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**Alaska
Performance
Scholarship**

What is the APS Scholarship (APS)?

The Alaska Performance Scholarship provides an opportunity for Alaska high school students to earn a scholarship to help cover the cost of an Alaska postsecondary education. Alaska high school students who take a more rigorous curriculum, get good grades, and score well on college placement or work ready exams, can earn an Alaska Performance Scholarship to qualified Alaska colleges, universities, or vocational/technical programs.

Who can get the APS?

Alaska residents who graduate from an Alaska high school (public, private, or home school), in 2011 or later and meet the qualifying requirements are eligible for an APS award.

Where can the APS be used?

- The APS can be used at participating institutions in Alaska. The scholarship will be disbursed directly to the postsecondary institution. (Traditional Colleges & Trade Schools)

[Link to Participating Institutions in Alaska](#)



How do I qualify & how much money can I get for school?

1. Curriculum - **Math & Science route** OR Social Studies & Language route
2. Qualifying GPA
3. Qualifying college placement exams (ACT or SAT) or work ready exams (WorkKeys)

Eligibility Disclaimer

- It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY as a student to make sure you are taking classes that meet the requirements for the Alaska State Performance Scholarship.
- Remember that when you are making a schedule change, this may affect your eligibility as well.

Math & Science Curriculum

- 4 years of science
- 4 years of math
- 4 years of social studies
- 4 years of language arts

Math & Science Curriculum:

Science (4 credits)	
Math (4 credits)	
Social Studies (4 credits)	
Language Arts (4 credits)	

Social Studies & Language Curriculum

- 3 years of science
- 3 years of math
- 4 years of social science
- 4 years of language arts
- 2 years of the same World Language (ex: Spanish/French)

Social Studies & Language Curriculum:

Science
(3 credits)

Math
(3 credits)

Social Studies
(4 credits)

Language Arts
(4 credits)

World Language
(2 credits)

same language for both credits

Approved additional courses

- Social Studies & Language Curriculum option: Up to **1** additional course may be substituted for a standard course in each subject area (math, science, language arts, and social studies)
- Math & Science Curriculum option: Up to **1** additional course may be substituted for a standard course in math & language arts, and up to **2** additional courses may be substituted for standard courses in science and social studies. Additionally, a foreign language , Alaska Native Language, American Sign Language, cultural heritage, or fine arts courses may be substituted for one standard course in social studies.

How do I know if my classes are an APS course?

1. Look up your class in the program of studies

(Can be found on Wasilla High School's website under counseling - scheduling information OR on the districts website)

[Link to Program of Studies](#)

1650 **Mythology** **.5 CR**

Prerequisite: English 1 & English 2

Grade: 11-12

Repeatable: N

This course emphasizes Greek myths and their relation to astronomy, literature, vocabulary, and other arts and sciences. Myths of other people as well as other literature significant to ancient cultures may be presented. This literature is important philosophically, artistically, intellectually, and socially as a historical foundation for ideas and attitudes of modern culture.

APS: Y

NCAA: Y



GPA Requirements & \$ you can get!

level 1

UP TO **\$4,755** *per year*

level 2

UP TO **\$3,566** *per year*

level 3

UP TO **\$2,378** *per year*

Required
GPA

3.5
or greater

3.0
or greater

2.5
or greater

Testing Requirements

Required Testing <i>“Certificate” means a career & technical education certificate and does not include associate’s degrees.</i>	ACT/SAT: Use APS for degree or certificate		
	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT 25 SAT 1210* <small>*for SAT taken March 2016 or later</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT 23 SAT 1130* <small>*for SAT taken March 2016 or later</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT 21 SAT 1060* <small>*for SAT taken March 2016 or later</small>
	WorkKeys: Use APS for certificate only <small>A combination score of 13 or higher with no score below 4, is required in Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents</small>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> WorkKeys 13	<input type="checkbox"/> WorkKeys 13	<input type="checkbox"/> WorkKeys 13

- You can find testing dates at the following:
 - Counselor’s office
 - Wasilla High School’s website - Counseling > SAT & ACT Test Dates
 - Collegeboard.com

Does the scholarship expire?

- Yes. It must be used within **six** years of graduating high school unless the recipient qualifies for an extension. Students who wish to apply for an extension must send a written request to the commissioner, accompanied by a signed statement from the institution of higher learning in which the student is enrolled.

What do I need to do if I qualify?

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) soon after October 1, the fall BEFORE the semester starts, for every year you want to use the award.
- Create an account in to the Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP) to track your status.
 - [Link to Alaska Student Aid Portal](#)

When should I start planning to be eligible for the APS as a student & what else can I do?

- You should really start planning **coming into your Junior year.**
- Choose classes that are APS eligible
- Fill out an APS checklist (Can be found in the counseling office or online at: <https://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/3/APS/Pubs/APS-Award-Checklist-2018.pdf>)

Want more Information?

- Visit the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary website for more information on the Alaska Performance Scholarship

<https://acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL-AID/AK-Performance-Scholarship>

