

ACPE PRESS RELEASE

Sana Efir
Executive Director
907-465-6740
acpe.alaska.gov



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Alaska Performance Scholarship Legislation Passes House and Senate

Juneau, Alaska – The House and Senate passed legislation to modernize the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS). The next step is for the legislation to be transmitted to the Governor for approval, change, or veto. No APS changes are in effect until this process is finalized.

The legislation awaiting the Governor’s action currently includes the following enhancements to the Alaska Performance Scholarship:

- Removes standardized test score requirement
 - Students may become APS eligible by meeting a minimum GPA requirement **OR** minimum test score requirement
- Increases award amount for each APS award level
- Extends term of use from 6 to 8 years
- Delivers earlier award notification by mid-Junior year
- Offers step-up provision for continuing eligibility students to increase award level
- Expands qualifying rigorous curriculum options
- Eliminates distinction between “Collegiate” and “CTE” award tracks

APS is a merit-based scholarship, established in 2011, to increase the rate of Alaska’s high performing students remaining in Alaska for postsecondary education. However, in recent years APS eligibility and usage has been trending downwards. The intent of the legislation is to improve access to and utilization of the APS, so as to increase in-state enrollment, retention, and education completion rates of Alaska’s students. Ultimately in support of developing a stronger, highly skilled Alaska workforce.

ACPE will monitor the progress of this legislation and will update our [website](#) with any developments.

ABOUT ACPE:

Funded by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation, ACPE provides sustainable solutions for college, career and technical training.

ACPE PROVIDES:

- Postsecondary 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
