

FALL ENROLLMENT - ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

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Summary: Fall Enrollment - Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipients

The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) is offered to qualifying graduates of Alaska high schools who complete a specific, rigorous high school curriculum and earn a minimum GPA and scores on college/career entrance exams. The program has been in place since FY12. Over 45 percent of high schoolers graduating in 2024 were eligible for the APS, and 22 percent of those used the award¹.

In Fall 2025, 2,932 APS recipients enrolled at one or more UA campuses, an increase of 30.3 percent from the Fall 2024 where 2,250 APS recipients were enrolled (Table 1). The total aggregate scholarship amount distributed in Fall 2025 was \$8.6 million, 33.0 percent (approximately \$2.1 million) higher than in Fall 2024 (Table 2). The amount of the award depends on the level of rigor achieved during high school as well as the number of credits being taken at the postsecondary level. Of the 1,203 first-time freshmen (Table 3), only 195 of them were enrolled in a developmental math or English course (Table 8).

In Fall 2025, UA Anchorage enrolled 1,804 APS recipients, a 34.9 percent increase from Fall 2024. UA Fairbanks enrolled 1,071 APS recipients, a 24.4 percent increase from the previous Fall. UA Southeast enrolled 171 APS recipients, a 15.5 percent increase from Fall 2024 (Table 1). In Fall 2025, 61.5 percent of APS recipients were degree-seeking at UA Anchorage, 36.5 percent were degree-seeking at UA Fairbanks, and 5.8 percent were degree-seeking at UA Southeast (Table 3).

Most APS recipients were seeking a bachelor's degree (83.3 percent, 2,443 students) and about 15.4 percent (452 students) were pursuing a 2-year or shorter credential (Table 4). Of Fall 2025 APS recipients, four program areas accounted for more than half of all majors: Health and Human Services (675 students, 23 percent); Humanities, Arts, and Social Science (525 students, 17.9 percent); Engineering, Professional, and Technologies (372 students, 12.7 percent); and Business and Public Administration (349 students, 11.9 percent) (Table 5). The top major for APS recipients was Nursing/Pre-major Nursing (235 students) at UA Anchorage, Biological Sciences (120 students) at UA Fairbanks, and Elementary Education (18 students) at UA Southeast (Table 6).

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¹ https://acpe.alaska.gov/portals/0/APS/Pubs/2025APS_OutcomesReport.pdf

Table 1. Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipient Headcount by University, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
UA Anchorage							
New Recipients	477	306	346	570	842	76.5	47.7
Other Recipients	935	835	746	767	962	2.9	25.4
Total	1,412	1,141	1,092	1,337	1,804	27.8	34.9
UA Fairbanks							
New Recipients	333	212	218	372	505	51.7	35.8
Other Recipients	559	535	503	489	566	1.3	15.7
Total	892	747	721	861	1,071	20.1	24.4
UA Southeast							
New Recipients	58	41	38	61	75	29.3	23.0
Other Recipients	77	97	85	87	96	24.7	10.3
Total	135	138	123	148	171	26.7	15.5
UA System							
New Recipients	847	547	589	974	1,392	64.3	42.9
Other Recipients	1,500	1,398	1,256	1,276	1,540	2.7	20.7
Total	2,347	1,945	1,845	2,250	2,932	24.9	30.3

Table 2. Alaska Performance Scholarship Aggregate Awards (\$) by University, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
UA Anchorage							
New Recipients	\$ 914,726	\$ 548,401	\$ 596,254	\$ 1,601,016	\$ 2,428,899	165.5	51.7
Other Recipients	\$ 1,650,294	\$ 1,559,257	\$ 1,376,228	\$ 2,041,428	\$ 2,669,420	61.8	30.8
Total	\$ 2,565,020	\$ 2,107,658	\$ 1,972,482	\$ 3,642,444	\$ 5,098,319	98.8	40.0
UA Fairbanks							
New Recipients	\$ 689,291	\$ 390,387	\$ 385,508	\$ 1,094,572	\$ 1,504,940	118.3	37.5
Other Recipients	\$ 1,079,266	\$ 1,078,031	\$ 1,010,326	\$ 1,403,750	\$ 1,614,471	49.6	15.0
Total	\$ 1,768,557	\$ 1,468,418	\$ 1,395,834	\$ 2,498,322	\$ 3,119,411	76.4	24.9
UA Southeast							
New Recipients	\$ 109,085	\$ 73,117	\$ 69,848	\$ 160,567	\$ 204,314	87.3	27.2
Other Recipients	\$ 151,587	\$ 169,422	\$ 147,134	\$ 199,939	\$ 223,565	47.5	11.8
Total	\$ 260,672	\$ 242,539	\$ 216,982	\$ 360,506	\$ 427,879	64.1	18.7
UA System							
New Recipients	\$ 1,713,102	\$ 1,011,905	\$ 1,051,610	\$ 2,856,155	\$ 4,138,153	141.6	44.9
Other Recipients	\$ 2,881,147	\$ 2,806,710	\$ 2,533,688	\$ 3,645,117	\$ 4,507,456	56.4	23.7
Total	\$ 4,594,249	\$ 3,818,615	\$ 3,585,298	\$ 6,501,272	\$ 8,645,609	88.2	33.0

Note: The above tables represent awards during the fall semester only. Student counts for awards made over the course of an entire aid year displayed in other tables are higher due to considering a different, longer period of time.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 3. Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipient Headcount and Student Credit Hours (SCH) by Class Standing and Academic Organization, Fall 2025

	Headcount											Total	SCH			
	Freshman		Sophomore		Junior		Senior		Master's		Doctoral					
	1st	Time	Cont.	Sophomore	Junior	247	280	18	1	UA	DS	NDS				
Anchorage	593		156	270		247				58			1,623	18,580		
Kenai	21		8	7		3				349			388	2,069		
Kodiak	14		2	2						91			109	544		
Mat-Su	17		1	5		3		1		259			286	1,710		
PWSC	4			1						35			40	185		
Troth Yeddha'	372		56	151		163		147		16			1,004	11,574		
UAF CTC	41		18	14		6				308			387	2,111		
College of Indigenous Studies																
Bristol Bay										40			40	136		
Chukchi										14			14	46		
Kuskokwim					1					25			26	85		
Northwest										2			2	8		
Rural College										110			110	436		
Juneau	46		11	27		25		22			11		2	144	1,452	
Ketchikan	1									68		1	70	296		
Sitka	4		4			1				52		2	63	276		
UA Anchorage	710		178	301		256		283		18		1	57	1,804	23,088	
UA Fairbanks	437		79	177		171		148		16			43	1,071	14,396	
UA Southeast	55		17	29		27		22			19		2	171	2,024	
UA System	1,203		276	507		455		454		34		1		2	2,932	39,508



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Note: UA degree seeking (UA DS) students taking courses from an academic organization (AO) other than their program AO are reported at the UA DS 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 same semester. Therefore, some students would be double counted if headcounts were summed across AOs and Universities.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 4. Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipient Headcount by Level and Academic Organization (AO), Fall 2025

	OEC	Certificate	Associate			Bachelor's	Licensure	Master's	Doctorate	UA	Degree	Non-Degree	Total
			(AAS)	(AA)	Seeking					Seeking	Seeking		
Anchorage	1	10	185	9	1341			18	1	58			1,623
Kenai			15	24						349			388
Kodiak				18						91			109
Mat-Su			9	18						259			286
PWSC			4	1						35			40
Troth Yeddha'				1	888			16		99			1,004
UAF CTC	1	13	42	23						308			387
College of Indigenous Studies													
Bristol Bay										40			40
Chukchi										14			14
Kuskokwim			1							25			26
Northwest										2			2
Rural College										110			110
Juneau		4	6	5	116					11	2		144
Ketchikan			1							68	1		70
Sitka		1		3	5					52	2		63
UA Anchorage	1	10	233	80	1,404			18	1	57			1,804
UA Fairbanks	1	14	48	38	911			16		43			1,071
UA Southeast	1	5	10	11	123					19	2		171
UA System	3	29	291	129	2,443			34	1		2		2,932



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Note: Within the UA System every student is admitted into one program uniquely defined by academic organization (AO), degree and major, thus determining the student's status to be UA degree seeking or non-degree seeking. When reporting at the university level, degree-seeking status for students enrolled at multiple AOs within the university is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest degree status. 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. Students who are not pursuing a degree at any campus within the UA System are reported as non-degree seeking students. Certificate includes OEC, 1-Year and 2-Year degree programs.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 5. Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipient Headcount by University and Program Area, Fall 2025

Program Area	UA Anchorage	UA Fairbanks	UA Southeast	UA System
Health and Human Services	573	92	10	675
Humanities, Arts and Social Science	277	205	43	525
Engineering, Professional and Technologies	190	182		372
Business and Public Administration	228	108	13	349
Biology, Fisheries, Maritime	91	161	36	288
Construction, Transportation, Mechanical, Mining	140	14	3	157
Computer/Data Science and Math	84	56	2	142
Education	24	59	21	104
Physical Science	49	50		99
Legal, Emergency and Protective Services	35	49		84
Tourism, Culinary and Entertainment	55	3	3	61
Natural Resources and Agriculture	2	37	13	52
Other		8	4	12
Alaska/Arctic Communities and Security	1	7	2	10
Non-Degree Seekers and Dual Enrolled HS			2	2
Total	1,749	1,031	152	2,932



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Note: Degree programs are classified into areas based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes. APS recipients are reported at the university they received the award from, even if taking courses from a different university.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 6. Top Majors (All Degree Levels) of Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipients by University Program, Fall 2025

UA Anchorage	UA Fairbanks	UA Southeast			
Nursing/Pre-Major Nursing	235	Biological Sciences	120	Elementary Education	18
Psychology	93	Mechanical Engineering	65	Bachelor Intended	16
Biological Sciences	91	Psychology	57	Marine Biology	16
Mechanical Engineering	75	Business Administration	52	English	13
Computer Science	66	Computer Science	42	Business Administration	12
Accounting	65	Exploratory Studies	42	Biology	9
Civil Engineering	57	Civil Engineering	37	Social Science	9
General Program	56	Accounting	35	Environmental Studies	6
Aviation Technology	54	Elementary Education	27	General Science	6
Health Sciences	54	Art	25	Environmental Science	5



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Note: APS recipients are reported at the university they received the award from, even if taking courses from a different university. Majors listed above have been identified by university registrars as open for admission and enrollment and leading to a credential.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 7. Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipient Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Developmental English	30	7	1	12	8	-73.3	-33.3
Developmental Math	42	39	26	109	225	435.7	106.4
Developmental Math &/or English	68	43	27	113	227	233.8	100.9

Table 8. First-Time Freshman Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipient Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
Developmental English	28	6	1	11	7	-75.0	-36.4
Developmental Math	31	24	15	99	194	525.8	96.0
Developmental Math &/or English	55	28	16	102	195	254.5	91.2



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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 transcribed 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.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 9. Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipients by Ethnicity, Race and Academic Organization, Fall 2025

	Ethnicity		Race							Total
	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Alaska Native / Hawaiian Native / American Indian	Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Unknown		
Anchorage	177	1,446	188	31	347	76	883	98	1,623	
Kenai	33	355	44	8	71	15	221	29	388	
Kodiak	8	101	13	1	45	4	42	4	109	
Mat-Su	30	256	31	4	41	6	179	25	286	
PWSC	2	38	6	2	11	4	17		40	
Troth Yeddha'	92	912	138	10	88	31	642	95	1,004	
UAF CTC	35	352	75	2	23	12	245	30	387	
College of Indigenous Studies										
Bristol Bay	4	36	16	1	3	1	17	2	40	
Chukchi	3	11	2	1	1		8	2	14	
Kuskokwim	4	22	8			2	15	1	26	
Northwest		2	2						2	
Rural College	7	103	39	1	4	4	58	4	110	
Juneau	7	137	28		21	1	93	1	144	
Ketchikan	5	65	12	1	9	2	45	1	70	
Sitka	5	58	16		7	1	39		63	
UA Anchorage	196	1,608	212	34	367	81	996	114	1,804	
UA Fairbanks	97	974	157	11	90	32	683	98	1,071	
UA Southeast	11	160	37	1	24	3	105	1	171	
UA System	293	2,639	386	45	470	114	1,711	206	2,932	
Percent of Total	10.0	90.0	13.2	1.5	16.0	3.9	58.4	7.0	100.0	

Note: Reporting level headcount is unduplicated, therefore, some students would be double counted if headcounts were summed across academic organizations and/or universities. Each student voluntarily reports demographic information. Figures are unduplicated and count individuals self-reporting at least some indigenous heritage in the Alaska Native/American Indian category.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/