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Alaska Performance Scholarship ACT/SAT Requirement Update

JUNEAU – Through our continued efforts to mitigate the adverse impacts of the current health emergency faced across our state and country, and in consultation with statewide agencies, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development will waive the ACT and SAT requirement for Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) eligibility for Alaska high school graduates from the Spring 2020 class.

The decision to waive the ACT and SAT requirement for APS eligibility was made as a result of detailed analysis and to support our students and schools in response to the nationwide cancellation of ACT and SAT test administrations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional information regarding APS eligibility requirements, in light of this decision, is forthcoming and will be posted on the APS website at aps.alaska.gov, and our website (acpe.alaska.gov) and provided to school districts and postsecondary institutions across Alaska as it becomes available.

ABOUT THE ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP:

APS provides an opportunity to earn a scholarship to help cover the cost of an Alaska postsecondary education. Alaskan students may earn the APS to utilize in qualified Alaska colleges, universities, or career and technical education programs.

ABOUT THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION: 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

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