

4 AAC is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

Chapter 43. Alaska Performance Scholarship Program.

Section

- 10. Requirements for school districts and certain religious or private schools
- 20. Standardized testing and grade point average requirements
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4 AAC 43.010. Requirements for school districts and certain religious or private schools. In administering a school district's duties under the scholarship program established in AS 14.43.810 – 14.43.850, a school district, or a religious or other private school accredited under 4 AAC 04.300(c) that elects to comply with AS 14.45.100 - 14.45.130, shall

(1) determine a student's level of eligibility for the Alaska performance scholarship based on curriculum, standardized examination scores, and grade point average for each of its graduating students;

(2) record a student's level of eligibility on the student's permanent record;

(3) require a student seeking Alaska performance scholarship eligibility certification to provide proof of results achieved on one of the standardized examinations required for scholarship eligibility; and

(4) no later than July 15 of each year, transmit to the department an electronic version of each graduating student's permanent record that describes the student's eligibility for the Alaska performance scholarship. (Eff. __/__/____, Register __)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.43.810

4 AAC 43.020. Standardized examination and grade point average requirements. (a) A student is eligible for an Alaska performance honors scholarship if the student meets the curriculum requirements of 4 AAC 43.030, obtains a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and provides proof of

- (1) an ACT score of 25 or higher;
- (2) an SAT score of 1680 or higher; or
- (3) a WorkKeys score of five or higher in each of the following areas:
 - (A) applied mathematics;
 - (B) reading for information;
 - (C) locating information.

(b) A student is eligible for an Alaska performance achievement scholarship if the student meets the curriculum requirements of 4 AAC 43.030, obtains a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and provides proof of

- (1) an ACT score of 23 or higher;
- (2) an SAT score of 1560 or higher; or
- (3) a WorkKeys score of five or higher in each of the following areas:
 - (A) applied mathematics;

(B) reading for information;

(C) locating information.

(c) A student is eligible for an Alaska performance opportunity scholarship if the student meets the curriculum requirements of 4 AAC 43.030, obtains a grade point average of 2.5, and provides proof of:

(1) an ACT score of 21 or higher;

(2) an SAT score of 1450 or higher; or

(3) a WorkKeys score of five or higher in each of the following areas:

(A) applied mathematics;

(B) reading for information;

(C) locating information.

(d) A student who qualifies for a scholarship using the WorkKeys examination must use the scholarship award in a career and technical program that results in the award of a certificate. (Eff. __/__/____, Register __)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.43.810

4 AAC 43.030. Curriculum requirements. (a) For a student graduating from high school in 2011, the curriculum requirements for all levels of the Alaska performance scholarship are completion of

(1) the subject matter requirements for high school graduation under 4 AAC 06.075(b); and

(2) one additional unit of credit from any of the following:

(A) mathematics – one unit of credit;

(B) science – one unit of credit;

(C) mathematics and science – one-half unit of credit in

mathematics and one-half unit of credit in science. (Eff. __/__/____,

Register__)

Authority: AS 14.07.060

AS 14.43.810

4 AAC 43.040. Procedures for home-based education and certain religious or other private schools. (a) To establish eligibility for an Alaska performance scholarship, a student who is not enrolled in a public school program and who completes a home-based education program in the state, or who graduates from a religious or other private school accredited under 4 AAC 04.300(c) that does not elect to comply with AS 14.45.100 - 14.45.130, shall apply to the department no later than July 1 of the year the student intends to enroll at an eligible postsecondary institution. The application must be in writing, on a form provided by the department, and must include documentation demonstrating

(1) proof of results achieved on a standardized examination that meet the requirements of 4 AAC 43.020(a), (b), or (c); and

(2) completion of the curriculum requirements in 4 AAC 43.030.

(b) No later than 15 days after receipt of a complete application under (a) of this section, the department will provide the student with a written notice of eligibility. In this notice, the department will state whether the student is eligible for a scholarship, and, if eligible, the student's maximum level of scholarship eligibility.

(c) A student who is denied eligibility for a scholarship under this section or wishes to dispute the department's determination of the student's maximum level of scholarship eligibility may appeal the department's determination by sending a written request for appeal no later than 15 days after the department issues the notice of eligibility.

(d) A request for appeal under (c) of this section must include

- (1) the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the appellant;
- (2) the relief requested in the appeal;
- (3) a short and concise statement identifying the reasons supporting a reversal or modification of the department's eligibility determination; and
- (4) all documents, papers, or other materials that support a reversal or modification of the department's eligibility determination.

(e) The commissioner will designate a reviewer who did not participate in the department's initial determination of scholarship eligibility to review a timely request for appeal received under (c) of this section. The reviewer shall consider all information and materials submitted and issue a written decision that determines the student's eligibility for a scholarship, and if eligible, the student's level of eligibility. The reviewer's decision is the final decision of the department. Notice of the department's decision will be sent to the student no later than 45 days after the department receives the notice of appeal. (Eff. __/__/__, Register __)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.43.810

4 AAC 43.900. Definitions. In this chapter, unless context indicates otherwise,

- (1) “ACT” means the ACT high school achievement and college admissions examination administered by ACT, Inc.;
- (2) “Alaska performance scholarship” means the scholarship program established under AS 14.43.810 – 14.43.850;
- (3) “Alaska performance achievement scholarship” means an Alaska performance scholarship at the award level described under AS 14.43.825(a)(2);
- (4) “Alaska performance honors scholarship” means an Alaska performance scholarship the top award level described under AS 14.43.825(a)(1);
- (5) “Alaska performance opportunity scholarship” means an Alaska performance scholarship the award level described under AS 14.43.825(a)(3);
- (6) “commissioner” means the Commissioner of Education and Early Development;
- (7) “home-based education program” means an educational program that qualifies the student for an exemption under AS 14.30.010(b)(12) from the compulsory education requirement of AS 14.30.010(a);
- (8) “SAT” means the SAT high school achievement and college admissions test administered by College Board, Inc.;
- (9) “standardized examinations” means the ACT, SAT, or WorkKeys examinations;
- (10) “unit of credit” has the meaning given in 4 AAC 06.075(e);
- (11) “WorkKeys” means the WorkKeys Job Skills Assessment administered by ACT, Inc. (Eff. __/__/__, Register __)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.43.810