The power of the APS - positive outcomes for postsecondary education

Now in its fourth year, the Alaska Performance Scholarship is an invitation to excellence for Alaska students and schools. The merit-based scholarship provides an opportunity for eligible students to annually receive between $2,378 and $4,755 toward postsecondary studies at qualifying Alaska institutions. Over 9,600 high school graduates from the classes of AY11 through AY14 have met the requirements to become APS eligible, and 4,155 have gone on to make use of the scholarship.

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% of eligible graduates using by graduation year

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50/54 50 school districts have had APS-eligible graduates since the scholarship’s inception

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APS recipients are:
Less likely to need remedial classes
More likely to:
- enroll full-time
- attempt more credit hours
- stay enrolled and persist

All behaviors shown to: **INCREASE** chances of **GRADUATION**

**Level 1** - up to $4,755 per year
- High School GPA 3.5
- ACT 25 or SAT 1680
- Specified high school curriculum
- 38.0% receive Level 1

**Level 2** - up to $3,566 per year
- High School GPA 3.0
- ACT 23 or SAT 1560
- Specified high school curriculum
- 32.6% receive Level 2

**Level 3** - up to $2,378 per year
- High School GPA 2.5
- ACT 21 or SAT 1450
- Specified high school curriculum
- 29.4% receive Level 3

“APS recipients are, by definition, better prepared for postsecondary education than students who are not eligible for the scholarship.”

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**UA Students Taking Remedial Courses**

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**UA Students' Course Load in Credits**

- **Level 1**
  - 29.5 credits
- **Level 2**
  - 27.4 credits
- **Level 3**
  - 25.7 credits
- **non-recipients**
  - 20.2 credits

93% attend Full Time

AY 14 First-time Freshmen

APS recipients enroll in more credit hours on average than non-recipients.

Enrolled in Fall 2011 (first students to receive the APS)

APS Eligible **75%** ARE STILL ENROLLED

VS

Not APS Eligible **40%** ARE STILL ENROLLED

Career and Technical Education awards can be earned with both the Workkeys and ACT/SAT scores.

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