

FALL ENROLLMENT - ALASKA EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

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Summary: Alaska Education Grant Recipients

The Alaska Legislature created the Alaska Education Grant (AEG) program to provide need-based financial assistance to eligible Alaska students attending qualifying postsecondary education institutions in Alaska. The grant awards typically range from \$500 to \$4,000 per academic year. To be eligible, a student must demonstrate a financial need by calculating the Student Aid Index (SAI) contribution shown on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply before the academic year begins. Enrollment level and full-time vs part-time attendance is also used to determine the award amount. The program makes awards to students with the highest financial need first, continuing until funds are exhausted.

In Fall 2025, there were 2,175 AEG recipients enrolled in the UA System. Of those, 1,068 were new recipients, while 1,107 were continuing recipients. Overall, this was an increase of 15.6 percent from the previous year, and an increase of 105.8 percent from 2020. UA Anchorage enrolled 1,456 AEG recipients, an increase of 18.4 percent from the previous Fall semester. UA Fairbanks enrolled 691 AEG recipients, up 8.5 percent from the previous year. UA Southeast enrolled 137 AEG recipients, a total increase of 18.1 percent from the previous year (Table 1).

The Fall 2025 aggregate AEG award amount distributed to UA students increased by 18.3 percent (approximately \$452.6 thousand) in the last year and by 95.7 percent (approximately \$1.4 million) over the last five years, driven by the increase in students receiving the award. The average amount distributed to an AEG recipient for the Fall 2025 semester alone was \$1,342 (Table 2).

Over 72 percent of AEG recipients were seeking a bachelor's degree in Fall 2025, with almost all of the remaining students pursuing a 2-year or shorter degree program (Table 4).

Of Fall 2025 AEG recipients, three program areas accounted for more than half of all majors: Health and Human Services (665 students, 30.6 percent); Humanities, Arts and Social Science (415 students, 19.1 percent); Business and Public Administration (282 students, 13 percent (Table 5).

The top major for AEG recipients was Nursing/Pre-major Nursing (193 students) at UA Anchorage, Biological Sciences (43 students) at UA Fairbanks and Business Administration (20 students) at UA Southeast (Table 6).



Table 1. Alaska Education Grant Recipient Headcount by University, 5 Year Trend

		Fall Semester				% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025
UA Anchorage							
New Recipients	239	209	303	662	695	190.8	5.0
Other Recipients	437	398	549	568	761	74.1	34.0
Total	676	607	852	1,230	1,456	115.4	18.4
UA Fairbanks							
New Recipients	136	105	187	379	349	156.6	-7.9
Other Recipients	208	197	263	258	342	64.4	32.6
Total	344	302	450	637	691	100.9	8.5
UA Southeast							
New Recipients	42	13	28	55	62	47.6	12.7
Other Recipients	44	57	65	61	75	70.5	23.0
Total	86	70	93	116	137	59.3	18.1
UA System							
New Recipients	397	317	500	1,045	1,068	169.0	2.2
Other Recipients	660	614	828	837	1,107	67.7	32.3
Total	1,057	931	1,328	1,882	2,175	105.8	15.6

Table 2. Alaska Education Grant Aggregate Award Amount by University, 5 Year Trend

		Fall Semester					% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021-2025	2024-2025	
UA Anchorage								
New Recipients	\$ 352,500	\$ 324,552	\$ 477,969	\$ 833,000	\$ 912,250	158.8	9.5	
Other Recipients	\$ 555,000	\$ 491,937	\$ 697,000	\$ 699,000	\$ 969,551	74.7	38.7	
Total	\$ 907,500	\$ 816,489	\$ 1,174,969	\$ 1,532,000	\$ 1,881,801	107.4	22.8	
UA Fairbanks								
New Recipients	\$ 212,250	\$ 162,250	\$ 302,025	\$ 488,530	\$ 474,362	123.5	-2.9	
Other Recipients	\$ 266,000	\$ 238,000	\$ 335,460	\$ 338,000	\$ 422,740	58.9	25.1	
Total	\$ 478,250	\$ 400,250	\$ 637,485	\$ 826,530	\$ 897,102	87.6	8.5	
UA Southeast								
New Recipients	\$ 58,250	\$ 19,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 53,750	\$ 69,250	18.9	28.8	
Other Recipients	\$ 47,729	\$ 69,750	\$ 61,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 71,750	50.3	30.5	
Total	\$ 105,979	\$ 89,250	\$ 98,500	\$ 108,750	\$ 141,000	33.0	29.7	
UA System								
New Recipients	\$ 623,000	\$ 506,302	\$ 817,494	\$ 1,375,280	\$ 1,455,862	133.7	5.9	
Other Recipients	\$ 868,729	\$ 799,687	\$ 1,093,460	\$ 1,092,000	\$ 1,464,041	68.5	34.1	
Total	\$ 1,491,729	\$ 1,305,989	\$ 1,910,954	\$ 2,467,280	\$ 2,919,903	95.7	18.3	

Notes: 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 Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount and Student Credit Hours (SCH) by Class Standing and Academic Organization, Fall 2025

	Headcount								
	Freshman		Sophomore	Junior	Senior	UA DS	NDS	Total	SCH
	1st Time	Cont.							
Anchorage	242	208	238	228	293	64		1,273	12,408
Kenai	16	12	10	5		386		429	2,059
Kodiak	3	4	2	1		99		109	418
Mat-Su	11	9	7	4	1	241		273	1,358
PWSC			2			33		35	130
Troth Yeddha'	123	54	71	93	133	102		576	5,430
UAF CTC	30	38	34	13		167		282	1,734
College of Indigenous Studies									
Bristol Bay						44		44	157
Chukchi						14		14	45
Kuskokwim			5	2		22		29	109
Northwest									
Rural College						86		86	344
Juneau	7	11	16	21	26	17		98	778
Ketchikan		1	2			51		54	224
Sitka	1	3	1	3		40		48	220
UA Anchorage	294	266	295	256	303	42		1,456	16,373
UA Fairbanks	165	105	120	115	138	48		691	7,819
UA Southeast	11	20	25	25	28	28		137	1,222
UA System	471	392	440	400	472			2,175	25,414



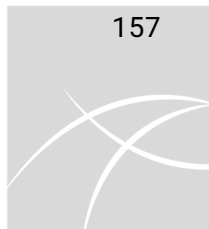
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Note: The credit hours of a degree-seeking student enrolled in courses offered by the student's program AO are reported at the degree level of the student's program (for example, at the baccalaureate level). UA degree seeking (UA DS) students taking 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 same semester. Therefore, some students would be double counted if headcounts were summed across AOs and Universities.

Table 4. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount by Level and Academic Organization (AO) Fall 2025

	Certificate	Associate (AAS)	Associate (AA)	Bachelor's	UA Degree Seeking	Non-Degree Seeking	Total
Anchorage	9	222	34	944	64		1,273
Kenai	2	15	26		386		429
Kodiak			10		99		109
Mat-Su		17	15		241		273
PWSC		1	1		33		35
Troth Yeddha'			9	465	102		576
UAF CTC	22	75	18		167		282
College of Indigenous Studies							
Bristol Bay					44		44
Chukchi					14		14
Kuskokwim		7			22		29
Northwest							
Rural College					86		86
Juneau	1	9	4	67	17		98
Ketchikan	1	1	1		51		54
Sitka	2	6			40		48
UA Anchorage	11	291	102	1010	42		1,456
UA Fairbanks	22	91	43	487	48		691
UA Southeast	4	20	10	75	28		137
UA System	37	405	157	1576			2,175



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Note: Within the UA System every student is admitted into one program uniquely defined by AO, degree and major, thus determining the student's status to degree seeking or non-degree seeking (NDS). 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 (UA DS). Students who are not pursuing a degree at any campus within the UA System are reported as non-degree seeking (NDS) students. Certificate includes OEC, 1-Year and 2-Year degree programs.

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

Table 5. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount by University and Program Discipline Area Fall 2025

Program Discipline Area	UA Anchorage	UA Fairbanks	UA Southeast	UA System
Health and Human Services	545	99	21	665
Humanities, Arts and Social Science	259	126	30	415
Business and Public Administration	161	100	21	282
Engineering, Professional and Technologies	102	54		156
Construction, Transportation, Mechanical, Mining	98	10	2	110
Education	46	45	17	108
Biology, Fisheries, Maritime	34	65	8	107
Computer/Data Science and Math	61	34		95
Legal, Emergency and Protective Services	48	35		83
Physical Science	33	17		50
Tourism, Culinary and Entertainment	24	8	1	33
Natural Resources and Agriculture	1	22	6	29
Alaska/Arctic Communities and Security	5	15	1	21
Other	2	16	3	21
Total	1,419	646	110	2,175



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Note: Degree programs are classified into disciplines based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes. AEG recipients are reported once at the university administering their degree program in the above table.

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

Table 6. Top Majors (All Degree Levels) of Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipients by University Program Fall 2025

UA Anchorage		UA Fairbanks		UA Southeast	
Nursing/Pre-Major Nursing	193	Biological Sciences	43	Business Administration	20
Psychology	85	Psychology	42	Health Science	14
General Program	81	Business Administration	32	Elementary Education	11
Accounting	53	Accounting	31	English	11
Computer Science	45	General Program	27	General Program	9
Health Sciences	40	Social Work	24	Special Education	6
Early Childhood Education	39	Elementary Education	22	Social Science	5
Art	38	Mechanical Engineering	22	Bachelor Intended	4
Mechanical Engineering	36	Computer Science	20	Marine Biology	4
Pre-Major Dental Hygiene	36	Exploratory Studies	20	Environmental Studies	3



Note: AEG 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 7. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount by Ethnicity, Race and Academic Organization Fall 2025

	Ethnicity			Race						
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Total	Alaska Native / American Indian	Hawaiian Native / Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Unknown	
Anchorage	187	1,086	1,273	236	35	213	110	580	99	
Kenai	50	379	429	77	12	52	38	220	30	
Kodiak	14	95	109	22	3	26	11	36	11	
Mat-Su	31	242	273	50	10	17	15	162	19	
PWSC	2	33	35	8	1	9	6	10	1	
Troth Yeddha'	55	521	576	136	9	42	34	313	42	
UAF CTC	26	256	282	88	4	21	17	136	16	
College of Indigenous Studies										
Bristol Bay	4	40	44	22	2	1		17	2	
Chukchi	3	11	14	4	1	1	2	5	1	
Kuskokwim	3	26	29	15			3	11		
Northwest										
Rural College	5	81	86	45	2	3	2	30	4	
Juneau	9	89	98	36	1	7		50	4	
Ketchikan	8	46	54	21	2	5	3	21	2	
Sitka	6	42	48	18	1	1	2	24	2	
UA Anchorage	202	1,254	1,456	272	41	224	120	688	111	
UA Fairbanks	65	626	691	178	11	52	43	363	44	
UA Southeast	13	124	137	49	2	10	3	69	4	
UA System	267	1,908	2,175	471	54	278	158	1,062	152	
Percent of Total	12.3	87.7	100.0	21.7	2.5	12.8	7.3	48.8	7.0	



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Table 8. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

		Fall		Semester			% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		2021-2025	2024-2025
Developmental English	28	21	14	20	12		-57.1	-40.0
Developmental Math	63	91	105	180	226		258.7	25.6
Developmental Math &/or English	82	104	110	184	231		181.7	25.5

Table 9. First-Time Freshman Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

		Fall		Semester			% Change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		2021-2025	2024-2025
Developmental English	22	15	10	14	5		-77.3	-64.3
Developmental Math	34	38	48	99	128		276.5	29.3
Developmental Math &/or English	47	46	52	102	128		172.3	25.5



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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.

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