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## Press Release

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#### FUNDING AVAILABILITY & DISTRIBUTION

**Alaska Education Grant (AEG)**

**Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS)**

**Washington, Wyoming, Alaska Montana, Idaho Regional Medical Education Program (WWAMI)**

The Alaska Education Grant (AEG), Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), and the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho Regional Medical Education Program (WWAMI) are funded through the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund (HEIF). At this time, a complete State FY2022 budget has not been passed, which means that HEIF funding is not yet appropriated for the 2021-22 academic year.

While the status of AEG, APS, and WWAMI funding is currently unresolved, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education and the University of Alaska System will continue to advocate for appropriation of these funds to meet the needs of Alaska's students. We anticipate a resolution to the FY2022 budget and the continuity of award funding and award distribution for new and continuing recipients.

"We are confident that the legislature will resolve the funding issue for these programs," said UA Interim President Pat Pitney. "More than 5,400 Alaskan students receive \$15.1 million in scholarships and grants through the APS and AEG programs, 86 percent of whom attend the University of Alaska. Additionally, the WWAMI program provides \$3.2 million in funding and serves 80 medical students."

"We encourage Alaska students and families to continue with their postsecondary planning efforts for the upcoming academic year," said Sana Efird ACPE Executive Director. "Students should still submit the FAFSA ([studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)), apply for institutional and programmatic scholarships, and work with campus advisors in preparation for the Fall 2021 semester."

An update on AEG, APS, and WWAMI funding will be issued upon the conclusion of the June 23, 2021 special session. [Sign-up here](#) to receive email updates regarding award funding.

**ABOUT THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION:**

Funded by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC), ACPE promotes access to and success in education and career training beyond high school.

**THE COMMISSION PROVIDES:**

- 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.

**ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA:**

The University of Alaska inspires learning through teaching, research, and public service, emphasizing the North and its diverse peoples. Established in 1917, the University of Alaska is the state’s system for public higher education comprised of three separately accredited universities – the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Southeast – with 13 community campuses across the state. The university system offers 500 educational programs ranging from short-course workforce training to doctoral degrees, and serves a student population of more than 21,000 students. The university system also includes a philanthropic arm – the University of Alaska Foundation.

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