Fact Sheet – May 2011

WHO can get the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS)?
Alaska residents who graduate from an Alaska high school (public, private, or home school), in 2011 or later, and:

- complete a rigorous high school curriculum, as defined by regulations
- achieve a high school GPA of at least 2.5, or equivalent
- earn a minimum score on college or career readiness test (21 on the ACT, 1450 on the SAT, or 5 on WorkKeys)
- enroll at least half time, and remain in good standing, in an approved program at a participating Alaska institution
- have qualifying education costs remaining after using all other non-loan aid (e.g. federal grants or other scholarships)

WHERE can the APS be used?
At any participating college or university in Alaska, or for approved career and technical education programs in the state.

HOW MUCH is the APS?
There are three maximum annual award levels: up to $4,755, $3,566, and $2,378. Maximum levels are established based on a combination of minimum GPA and test scores. $6 million is available for APS awards for the 2011/12 program year. In the event the funding is insufficient to fully fund all eligible APS recipients, ACPE will award funds on a pro rata basis to each eligible student. An APS award may not exceed qualifying costs of attendance (which typically include tuition, fees, books, tools and supplies, room and board and transportation) remaining after considering the student’s other non-loan aid.

Students may remain eligible for up to eight semesters but must fully use the APS within six years of high school graduation.

WHAT is required to get the APS?

Step 1) TAKE A RIGOROUS HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (see chart on reverse)
Step 2) MEET THE GPA AND TEST SCORE REQUIREMENTS (see chart on reverse)
Step 3) APPLY. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1, and before June 30, in each year you wish to use APS funds. An alternate application is available at APS.alaska.gov for students applying to a school that does not receive FAFSA data. Private and privately home schooled students must submit an Eligibility Determination Form in addition to applying.

Students can continue to be eligible for up to a total of eight semesters by:
- filing a new FAFSA or approved alternate application by the deadline each year
- making APS satisfactory academic progress requirements (including number of credits earned and college GPA)
- staying enrolled at least half time in a qualifying program of study

WHEN will the APS be available?
The high school graduating class of 2011 are the first students eligible for the APS. ACPE will notify APS recipients of their awards in mid to late August once institutions have completed enrollment certification. Recipients can view award details in their Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP) account, accessible at APS.alaska.gov.

For more information, go to APS.alaska.gov
FAFSA Filing: School Order Counts
The 1st Alaska school listed on the FAFSA is the one that will be asked to verify enrollment. If the student chooses to attend another school - then he/she must change the school in the ASAP system or his/her FAFSA.

Work Keys Scores and UA
UA sends the "highest degree being sought" for each student to ACPE. If the student qualifies with a work keys score - the highest degree sought must be a "certificate level" program...not an AA or AS.

Stacking the APS with other Scholarships and Grants
APS can be used with other scholarships and grants. APS goes to anything related to the Cost of Attendance (tuition, fees, books, room/board, personal expenses). APS will be applied last (actually the Alaska Education Grant is last) and will cover any COA not covered.
The student may have a UA Scholar, Pell Grant, APS and other scholarships that cover all expenses related to attendance. They may have a Native Scholarship and APS...etc. etc. Encourage the student to apply for as much money as possible.

Register for Classes
August 20th is the 2011 deadline for UA to send "full-time", "part-time" or "planning to attend later" information to ACPE. This 3rd week of August time-frame will probably be fairly standard......so students need to get in and get registered.

Not Planning to Attend in the Fall
Eligibility for the year is determined in the Fall. If the student is not planning to attend in the Fall, but wants to attend (or thinks s/he wants to attend) in Spring or Summer, UA will send a "placeholder" for the student if s/he has applied and is accepted to the school.
Alaska Performance Scholarship Data Flow/Time Line

**Student**
FAFSA Applications
January 1 – June 30

ACPE Receives FAFSA Uploads from Federal Department of Education Daily

ACPE Builds Student Record in Their System - ASAP
January 1 – June 30

ACPE Provides EED a List of All Students with a FAFSA – Available July 1st

**Alaska EED**
Award Level Data
Deadline: July 30

EED provides ACPE with APS award data (which level and type of award) for all students eligible to receive the APS

**APS Award Level Entered into ASAP**
August 1

ACPE runs a list of all students eligible to receive an APS at each MAU
Available around August 1st

**UA MAU's**
Enrollment Information
Deadline August 20

Each MAU "certifies" full-time/part-time or not enrolled and eligible program information to ACPE.

**ACPE Runs Award Calculation Job**
Deadline: August 21

ACPE's award job takes all "certified" students and calculates awards based on total amount of awards and total amount available. If there is not enough money all scholarships are prorated.

ACPE Runs Disbursement Job
Deadline: August 21

ACPE allows MAU's to download award amounts and request funding.
Available August 21
Alaska Performance Scholarship Student Eligibility Criteria

The Alaska Performance Scholarship is available to Alaska residents who graduate from an Alaska high school (public, private, or home school), in or after 2011, who:

1. Complete a rigorous high school curriculum; and
2. Achieve required grade point averages (GPA); and
3. Achieve minimum college or career readiness test scores; and
4. Attend an eligible program at an institution located in Alaska.

Important: Minimum curriculum requirements are set by year of graduation.

### 2011 Graduation

All Scholarship Levels

5 units combined in math and science (at least 2 units in each category).

### 2012 Graduation

#### Math and Science Option

- All Scholarship Levels
  - 4 units math
  - 4 units science
  - 4 units language arts
  - 4 units social studies

- Scholarship Level 2 and 3
  - 7 units combined in math and science (at least 3 units in each category).
  - 4 units language arts
  - 4 units social studies

#### Social Studies and Language Option

- All Scholarship Levels
  - 4 units language arts
  - 4 units social studies

- Scholarship Level 2 & 3
  - 2 units of the same world language
  - 3 units math
  - 3 units science

### Graduation 2013 and After

#### Math and Science Option

- All Scholarship Levels
  - 4 units math
  - 4 units science
  - 4 units language arts
  - 4 units social studies

- Social Studies and Language Option

- All Scholarship Levels
  - 4 units language arts
  - 4 units social studies

- 2 units of the same world language
  - 3 units math
  - 3 units science

#### Minimum GPA and Test Scores by Scholarship Level

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<td>GPA of at least 3.5 and A) An ACT score of 25 or higher; or B) an SAT score of 1680 or higher; or</td>
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C) For all scholarship levels: A WorkKeys score of 5 in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information will qualify an otherwise eligible student to receive a scholarship award for attendance in a Career Technical Education certificate program, but not for attendance in a degree program.

1 Students electing the Math and Science Option may substitute a unit of foreign language, Alaska Native language, or American Sign Language, fine arts, or cultural heritage for one of the 4 units of social studies.

2 For the purposes of APS eligibility American Sign, Alaska Native and foreign languages are all considered world languages.