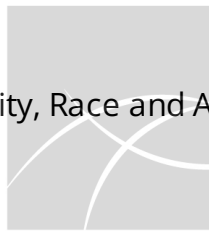


# FALL ENROLLMENT - UA SCHOLARS

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## Summary: UA Scholars Award Recipients

The UA Scholars program is a four-year scholarship funded solely by the University of Alaska through its land endowment. This program was designed to help reduce the number of top Alaska high school graduates who leave the state for higher education. The program provides partial payment of tuition and fees at any UA campus. For a student attending full-time, the UA Scholars award totals \$15,000 distributed as \$1,875 payments per semester for eight semesters<sup>1</sup>. To maintain eligibility, a student must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA and complete at least 24 credits during the first year and at least 30 credits per year thereafter<sup>2</sup>.

In Fall 2025, 355 new UA Scholars enrolled in the UA System, representing about 36 percent of the eligible top 10 percent of Alaska high school graduates (Table 2). Since the program began in Fall 1999, a cumulative total of 11,149 UA Scholars have attended UA (Table 1).

A total of 1,504 UA Scholars enrolled in Fall 2025 (Table 3). Most of this group was seeking a bachelor's degree (1,043; 69 percent). About 16 percent were attending as non-degree seekers (241) and 11 percent (163) were pursuing a 2-year or shorter program. The remaining 4 percent of students (57) were pursuing graduate level programs (Table 5).

Four program areas accounted for over half of all UA Scholar majors in Fall 2025: Health and Human Services (273 students, 18 percent); Humanities, Art, and Social Science (214, 14 percent); Engineering, Professional, and Technologies (184 students, 12 percent); and Business and Public Administration (160 students, 11 percent. (Table 6).

The top major for UA Scholars was Nursing/Pre-major Nursing (93 students) at UA Anchorage, Biological Sciences (62 students) at UA Fairbanks, and Marine Biology (8 students) at UA Southeast (Table 7).



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.alaska.edu/scholars/program-overview/index.php>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.alaska.edu/scholars/Student-Handbook-Current.php>

## Table 1. Cumulative UA Scholar Program Participation

Term	New Recipients	Cumulative Recipients
Prior to Fall 2013		6,257
Fall 2013	456	6,713
Spring 2014	26	6,739
Fall 2014	429	7,168
Spring 2015	26	7,194
Fall 2015	422	7,616
Spring 2016	19	7,635
Summer 2016	3	7,638
Fall 2016	437	8,075
Spring 2017	26	8,101
Fall 2017	413	8,514
Spring 2018	16	8,530
Fall 2018	373	8,903
Spring 2019	20	8,923
Fall 2019	322	9,245
Spring 2020	19	9,264
Summer 2020	1	9,265
Fall 2020	289	9,554
Spring 2021	32	9,586
Fall 2021	266	9,852
Spring 2022	29	9,881
Summer 2022	2	9,883
Fall 2022	250	10,133
Spring 2023	29	10,162
Summer 2023	2	10,164
Fall 2023	294	10,458
Spring 2024	21	10,479
Fall 2024	293	10,772
Spring 2025	20	10,792
Summer 2025	2	10,794
Fall 2025	355	11,149

Since the UA Scholar program began in Fall 1999, a cumulative total of nearly 11,150 students have enrolled and received a UA Scholar distribution from the University of Alaska through Fall semester 2025. This illustrates the overall impact this program has had on Alaska and its residents.

Note: The UA Scholars Award is a four-year scholarship, totaling \$15,000, awarded to the top 10 percent of graduating seniors from qualified Alaska high schools who enroll anywhere in the University of Alaska system. Effective beginning in Fall 2024, the total UA Scholars award increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000. 'New' includes any UA Scholar who received a UA Scholar distribution for the first time in the reported term. 'Cumulative' is the sum of all paid UA Scholars from previous terms through the reported term.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)

Table 2. Eligible UA Scholars and Enrollment at UA, Fall 1999 - 2025

Fall Term	Eligible	Attend UA	Percent Attending UA
1999	813	271	33%
2000	879	349	40%
2001	904	392	43%
2002	924	377	41%
2003	973	459	47%
2004	969	431	44%
2005	949	421	44%
2006	1,006	411	41%
2007	1,039	416	40%
2008	1,025	434	42%
2009	1,072	463	43%
2010	1,077	473	44%
2011	1,027	443	43%
2012	1,070	434	41%
2013	1,033	456	44%
2014	1,022	429	42%
2015	1,001	422	42%
2016	996	437	44%
2017	1,003	413	41%
2018	1,011	373	37%
2019	977	322	33%
2020	963	289	30%
2021	944	266	28%
2022	966	250	26%
2023	965	294	30%
2024	992	293	30%
2025	985	355	36%

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In Fall 2025, 36 percent of graduating Alaska high school seniors who were eligible for the UA Scholars program attended UA.

Note: The UA Scholars Award is a four-year scholarship, totaling \$15,000, awarded to the top 10 percent of graduating seniors from qualified Alaska high schools who enroll in the University of Alaska system. Effective beginning in Fall 2024, the total UA Scholars award received its third increase from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)

Table 3. UA Scholars Headcount by New/Other and Academic Organization, 5 Year Trend

	Fall 2021			Fall 2022			Fall 2023			Fall 2024			Fall 2025		
	Other		Total	New	Other	Total	New	Other	Total	New	Other	Total	New	Other	Total
	New	Enrolled		Paid	Enrolled		Paid	Enrolled		Paid	Enrolled		Paid	Enrolled	
Anchorage	132	595	727	120	561	681	140	529	669	138	505	643	157	526	683
Kenai	18	91	109	20	105	125	38	109	147	44	97	141	44	144	188
Kodiak	4	21	25	9	23	32	12	30	42	15	30	45	13	36	49
Mat-Su	25	74	99	21	57	78	34	67	101	37	54	91	46	94	140
PWSC	5	10	15	1	16	17	6	13	19	1	8	9	3	15	18
Fairbanks	111	435	546	96	456	552	121	423	544	117	371	488	154	456	610
UAF CTC*	40	120	160	41	130	171	47	130	177	53	93	146	79	138	217
College of Indigenous Studies															
Bristol Bay	2	6	8	1	9	10	4	4	8	3	5	8	6	20	26
Chukchi	2	7	9		3	3	2	6	8	1	1	2	4	3	7
Interior Alaska*	4	8	12	2	17	19	1	9	10	1	13	14			
Kuskokwim	4	14	18	5	22	27	1	19	20	1	7	8	2	9	11
Northwest	3	7	10	2	9	11		2	2	2		2		5	5
Rural College	16	49	65	11	51	62	18	49	67	15	43	58	25	43	68
Juneau	12	55	67	12	51	63	12	47	59	13	48	61	11	49	60
Ketchikan	4	42	46	7	34	41	6	25	31	7	23	30	10	23	33
Sitka	4	23	27	3	29	32	8	34	42	5	6	11	3	33	36
UA Anchorage	144	642	786	139	625	764	162	609	771	159	538	697	179	625	804
UA Fairbanks	117	479	596	105	522	627	127	491	618	129	397	526	173	515	688
UA Southeast	15	90	105	13	88	101	13	80	93	17	56	73	13	85	98
UA System	266	1,152	1,418	250	1,161	1,411	294	1,110	1,404	293	939	1,232	355	1,149	1,504

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Note: An enrolled student is counted as a UA Scholar for eight years following the student's UA Scholar recruit term. 'New Paid' includes any UA Scholar who received a UA Scholar distribution for the first time in the reported term. 'Other Enrolled' includes any student who received their first UA Scholar distribution prior to the reported term. Reporting level headcount is unduplicated. AO headcount totals add up to more than the University totals and University totals add up to more than the system total. This occurs because it is common for students to enroll at more than one AO or University, therefore some students would be double counted if headcounts are summed across AOs and Universities. \*Effective November 2024, the Interior Alaska Campus merged into UAF's Community and Technical College (CTC). Historical unduplicated headcount for these campuses cannot be normalized retroactively to provide a valid trend comparison; values in this category are noted in gray italics above.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)

Table 4. UA Scholars Headcount and Credit Hours by Class Standing and Academic Organization, Fall 2025

	Headcount												Credit Hours
	Freshman		Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Licensure	Master's	Doctorate	UA DS	NDS	Total		
	1st Time	Cont.											
Anchorage	149	42	116	127	150		20	1	29	49	683	7,434	
Kenai	4	1	4	3					143	33	188	906	
Kodiak	1								44	4	49	186	
Mat-Su	5		5	2					95	33	140	856	
PWSC			2						10	6	18	65	
Troth Yeddha' College of Indigenous Studies	141	16	79	93	115	1	25	1	42	97	610	6,495	
Bristol Bay									18	8	26	79	
Chukchi									6	1	7	23	
Kuskokwim					1				5	5	11	34	
Northwest									1	4	5	20	
Rural College									60	8	68	271	
UAF CTC	20	7	7	3	2				143	35	217	1,116	
Juneau	10	2	11	10	8		6		4	9	60	552	
Ketchikan									25	8	33	139	
Sitka	1		2						18	15	36	180	
UA Anchorage	171	50	136	136	153		20	1	29	108	804	9,447	
UA Fairbanks	166	26	93	98	120	1	25	2	26	131	688	8,038	
UA Southeast	12	2	15	12	9		6		14	28	98	871	
UA System	350	79	245	246	288	1	51	3		241	1,504	18,356	

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Note: An enrolled student is counted as a UA Scholar for eight years following the student's UA Scholar recruit term. The credit hours of a degree-seeking student enrolled in courses offered by the student's program AO are reported at the degree level of the student's program (for example at the baccalaureate level). UA degree seeking (UA DS) students taking courses from an AO other than their program AO are reported at the UA DS level. Credit hours taken by non-degree seeking students are reported at the non-degree seeking (NDS) level. Reporting level headcount is unduplicated and headcount includes students who audit credit courses. AO headcount for UA DS and NDS totals add up to more than University totals and University headcounts add up to more than the system total. This occurs because it is common for students to be concurrently enrolled at multiple AOs and/or multiple Universities in the the same semester. Therefore, some students would be double counted if headcounts were summed across AOs and Universities.

Table 5. UA Scholars Headcount by Degree Seeking Status and Academic Organization, Fall 2025

	Certificate	Associate (AAS)	Associate (AA)	Bachelor's	Licensure	Master's	Doctorate	UA Degree Seeking	Non-Degree Seeking	Total
Anchorage	4	54	7	517	3	19	1	29	49	683
Kenai		7	5					143	33	188
Kodiak			1					44	4	49
Mat-Su		5	7					95	33	140
PWSC		2						10	6	18
Troth Yeddha' College of Indigenous Studies			1	443	1	25	1	42	97	610
Bristol Bay								18	8	26
Chukchi								6	1	7
Kuskokwim	1							5	5	11
Northwest								1	4	5
Rural College								60	8	68
UAF CTC	14	17	8					143	35	217
Juneau	1	3	1	36	1	5		4	9	60
Ketchikan								25	8	33
Sitka	1	2						18	15	36
UA Anchorage	4	75	25	540	3	19	1	29	108	804
UA Fairbanks	15	18	16	454	1	25	2	26	131	688
UA Southeast	2	5	2	41	1	5		14	28	98
UA System	22	98	43	1,043	5	49	3		241	1,504



Note: An enrolled student is counted as a UA Scholar for eight years following the student's UA Scholar recruit term. Within the UA System every student is admitted into one program uniquely defined by AO, degree and major, thus determining the student status to be UA degree seeking (UA DS) or non-degree seeking (NDS). When reporting at the University level, degree-seeking status for students enrolled at multiple AOs within a University is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest degree status at the University. Degree status at the system level for students enrolled at multiple Universities is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest University degree status within the system. Students pursuing a degree at an AO or University other than the one at which they are taking courses are reported as UA degree seeking (UA DS). Students who are not pursuing a degree at any campus within the UA System are reported as non-degree seeking (NDS) students. A licensure degree seeking status does not imply that class standing is licensure. Certificate includes OEC, 1-Year and 2-Year degree programs.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)

Table 6. UA Scholars Headcount by University and Program Discipline, Fall 2025

Discipline	UA Anchorage	UA Fairbanks	UA Southeast	UA System
Business and Public Administration	92	66	7	160
Computer/Data Science and Math	22	39		61
Health and Human Services	229	52	5	273
Education	14	37	10	58
Biology, Fisheries, Maritime	42	82	17	133
Alaska/Arctic Communities and Security	3	9	1	12
Engineering, Professional and Technologies	98	91		184
Humanities, Arts and Social Science	105	104	23	214
Physical Science	23	24		46
Natural Resources and Agriculture	2	17	2	20
Construction, Transportation, Mechanical, Mining	47	9	3	58
Tourism, Culinary and Entertainment	7	2	1	9
Legal, Emergency and Protective Services	11	18		28
Non-Degree Seekers and Dual Enrolled HS	108	130	28	240
Other	1	8	1	8
Total	804	688	98	1,504



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Note: Degree programs are classified into disciplines based on Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)

Table 7. Top Majors at Any Degree Level of UA Scholars by University, Fall 2025

UA Anchorage		UA Fairbanks		UA Southeast	
Nursing/Pre-Major Nursing	93	Biological Sciences	62	Marine Biology	7
Mechanical Engineering	41	Business Administration	30	Bachelor Intended	7
Biological Sciences	35	Mechanical Engineering	29	Elementary Education	5
Psychology	32	Psychology	27	Social Science	5
Accounting	31	Computer Science	25	Biology	4
Civil Engineering	27	Elementary Education	19	Business Administration	4
Health Sciences	27	Accounting	18	English	4
Aviation Technology	22	Civil Engineering	17	Applied Fisheries	2
Computer Science	19	Exploratory Studies	16	Fisheries Science	2
Art	17	Art	12	Power Technology	2



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The academic programs listed above account for 47 percent of UA Scholars enrolled at UAA, 49 percent of those enrolled at UAF and 58 percent at UAS.

Note: An enrolled student is counted as a UA Scholar for eight years following the student's UA Scholar recruit term, regardless of remaining eligibility or whether they receive UA Scholars funding that semester. Majors listed above have been identified by university registrars as open for admission and enrollment and leading to a credential.

Table 8. UA Scholar Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Developmental English	17	10	6	6	2	-88.2	-66.7
Developmental Math	23	30	43	53	54	134.8	1.9
Developmental Math &/or English	34	38	47	54	54	58.8	0.0

Table 9. First-Time Freshman UA Scholar Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Developmental English	12	8	4	4	2	-83.3	-50.0
Developmental Math	16	23	29	40	41	156.3	2.5
Developmental Math &/or English	23	29	32	40	41	78.3	2.5



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Note: Developmental courses provide basic or supplemental preparation for introductory college courses and are available in several areas, with math and English making up the vast majority of courses taken. Developmental coursework is not applicable to transcripted certificates or to associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees, even by petition. Headcount includes students who audit credit courses. Headcount is unduplicated at the reporting level, so a student taking a developmental math course and a developmental English course is counted only once in the "Developmental math or English" category. Developmental math courses are those with the subject code of DEVM or MATH, with a course number between 050 and 099. Developmental English courses are those with the subject code of DEVE, WRTG, and PREP, with a course number between 050 and 099. A first-time freshman is a degree seeking student enrolled in the first semester of an undergraduate degree program. Transfer undergraduate, graduate and non-degree students are not considered first-time freshmen, by definition. An enrolled student is counted as a UA Scholar for eight years following the student's UA Scholar recruit term, regardless of remaining eligibility or whether they receive UA Scholars funding that semester.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)

Table 10. UA Scholars Headcount by Ethnicity, Race and Academic Organization, Fall 2025

	Ethnicity		Race						Total
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Alaska Native / American Indian	Hawaiian Native / Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Other	
Anchorage	62	621	94	15	156	20	353	45	683
Kenai	6	182	25	5	40	4	101	13	188
Kodiak	3	46	7	1	12	1	27	1	49
Mat-Su	9	131	15	4	18	3	85	15	140
PWSC	1	17	4		4		9	1	18
Troth Yeddha'	52	558	94	2	56	13	380	65	610
UAF CTC	20	197	47		9	3	138	20	217
College of Indigenous Studies									
Bristol Bay	2	24	17		1		8		26
Chukchi	2	5	3	1			2	1	7
Kuskokwim	1	10	7			1	3		11
Northwest		5	4					1	5
Rural College	3	65	31	1	2	1	32	1	68
Juneau	4	56	10		8	1	40	1	60
Ketchikan	3	30	6		1	2	23	1	33
Sitka	1	35	9		1	1	23	2	36
UA Anchorage	69	735	110	18	171	22	424	59	804
UA Fairbanks	54	634	133	2	58	14	409	72	688
UA Southeast	5	93	23		10	3	58	4	98
UA System	122	1,382	246	20	229	36	843	130	1,504
Percent of Total	8.1	91.9	16.4	1.3	15.2	2.4	56.1	8.6	100.0

Note: An enrolled student is counted as a UA Scholar for eight years following the student's UA Scholar recruit term. Each student voluntarily reports demographic information. Students are not required to disclose gender, ethnicity or race to participate in post secondary education. University of Alaska utilizes a slightly different compilation methodology for counting gender, race and ethnicity data for institutional use than is required to be reported for federal use. All reporting is based on the same raw data.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)