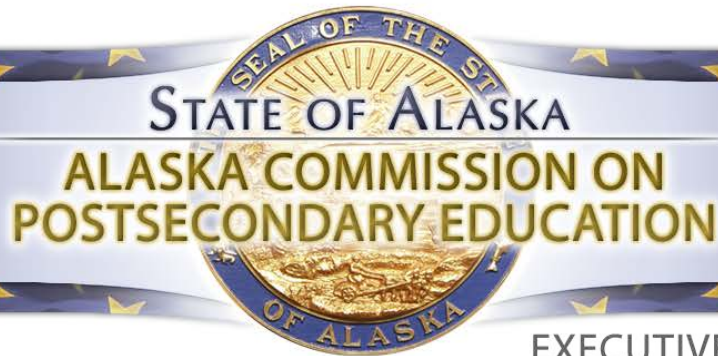


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Commission Releases New Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant Infographic

Juneau – The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education's newly released Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Infographic highlights the benefits of the APS for low-income and first-generation students, as well as the positive impact the APS has on recipients' contributions to the Alaska workforce.

Stephanie Butler, Commission Executive Director, explained the infographic is designed to address some of the myths about the APS, noting that one of the most pervasive myths is that the APS goes to students who would already be going to college anyway, and that it excludes low-income students. "The data," Butler says, "show that almost one in five APS recipients comes from a low-income household, and roughly a quarter are first generation college students."

The APS is one of many tools to help address Alaska's workforce needs by providing an opportunity to invest in an Alaskan grown workforce. Joey Crum, Commission Chair and President and Chief Executive Officer of Northern Industrial Training also noted the program's benefits to the workforce, saying "These programs allow students an opportunity to attend college or career training when they might not otherwise been able to. The APS and Alaska Education Grant programs are investments in building Alaska's future workforce and economy with Alaska residents, and the 2018 Infographic helps illustrate that."

Every year the Commission is required by state statute to submit an APS Outcomes report to the Legislature. While this report contains a significant amount of useful information on the program, it tends to be an informational overload for the average reader. Commission management determined a shorter infographic with the most impactful information would be beneficial to providing Alaskans with the latest summary data on these programs.

The Commission also included information on the Alaska Education Grant (AEG) program to illustrate outcomes for low-income Alaskans. The AEG provides need-based financial assistance to eligible Alaska students attending qualifying postsecondary educational institutions in Alaska.

Download the APS 2018 Infographic or the full APS outcomes report at

<http://acpe.alaska.gov/reports>.

About the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE): The Commission is a 14-member body, the majority of whom are appointed by the governor, with representation from various Alaska higher education constituency groups. Established in 1974, ACPE promotes, supports, and provides access to and success in postsecondary education for Alaskans and in Alaska, through outreach and early awareness, student financial aid, program integrity, and consumer protection programs and services.

About the Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC): ASLC is a public corporation and instrumentality of the State of Alaska, which funds the state education loan programs and administration of Commission functions with tax-exempt bond proceeds and corporation receipts. The Corporation is governed by a five-member board of directors appointed by the governor.

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