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Application Deadline for 2011 Alaska Performance Scholarship Extended to December 15

JUNEAU -- The deadline for eligible Class of 2011 high school graduates to apply for a 2011 Alaska Performance Scholarship has been extended to December 15, 2011. The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) rewards high-achieving Alaska high school graduates who continue their postsecondary studies at qualifying institutions in Alaska.

Students apply for the APS by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students completing the FAFSA to apply for the APS should list a participating Alaska postsecondary institution. Students in a home-based education program or private schools also must submit an Eligibility Determination Application to the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development.

To be eligible for the extended deadline for a 2011 award, students must have received a 2011 Alaska high school diploma (from a public school, private school or home school) prior to July 2011. Students also must have met the APS academic eligibility requirements in curriculum, grade-point average, and scores in the SAT, ACT or WorkKeys assessments. Scholarship awards to late applicants will be contingent on the availability of funding after awards have been made to students who filed a FAFSA by the original June 30, 2011, deadline.

Additionally, the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development will process Eligibility Determination Applications from 2011 public school graduates whose test scores were not received by their public schools, as long as the tests were taken in June 2011 or earlier. Those students should submit the Eligibility Determination Application to the department.

The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Eligibility Determination Application is available at APS.alaska.gov under Program Information and Forms. Families with questions about the Eligibility Determination Application should contact Shari Paul, APS coordinator, at shari.paul@alaska.gov or 907-465-6535.

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