the scholarship funds. Duties include:

- developing procedures for applying for the scholarships
- establishing ongoing programmatic standards
- ensuring students apply for other non-loan financial aid

Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) - establishes related criteria and determines which career and technical school programs in the state are eligible to participate in the Alaska Performance Scholarship.

Postsecondary Institutions - monitor and record continued eligibility of enrolled students, and collaborate with EED, DOLWD, and ACPE to record and share data, and prepare annual reports to the public, governor, and legislature.

Alaska School Districts - tasked with determining which high school graduates are eligible, and making the information part of students' permanent records.

Alaska's Parents and Students – responsible for reviewing the eligibility requirements and working with their schools and educators to ensure students have an opportunity to become eligible for the award.

Alaska Performance Scholarship Requirements Documents

Statute: [AS 14.43 Article 11A. Alaska Merit Scholarship Program](#)

EED Regulations – [4 ACC Chapter 43. Alaska Performance Scholarship](#); and others currently [open for public comment](#)

DOLWD Regulations – [currently open for public comment](#)

ACPE Regulations - [pending final approval](#)



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