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Summary: Fall Enrollment - Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipients

The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) has been in place since FY12. In 2024, eligibility criteria and term of use expanded, and scholarship award amounts were increased¹. The scholarship is currently made available to qualifying graduates of Alaska high schools for a term of up to 8 years. To qualify, students must complete a specific, rigorous high school curriculum, meet minimum GPA requirements or minimum test score requirements on ACT, SAT or WorkKeys exams, and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The amount of the award depends on the level of rigor achieved during high school, postsecondary academic performance, as well as the number of credits being taken at the postsecondary level.

Resulting from the program expansion, the number of APS students entering UA increased 65 percent (385 students) between Fall 2023 and Fall 2024, growing from 589 to 974 new recipients, respectively (Table 1). The average, annualized APS award amount provided to recipients during Aid Year 2024-25 was \$5,800 (Table 2) as of Fall 2024 semester.

A total of 2,250 APS recipients attended UA in Fall 2024, an increase of 22 percent (405 students) from Fall 2023, with similar growth at each university. Nearly 1,340 APS recipients enrolled at UA Anchorage in Fall 2024, a 22.4 percent increase (245) from Fall 2023. At UA Fairbanks, 861 APS recipients enrolled in Fall 2024, a 19.4 percent increase (140) from last year. UA Southeast enrolled 148 APS recipients, a 20.3 percent increase over Fall 2023 (Table 1). About 57 percent of APS recipients were seeking a UA Anchorage degree in Fall 2024, 37 percent were program majors at UA Fairbanks and 6 percent were degree-seeking at UA Southeast (Table 3).

Most APS recipients were seeking a bachelor's degree (86 percent, 1,924 students) and about 13 percent (299 students) were pursuing a 2-year or shorter credential (Table 4), with the remainder enrolled at the graduate level.

Four program areas accounted for more than half of all APS recipients in Fall 2024: Business and Public Administration (347 students, 15 percent); Health (338 students, 15 percent); Engineering (283 students, 13 percent); and Math, Physical and Life Sciences (277 students, 12 percent) (Table 5).

The top majors for APS recipients were Nursing/Pre-major Nursing (179 students) at UA Anchorage, Biological Sciences (95 students) at UA Fairbanks, and Bachelor Intended (20 students) at UA Southeast (Table 6).

¹ See https://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/0/OTHER/Pubs/APS_Legislation_FAQ%20Rev_8.12.2024.pdf for more details.

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

	2020	Fall Semester			2023	2024	% Change	
		2021	2022	2023			2020-2024	2023-2024
UA Anchorage								
New Recipients	544	477	306	346	570	4.8	64.7	
Other Recipients	1,058	935	835	746	767	-27.5	2.8	
Total	1,602	1,412	1,141	1,092	1,337	-16.5	22.4	
UA Fairbanks								
New Recipients	306	333	212	218	372	21.6	70.6	
Other Recipients	550	559	535	503	489	-11.1	-2.8	
Total	856	892	747	721	861	0.6	19.4	
UA Southeast								
New Recipients	61	58	41	38	61	0.0	60.5	
Other Recipients	93	77	97	85	87	-6.5	2.4	
Total	154	135	138	123	148	-3.9	20.3	
UA System								
New Recipients	860	847	547	589	974	13.3	65.4	
Other Recipients	1,615	1,500	1,398	1,256	1,276	-21.0	1.6	
Total	2,475	2,347	1,945	1,845	2,250	-9.1	22.0	

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

	2020	Fall Semester			2023	2024	% Change	
		2021	2022	2023			2020-2024	2023-2024
UA Anchorage								
New Recipients	\$ 993,958	\$ 914,726	\$ 548,401	\$ 596,254	\$ 1,601,016	61.1	168.5	
Other Recipients	\$ 1,821,140	\$ 1,650,294	\$ 1,559,257	\$ 1,376,228	\$ 2,041,428	12.1	48.3	
Total	\$ 2,815,098	\$ 2,565,020	\$ 2,107,658	\$ 1,972,482	\$ 3,642,444	29.4	84.7	
UA Fairbanks								
New Recipients	\$ 619,142	\$ 689,291	\$ 390,387	\$ 385,508	\$ 1,094,572	76.8	183.9	
Other Recipients	\$ 1,020,647	\$ 1,079,266	\$ 1,078,031	\$ 1,010,326	\$ 1,403,750	37.5	38.9	
Total	\$ 1,639,789	\$ 1,768,557	\$ 1,468,418	\$ 1,395,834	\$ 2,498,322	52.4	79.0	
UA Southeast								
New Recipients	\$ 114,136	\$ 109,085	\$ 73,117	\$ 69,848	\$ 160,567	40.7	129.9	
Other Recipients	\$ 139,886	\$ 151,587	\$ 169,422	\$ 147,134	\$ 199,939	42.9	35.9	
Total	\$ 254,022	\$ 260,672	\$ 242,539	\$ 216,982	\$ 360,506	41.9	66.1	
UA System								
New Recipients	\$ 1,727,236	\$ 1,713,102	\$ 1,011,905	\$ 1,051,610	\$ 2,856,155	65.4	171.6	
Other Recipients	\$ 2,981,673	\$ 2,881,147	\$ 2,806,710	\$ 2,533,688	\$ 3,645,117	22.3	43.9	
Total	\$ 4,708,909	\$ 4,594,249	\$ 3,818,615	\$ 3,585,298	\$ 6,501,272	38.1	81.3	

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 2024

	Headcount									Total	SCH
	Freshman		Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Master's	UA DS	NDS			
	1st Time	Cont.									
Anchorage	415	86	208	259	200	14	55	1	1,238	14,269	
Kenai	9	3	3	1			279	1	296	1,402	
Kodiak	10	1	2				61	1	75	345	
Mat-Su	14	3	6	1			154		178	988	
PWSC	1		1	1			23		26	87	
Troth Yeddha'	276	30	135	146	141	11	71	1	811	9,696	
UAF CTC	32	6	14	2			14		68	1,442	
College of Indigenous Studies											
Bristol Bay							14		14	34	
Chukchi							2		2	8	
Interior Alaska							33		33	124	
Kuskokwim							8		8	27	
Northwest							2		2	8	
Rural College							61		61	232	
Juneau	44	6	28	20	16	1	12		127	1,252	
Ketchikan							61		61	292	
Sitka	2		1				32		35	149	
UA Anchorage	480	97	233	265	200	14	47	1	1,337	17,091	
UA Fairbanks	325	36	154	151	145	11	38	1	861	11,571	
UA Southeast	48	7	32	20	18	1	22		148	1,693	
UA System	859	140	420	441	363	26		1	2,250	30,355	



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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 2024

	Certificate	Associate (AAS)	Associate (AA)	Bachelor's	Licensure	Master's	UA Degree Seeking	Non-Degree Seeking	Total
Anchorage	8	119	8	1,033		14	55	1	1,238
Kenai		10	6				279	1	296
Kodiak		1	12				61	1	75
Mat-Su		9	15				154		178
PWSC		1	2				23		26
Troth Yeddha'			1	727		11	71	1	811
UAF CTC	12	33	9				217		271
College of Indigenous Studies									
Bristol Bay							14		14
Chukchi							2		2
Interior Alaska							33		33
Kuskokwim							8		8
Northwest							2		2
Rural College							62		62
Juneau	4	4	8	98		1	12		127
Ketchikan							61		61
Sitka		1	2				32		35
UA Anchorage	8	151	49	1,067		14	47	1	1,337
UA Fairbanks	12	35	21	743		11	38	1	861
UA Southeast	4	5	13	103		1	22		148
UA System	24	191	84	1,924		26		1	2,250



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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 2024

Program Area	UA Anchorage	UA Fairbanks	UA Southeast	UA System
Business and Public Administration	194	141	12	347
Health	327	6	5	338
Engineering	134	149		283
Math, Physical and Life Sciences	114	142	21	277
Letters, Comm., and Philosophy	128	76	39	243
Social Sciences	119	71	15	205
Vocational Education	125	26	6	157
Computer and Information Science	72	56		128
Visual and Performing Arts	36	44		80
Education	11	35	11	57
Natural Resources	2	42	10	54
Interdisciplinary Studies	27	17	8	52
Foreign Languages	4	24		28
Undeclared			1	1
Total	1,293	829	128	2,250



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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 2024

UA Anchorage		UA Fairbanks		UA Southeast	
Pre-Major Nursing	111	Biological Sciences	95	Bachelor Intended	20
Biological Sciences	75	Business Administration	52	Marine Biology	14
Computer Science	69	Psychology	50	Social Science	14
Nursing	68	Computer Science	47	General Program	11
Psychology	68	Mechanical Engineering	43	Business Administration	10
Mechanical Engineering	60	Civil Engineering	38	Elementary Education	10
Accounting	51	Accounting	26	English	8
General Program	46	Justice	21	Biology	6
Civil Engineering	38	Engineering Undeclared	20	Interdisciplinary Studies	6
Exploratory Major/Undeclared	38	Elementary Education	19	Environmental Science	4



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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	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020-2024	2023-2024
Developmental English	19	30	7	1	12	-36.8	1,100.0
Developmental Math	30	42	39	26	109	263.3	319.2
Developmental Math &/or English	46	68	43	27	113	145.7	318.5

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

	Fall Semester					% Change	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020-2024	2023-2024
Developmental English	18	28	6	1	11	-38.9	1,000.0
Developmental Math	26	31	24	15	99	280.8	560.0
Developmental Math &/or English	41	55	28	16	102	148.8	537.5



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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/

Table 9. Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipients by Ethnicity, Race and Academic Organization, Fall 2024

	Ethnicity		Race						Total
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Alaska Native / American Indian	Hawaiian Native / Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Unknown	
Anchorage	126	1,112	125	23	291	57	679	63	1,238
Kenai	29	267	24	9	69	15	161	18	296
Kodiak	9	66	7	3	24	3	32	6	75
Mat-Su	23	155	12	3	31	6	114	12	178
PWSC	2	24	3		5	1	17		26
Troth Yeddha'	60	751	89	5	73	19	572	53	811
UAF CTC	22	249	42	4	19	6	182	18	271
College of Indigenous Studies									
Bristol Bay	1	13	3			1	10		14
Chukchi		2	1				1		2
Interior Alaska	3	30	6	1	4	1	19	2	33
Kuskokwim		8	4			1	3		8
Northwest		2	1				1		2
Rural College	1	61	21	1	5		33	2	62
Juneau	8	119	22		22	1	79	3	127
Ketchikan	4	57	10		14		35	2	61
Sitka	3	32	7		5		22	1	35
UA Anchorage	138	1,199	134	29	309	60	738	67	1,337
UA Fairbanks	64	797	100	6	75	21	604	55	861
UA Southeast	11	137	28		26	1	89	4	148
UA System	204	2,046	255	34	399	80	1,361	121	2,250
Percent of Total	9.1	90.9	11.3	1.5	17.7	3.6	60.5	5.4	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/