The Alaska legislature enacted the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) in 2011 to inspire our state’s high school students to prepare for success in college and career training. Since inception, 21,522 Alaska high school graduates completed the rigorous requirements and have become eligible for scholarships to pursue postsecondary education in Alaska.

The APS Outcomes Report 2020
Available at ACPE.Alaska.Gov/Reports

GOAL #1
Skilled Alaskans Stay in Alaska

15% Higher rate of Alaska residency (7 years after graduation)
SOURCE: PFD APPLICATION DATA
81% Influenced by APS to attend school in-state
SOURCE: APS SURVEY 2019

GOAL #2
Alaskan Students Excel in High School

Eligible students report that APS made them more likely to:
(Even those who never used the award)

76% Achieve better grades
66% Seek out college/academic advising
73% Take placement exams
63% Take challenging courses
FOR 2019 APS ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (SOURCE: APS SURVEY 2019)

GOAL #3
Alaskan Students are Prepared for College or Training

98% APS Recipients vs. 71% Non-APS Recipients
Are fully prepared for college level courses, needing no remediation at UA

GOAL #4
Alaskan Students Succeed in College

APS Recipients vs. Non-APS Recipients

82% vs. 56% Still attending UA their second year
36% vs. 20% Graduation rates for two year or less programs
52% vs. 24% Graduation rates for four year programs

1BASED ON UA SYSTEM FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME FRESHMEN (THREE YEAR GRADUATION RATES)
2BASED ON FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME FRESHMEN GRADUATING FROM AN ALASKA HIGH SCHOOL (SIX YEAR GRADUATION RATES)

APPLICANTS of the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) are also eligible for

75% Achievement Scholarship
$3,000-
Early College High School (ECHS) Students
$3,400-
Up to $6,000-
Adapted to Your Needs

DID YOU KNOW?

APS can be used for university studies as well as career or technical training.
APS recipients must meet further requirements in college/training to continue to receive the APS.
The APS is funded through earnings of the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund, created by the legislature to ensure long-term sustainable funding.

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