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Alaska Performance Scholarship

JUNEAU- The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) is a merit-based award for Alaska high school graduates. Students qualify for one of three award levels by meeting specific criteria: Grade Point Average (GPA), completion of a specified rigorous curriculum, and a qualifying score on a standardized exam. Additionally, submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) serves as the application for the APS. Students should submit the FAFSA by June 30th each year they plan to pursue education after high school.

Standardized test scores such as the ACT, SAT, and WorkKeys are required for APS eligibility. Students must earn a qualified score on one of these tests in order to meet the testing requirement of the Alaska Performance Scholarship eligibility. The test requirement remains in place for the Class of 2024 as well as the recently graduated Class of 2023.

ACPE encourages students starting their senior year of high school to research standardized test administration dates and complete their test registration. By taking a standardized test earlier in their senior year, students will have time to either re-test, if needed, and to ensure their qualifying test score is reported on their official high school transcript. Typically, testing should be completed by April of a student's senior year, for the score to be recorded on their final high school transcript.

ACPE offers many resources for students, families, and secondary schools to utilize for successful preparation in earning the APS, including:

- [APS website](#)
- [APS Coursework Checklist](#) (curriculum)
- [APS FAQs](#)
- [APS Informational Flyer](#)

ACPE supports modernizing the APS to expand eligibility and increase use of the award. Increased eligibility and use will ultimately result in increasing the number of Alaskans with postsecondary credentials who are prepared to meet the needs of Alaska's workforce.

ABOUT THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION:

Funded by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation, 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