

UA Scholars Program Overview

The University of Alaska designed the Scholars Program to provide an opportunity for Alaska's middle and high school students to achieve academic excellence, to nourish efforts of schools to provide high quality education and to encourage high school graduates from every community in Alaska to attend the University of Alaska.

Award amount, distribution and deadline for use

Current award amount: \$11,000 (will increase to \$12,000 beginning fall 2015)

How it is paid: The university provides eligible Scholars \$1,375 per semester for eight semesters. (The amount of tuition for 12 credits in FY15 is \$2,088 at the 100-200 level and \$2,520 at the 300-400 level.)

Since the UA Scholar Program began in fall 1999, a cumulative total of 6,713 students have enrolled and received a UA Scholar distribution from the University of Alaska.

Deadline for use: Expires after a total of eight semesters or within five years of the Scholar's class graduation from high school.

Eligible expenses

The Award is applied as a payment on the Scholar's student account and may be used for expenses such as undergraduate tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies and other education costs incurred for attendance at the University of Alaska.

Eligibility

Top 10 percent in the high school junior class at the end of the spring term (May or June) in every qualified Alaska high school.

To remain eligible as a university student for the Scholars award:

Maintain satisfactory academic progress;

Enroll in at least 12 credits each fall and spring semester (will increase to 16 credits per academic year in year two of the award beginning fall 2015);

Be in good standing in accordance with the UA Student Code of Conduct (Board of Regents policy 09.02.02 and University Regulation 09.02.020);

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

Eligible UA Scholars, enrollment and degrees at the University of Alaska by fall terms 2004-2013

UA Scholars are tracked by their entrance terms as a cohort (see table below)

During its inaugural semester in fall 1999, the UA Scholars program attracted 271 top Alaskan students to the University of Alaska. By fall 2013, the number of newly paid UA Scholars grew to 456, an increase of 68 percent from the inaugural semester.

In fall 2013, 456 out of 1,967 (23 percent) UA Scholars received a UA Scholar distribution for the first time.



