APS Delivers: 2011-2018

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, 19,492 Alaska high school graduates completed the rigorous requirements and have become eligible for scholarships to pursue postsecondary education in Alaska.

The APS Outcomes Report 2019 available at acpe.alaska.gov/REPORTS

Goal #1

Skilled Alaskans Stay in Alaska

10% pts higher rate of Alaska residency (7 years after graduation)

Source: PFD application data

76% influenced by APS to attend school in-state

Source: APS Survey 2019

Goal #2

Alaska Students Excel in High School

Eligible students report that APS made them more likely to:

(Even those who never used the award)

77% Achieve better grades
72% Take placement exams
62% Seek out college/academic advising
64% Take challenging courses

For 2018 high school graduates eligible for APS

Source: APS Survey 2018

Goal #3

Alaska Students are Prepared for College or Training

97% APS Recipients vs 71% Non-APS Recipients

Are fully prepared for college level courses, needing no remediation at UA

Did you know?

APS can be used for university studies as well as career or technical training.

High school students start working to qualify as early as freshman year, knowing that if they do their part, the award will be there for them.

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.

41 Universities, Colleges, and Career Training Centers in Alaska Accept APS

“This scholarship was the only reason I was able to go to college. I’m enrolled in the UAA nursing program, I never thought I’d be able to go to college until this scholarship helped me pay for most of it.”

—Alaska High School Graduate

APS recipients graduate at a rate 3x higher than non recipients

1 Based on National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) data. See full report for further details.