Class of 2015 & Beyond

ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Career & Technical Eligibility Checklist

Career & Technical APS Awards are for CERTIFICATE programs and cannot be used for associate or other degrees.

Students with qualifying SAT/ACT scores may use either the CTE or Collegiate Award.

Level 1

UP TO **$4,755** *per year*

- ☐ **CURRICULUM**
- ☐ **GPA** **3.5** (or greater)
- ☐ **TEST SCORES** WORKKEYS 13*
  (ACT 25 or SAT 1680 may be used as a substitute)

Level 2

UP TO **$3,566** *per year*

- ☐ **CURRICULUM**
- ☐ **GPA** **3.0** (or greater)
- ☐ **TEST SCORES** WORKKEYS 13*
  (ACT 23 or SAT 1560 may be used as a substitute)

Level 3

UP TO **$2,378** *per year*

- ☐ **CURRICULUM**
- ☐ **GPA** **2.5** (or greater)
- ☐ **TEST SCORES** WORKKEYS 13*
  (ACT 21 or SAT 1450 may be used as a substitute)

*A combined score of 13 or higher, with no score below 4, is required in Applied Math, Locating Information, and Reading for Information.

Math & Science Curriculum

4 UNITS MATH				
4 UNITS SCIENCE				
4 UNITS LANGUAGE ARTS				
4 UNITS SOCIAL STUDIES				

OR

Social Studies & Language Curriculum

2 UNITS WORLD LANGUAGE			must be the same foreign, Alaska Native, or American Sign language	
3 UNITS MATH				
3 UNITS SCIENCE				
4 UNITS LANGUAGE ARTS				
4 UNITS SOCIAL STUDIES				

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MATH
standard courses
- ☐ algebra 1
- ☐ algebra 2
- ☐ geometry
- ☐ trigonometry
- ☐ pre-calculus
- ☐ calculus
- ☐ calculus 2
- ☐ statistics
- ☐
- ☐

SCIENCE
standard courses
- ☐ physical science
- ☐ earth science
- ☐ biology
- ☐ chemistry
- ☐ physics
- ☐ marine biology
- ☐ anatomy & physiology
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

LANGUAGE ARTS
standard courses
- ☐ composition
- ☐ American literature
- ☐ world literature
- ☐ speech & debate
- ☐ advanced composition
- ☐ creative writing
- ☐ British literature
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

SOCIAL STUDIES
standard courses
- ☐ world history
- ☐ American history
- ☐ geography
- ☐ American government
- ☐ civics
- ☐ economics
- ☐ Alaska history
- ☐ western civilization
- ☐ eastern civilization
- ☐ psychology
- ☐ sociology
- ☐
- ☐

Each school district is responsible for providing students with a complete list of all courses that qualify for the APS.

Districts may include two APS qualifying course categories – standard and additional. Additional courses may be used as follows: for the Social Studies & Language Curriculum, one additional course is permitted in each subject area (math, science, language arts, and social studies). For the Math & Science Curriculum, one additional course each is permitted for math and language arts, two each are permitted for science and social studies. Also, (for the Math & Science Curriculum only) a foreign language, Alaska Native Language, American Sign Language, cultural heritage or fine arts course may be substituted for one standard course of social studies.

Contact your counselor for more information about APS-approved courses. Approved courses may also be available through resources such as Alaska's Learning Network (AKlearn.net) or the University of Alaska. Eligibility is determined based upon courses contained in your school's permanent student record.

To apply for the APS students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by June 30th of each year.

Student GPA: _____

Student Test Score & Test Date: _____

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Questions? Visit APS.alaska.gov

Career & Technical Award

On Track to Qualify? Get Ready to Put Your Award to Work!

To get the APS, you must file a FAFSA and be admitted (attending at least half time) to a qualifying program.
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INITIAL AWARD CHECKLIST

TIPS:

My Institution

Institution:

Major/Program:

Program Full-Time Eligible? Yes No

Advisor Contact:

The CTE APS is for qualifying Alaska career and technical certificate programs. Participating institutions and eligible programs are listed online at APS.alaska.gov. Programs requiring fewer than 24 credits, or less than 30 clock hours per week for at least 12 weeks may be eligible for half-time awards.

Occupational Endorsement Certificates (OECs) and private pilot programs are not eligible.

Meet with an enrollment or academic advisor and let them know you plan to attend with an APS.

Admissions

Admissions Application Deadline:

Admissions Requirements:

Accepted? Yes No

Conditions:

Conditions Completed? Yes No N/A

Before the deadlines – complete the application, pay any fees, and provide all required documents.

Once accepted, let the institution know you plan to attend.

Conditional admissions means you still must complete the process– submit final high school transcripts immediately after you graduate and meet any other conditions promptly.

HOUSING TIP:

At some institutions, housing fills up fast, so if you plan to live on campus, be sure to submit your housing application early, too.

Financial Aid

FAFSA Filed? Yes No Date Filed:

Financial Aid Deadline:

Financial Aid Advisor Contact:

Notified of Intent to Enroll? Yes No

File your FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible but no later than June 30 (APS deadline). Be sure to file by your institution's financial aid deadline to be considered for more financial aid.

Accept (or decline) the financial aid outlined in the school's award notice. Your APS may not appear in your first award notice. Tell your financial aid staff you plan to attend using an APS. If you have significant other grant or scholarship aid, your APS amount may be affected – your financial aid staff can help with any questions.

Courses

Date Course Registration Opens:

Financial aid certification window:

# of credits registered for:

Deadlines to add/drop courses:

Make sure you are registered for sufficient credits/clock hours. If you are responsible for registering for your own classes, register as soon as course registration opens. If you need English and/or Math placement tests, take them as early as you can – and remember to prepare for them!

If you're in a credit-based program, find out your school's financial aid certification deadline. Before that date, register for 12 or more credits to receive a full-time APS, or 6 to 11 credits for a half-time APS.

Now that you have the APS Award – Keep it!

Continuing Eligibility

My high school graduation date: **+ 6 years = My APS expiration date:**

Cumulative GPA & Credits Completed	Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements
Credit-Based Certificate Program: Semester: ____ credits _____ GPA Final: ____credits _____ cumulative GPA	**In a credit-based certificate program, earn:** - 24 semester credits for a full-time award - 12 semester credits for a half-time award - a 2.0+ cumulative GPA
Non-Credit-Based Certificate Program: Clock Hours:_____ # of Weeks:_____	**In a non-credit based certificate program, attend:** - at least 30 clock hours per week for not less than 12 weeks for a full-time award - at least 15 clock hours per week for not less than 6 weeks for a half-time award

You must also meet applicable satisfactory academic progress requirements of your postsecondary institution and program.

NOTE: Only one year of an award will be made for a single career and technical certificate program, regardless of program length. The CTE APS award cannot be used for other degree types, such as associate's or bachelor's. Occupational endorsement certificates and private pilot's programs are also not eligible.

You may use the CTE APS to complete consecutive certificate programs. An APS may be used for no more than 8 semesters/12 quarters (4 academic years), for full-time or half-time attendance.

Sign up for an Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP) account to monitor your APS eligibility and usage online.

Visit APS.alaska.gov