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Alaska Performance Scholarship Test Score Requirement Update

JUNEAU – In accordance with the Governor's emergency public health mandates and continued social distancing efforts across Alaska, and in consultation with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education will now also waive the WorkKeys test requirement for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), in addition to the previously waived ACT and SAT test requirements. The waivers are based on the cancellation of test administrations across Alaska.

For the Class of 2020, the ACT, SAT, and/or WorkKeys test requirement for Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) eligibility is waived. APS eligibility and award level for the Class of 2020 will be determined by meeting the existing rigorous curriculum and GPA requirements.

An updated APS FAQ for the Class of 2020 is now available for review on our website (<u>APS.alaska.gov</u>). Updates to this website and FAQs will be made as new information becomes available. Student APS eligibility and level information will be available on the Alaska Student Portal (ASAP) in August, based on the information submitted by school districts after the school year ends. Students can create an ASAP account at <u>acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL-AID</u> and should regularly check their ASAP account for important notifications and updates.

ABOUT THE ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP:

APS provides an opportunity for Alaska high school graduates to earn a scholarship to help cover the cost of an Alaska postsecondary education. By meeting curriculum, GPA, and testing requirements, Alaskan students may earn the APS to attend qualified Alaska colleges, universities, or career and technical education programs.

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