

# **State of Alaska FY2025 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Education and Early Development Alaska Performance Scholarship Awards Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Alaska Performance Scholarship Awards****Contribution to Department's Mission**

To provide performance-based scholarships to Alaskans.

**Core Services**

- The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) is a performance-based scholarship that is effectively raising the collective academic achievement of Alaska's students. Central to the program are the eligibility requirements that students 1) engage in a rigorous secondary education program of study; and 2) perform well on standards-based, college or career readiness assessments.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2023**

- Available funding of \$11.7 million in Alaska Performance Scholarships (APS) and \$5.8 million in Alaska Education Grants (AEG);
- Enhanced the Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP), a web-based financial aid management system that provides eligible Alaskans with information about their individual APS and/or AEG accounts;
- ASAP, functioning as the financial aid management tool for participating postsecondary institutions for online certification of student enrollment and continuing eligibility, enabled paperless aid disbursement through schools to students participating, and was used to deliver approximately \$9.2 million to 2,700 APS recipients and \$5.7 million to just over 2,600 AEG recipients; and
- Produced the 2022 APS Outcomes Report on the first eleven high school graduate cohorts, documenting significant positive program impacts specifically that APS students take more credits and need less remediation, persist in their studies, and stay in Alaska at higher rates, compared to their non-APS peers.

**Key Component Challenges**

- The COVID-19 health pandemic resulted in the cancelation of ACT, SAT, and WorkKeys standardized tests around the state impacting graduates of the classes of 2020 and 2021 the ability to qualify for the APS. The standardized testing requirement for the classes of 2020 and 2021 was waived to mitigate the impact on students and was required for the class of 2022. Despite a statewide communications campaign to inform schools, parents and students, some students did not qualify for APS due to not having a qualifying standardized test score;
- Inability to receive student performance data from high schools prevents early outreach to high school juniors and seniors about potential APS eligibility and importance of staying on track;
- Effecting a statewide culture that values higher education and understands the importance of taking a rigorous high school curriculum;
- A student's lack of awareness regarding timeline and preparation necessary for APS eligibility and recognition of the extent of the award, in terms of its full amount students can be eligible for;
- Ensuring adequate preparation and course availability at district levels for students to have access to the curriculum requirements for eligibility and necessity of earlier outreach and preparation academically, prior to senior year; and
- Uncertainty of funding for APS from the Higher Education Investment Fund (HEIF).

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2025**

- With information from the review of outcomes for the first decade of the APS program, work with the administration and legislature to make improvements to the program to increase eligibility and use of the scholarship;
- Ongoing expanded use of email and other electronic communications to reduce costs of communicating with customers;
- Further streamlining of APS outcomes reporting protocols to reduce costs of reporting;

- Further improvements to ASAP to provide streamlined processing and reduce the need for costly manual processing;
- Updated education programs for teachers, counselors, and other mentors assisting students with becoming APS-eligible; and
- With the recapitalization of the Higher Education Investment Fund (HEIF) in FY2022, APS is again funded through the HEIF in FY2024 which will provide consistency and stability of funding while supporting the long-term viability of the fund.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.43.810-849  
20 AAC 16.205-16.900

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**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Education and Early Development**

**Component:** Alaska Performance Scholarship Awards (2990)  
**RDU:** Student Financial Aid Programs (731)

Formula Component

	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Enrolled	FY2024 Authorized	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 Management Plan vs FY2025 Governor	
1000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
2000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
3000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
4000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
7000 Grants, Benefits	7,822.7	11,750.0	11,750.0	11,750.0	11,750.0	11,750.0	0.0	0.0%
8000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,822.7</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>								
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	7,822.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
1226 High Ed (DGF)	0.0	11,750.0	11,750.0	11,750.0	11,750.0	11,750.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>7,822.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>								
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
**Department of Education and Early Development**

**Component:** Alaska Performance Scholarship Awards (2990)

**RDU:** Student Financial Aid Programs (731)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2024 Enrolled To FY2024 Authorized *****												
FY2024 Enrolled	Enrolled	11,750.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11,750.0	0.0	0	0	0
1226 High Ed		11,750.0										
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2025 Governor *****												
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Education and Early Development**  
**Grants, Benefits**

**Component:** Alaska Performance Scholarship Awards (2990)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		7,822.7	11,750.0	11,750.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
		<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>	<b>7,822.7</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>	<b>11,750.0</b>
7002	Benefits	Alaska Performance Scholarship awards.	7,822.7	11,750.0	11,750.0