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Alaska Performance Scholarship – Outcomes Report 2022

JUNEAU – The annual Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Outcomes Report for 2022 is now <u>available</u>. This report, prepared by McKinley Research Group, highlights critical information regarding the following topics:

- APS Eligibility Definitions & Requirements
- APS Awarding Breakdowns by Population
- APS Eligibility Student Survey
- Impacts of COVID-19
- APS & Postsecondary Outcomes
- APS Recipients in the Alaska Workforce

The 2022 Outcomes Report reflects that 69% of APS eligible students say the APS award is seen as a motivator for improving grade achievement while 70% said that APS influenced their decision to stay in state for education. Additionally, of the first-time APS recipients who enrolled in the University of Alaska System, 93% were prepared to take college-level coursework, compared to 72% of non-recipient first-time students.

"The Alaska Performance Scholarship provides an opportunity for higher education goals to be realized for thousands of Alaskan students. As confirmed in the Outcomes Report, the APS is a critical component to reduce financial stress and increase the opportunity for Alaskans to attend postsecondary programs," said ACPE Executive Director, Sana Efird.

ABOUT THE ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP:

APS provides an opportunity for Alaska high school graduates to earn a scholarship to help cover the cost of an Alaska postsecondary education. By meeting curriculum, GPA, and testing requirements, Alaskan students may earn the APS to attend qualified Alaska colleges, universities, or career and technical education programs.

ABOUT THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION: ACPE promotes access to and success in education and career training beyond high school.

THE COMMISSION PROVIDES:

- Education planning tools and resources
- Advocacy and support for postsecondary participation in Alaska
- Financial aid for college and career training
- Education consumer protection through institutional authorization and complaint investigation