



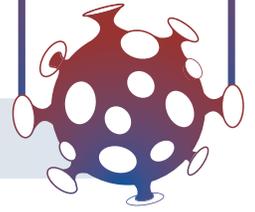
# FAQs for Class of 2020

## ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

**COVID-19  
Relief**

FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

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For the graduating class of 2020, the testing requirement (SAT, ACT, WorkKeys) is waived for Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) eligibility. APS award level will be determined by GPA. The testing requirement is waived due to the cancellation of test administrations in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Details of this waiver and any other changes to APS policies will be available on the APS website by mid-April.

The APS FAQs will be updated as new information becomes available. Please continue to refer to this content for up-to-date information regarding APS information.

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## Questions and Answers

### How do I qualify for the APS as a 2020 high school graduate?

You will need to meet the GPA and curriculum requirements set by APS administrative code, and complete your FAFSA as soon as possible.

### How do I find out if I qualify for the APS?

Contact your school district or high school counselor. Your school will also provide your APS eligibility status to the State, and you can visit ACPE's [Alaska Student Aid Portal](#) in August to get more information about your APS eligibility and award level.

### How do I qualify for the APS if I attend a private high school or homeschool program?

The APS eligibility for homeschool or private school students follows the information listed above. However, private school or homeschool reporting information may be sent electronically. Please contact Felicia Swanson at [felicia.swanson@alaska.gov](mailto:felicia.swanson@alaska.gov) for additional information.

### Will the classes I am taking through distance education count as requirements for the APS?

Distance education classes can count if they meet the required curriculum. Contact your school district as they determine what courses meet APS requirements.

### Some of my distance-delivered courses are Pass/Fail. Do these grades count towards APS?

Eligibility is determined based upon courses with a letter grade contained in your high school's permanent student record. Please contact your school district for additional guidance if the district does not assign grades.

### Will I need to take the ACT or SAT next year in order to qualify?

No, the graduating class of 2020 will not have to take ACT, SAT, or WorkKeys retroactively to qualify for APS. However, other scholarships may require test scores, so it will be important to read all of the application requirements for those scholarships.

### If I am in the graduating class of 2021, will I be required to take the ACT, SAT, or WorkKeys test?

Yes, only the graduating class of 2020 will be receiving the test score waivers. If you are in any other graduating class, you will be required to take the ACT, SAT or WorkKeys test to qualify for the APS.



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## If I graduated prior to 2020, can I get my test scores removed?

No, there are no plans to retroactively remove any test scores for graduating classes prior to 2020. The testing requirement waiver is due specifically to test cancellations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## What if I'm a class of 2020 graduate and I already took the SAT, ACT or WorkKeys test?

If you have already taken the SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys, your test score will not be used when determining APS eligibility.

## What if I was meeting the Career & Technical requirements, which award will I receive?

All students who meet the GPA and curriculum requirements will be awarded four years of funding in a six year window. 2020 graduates who meet 2020 APS eligibility requirements may use their award for postsecondary CTE programs.

## Is there a deadline to complete my FAFSA?

The priority FAFSA filing date is June 30th for the upcoming academic year. Students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA prior to this date as FAFSA will be given priority funding based on date of submission.

## If I was enrolled in college and had to withdraw from classes due to COVID-19, will I still qualify for the APS next year?

Information regarding APS continuing eligibility is forthcoming. The APS website and FAQs will be updated soon with this information. Please sign up for APS updates [here](#).

## What if I need additional funding to cover postsecondary expenses beyond receiving the Alaska Performance Scholarship?

There are many scholarship and loan resources available to help students pay for postsecondary education. Schedule a meeting or phone call with the ACPE Success Center team to discuss these options. The Success Center team can be reached by email or phone: [acpesuccesscenter@alaska.gov](mailto:acpesuccesscenter@alaska.gov) or 800-441-2962, Option 4.

**If you have additional questions regarding your APS eligibility that have not been answered in the Frequently Asked Questions section, please contact the ACPE Success Center staff for more information: [acpesuccesscenter@alaska.gov](mailto:acpesuccesscenter@alaska.gov) or (800)441-2962, Option #4.**

**For more Alaska Performance Scholarship questions, please visit [acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL-AID/AK-Performance-Scholarship](https://acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL-AID/AK-Performance-Scholarship)**

