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## Summary: Alaska Education Grant Recipients

The Alaska Legislature created the Alaska Education Grant (AEG) program to provide need-based financial assistance to eligible Alaska students attending qualifying postsecondary education institutions in Alaska. The grant awards typically range from \$500 to \$4,000 per academic year. To be eligible, a student must demonstrate a financial need by calculating the Student Aid Index (SAI) contribution shown on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply before the academic year begins. Enrollment level and full-time vs part-time attendance is also used to determine the award amount. The program makes awards to students with the highest financial need first, continuing until funds are exhausted.


In Fall 2024, there were 1,882 AEG recipients enrolled in the UA System. Of those, 1,045 were new recipients, while 837 were continuing recipients. This was an increase of 41.7 percent from the previous year, and an increase of 76.1 percent from 2020. UA Anchorage enrolled 1,230 AEG recipients, an increase of 44.4 percent from the previous Fall semester. UA Fairbanks enrolled 637 AEG recipients, up 41.6 percent from the previous year. UA Southeast enrolled 116 AEG recipients, a total increase of 24.7 percent from the previous year (Table 1).

The Fall 2024 aggregate AEG award amount distributed to UA students increased by 29.1 percent (approximately \$560.0 thousand) in the last year and by 56.2 percent (approximately \$890.0 thousand) over the last five years, driven by the increase in students receiving the award. The average amount distributed to an AEG recipient for the Fall 2024 semester alone was \$1,311 (Table 2).

Over 70 percent of AEG recipients were seeking a bachelor's degree in Fall 2024, with almost all of the remaining students pursuing a 2-year or shorter degree program (Table 4).

Of Fall 2024 AEG recipients, three program areas accounted for more than half of all majors: Health (411 students, 22 percent); Business and Public Administration (356 students, 19 percent); and Letters, Communication, and Philosophy (239 students, 13 percent) (Table 5).

The top major for AEG recipients was Nursing/Pre-major Nursing (151 students) at UA Anchorage, Biological Sciences (43 students) at UA Fairbanks and Business Administration (18 students) at UA Southeast (Table 6).



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020-2024	2023-2024
UA Anchorage							
New Recipients	259	239	209	303	662	155.6	118.5
Other Recipients	456	437	398	549	568	24.6	3.5
Total	715	676	607	852	1,230	72.0	44.4

UA Fairbanks

	1st Time	Cont.	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	UA DS	NDS	Total	SCH
Anchorage	197	196	187	194	236	57	1	1,068	10,208
Kenai	3	6	12	5	1	336	1	364	1,708
Kodiak	6	9	3	1		92		111	453
Mat-Su	10	13	9	2		163	1	198	1,033
PWSC	2	2				18		22	115
Troth Yedha'	88	50		84					

Table 4. Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipient Headcount by Level and Academic Organization (AO) Fall 2024

	Certificate	Associate (AAS)	Associate (AA)	Bachelor's	UA Degree Seeking	Non-Degree Seeking	Total
Anchorage	4	191	21	794	57	1	1,068
Kenai	2	11	14		336	1	364
Kodiak		3	16		92		111
Mat-Su		16	18		163	1	198
PWSC		3	1		18		22
Troth Yeddha'			20	411	97		528
UAF CTC	25	72	19		130		246
College of Indigenous Studies							
Bristol Bay					13		13
Chukchi					1		1
Interior Alaska		2	1		38		41
Kuskokwim		3			19		22
Northwest					1		1
Rural College					81		81
Juneau	2	7	8	46	11	1	75
Ketchikan		2	1		50		53
Sitka	1	1	1		34		37
UA Anchorage	6	255	83	841	44	1	1,230
UA Fairbanks	26	90	55	430	36		637
UA Southeast	3	13	18	53	28	1	116
UA System	36	358	158	1328		2	1,882

Note: Within the UA System every student is admitted into one program uniquely defined by AO, degree and major, thus determining the student's status to degree seeking or non-degree seeking (NDS). When reporting at the university level, degree-seeking status for students enrolled at multiple AOs within the University is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest degree status. Degree status at the system level for students enrolled at multiple Universities is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest University degree status within the system. Students pursuing a degree at an AO or University other than the one at which they are taking courses are reported as UA degree seeking (UA DS). Students who are not pursuing a degree at any campus within the UA System are reported as non-degree seeking (NDS) students. Certificate includes OEC, 1-Year and 2-Year degree programs.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)



Table 6. Top Majors (All Degree Levels) of Alaska Education Grant (AEG) Recipients by University Program Fall 2024

UA Anchorage		UA Fairbanks		UA Southeast	
Nursing/Pre-Major Nursing	151	Biological Sciences	43	Business Administration	18
General Program	78	Business Administration	32	General Program	15
Psychology	73	General Program	30	Elementary Education	8
Computer Science	50	Psychology	30	Special Education	7
Accounting	45	Social Work	29	Health Science	6
Management	45	Elementary Education	19	Marine Biology	6
Biological Sciences	40	Mechanical Engineering	19	Social Science	5
Art	39	Art	17	Bachelor Intended	3
Human Services	34	Accounting	16	General Science	3
Health Sciences	31	Information Technology Specialist	16	AK Native Lang & Studies	2

Note: AEG recipients are reported at the university they received the award from, even if taking courses from a different university.

Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, [www.alaska.edu/ir/](http://www.alaska.edu/ir/)

Hispanic      Non-Hispanic      Total      Alaska Native / American Indian      Hawaiian Native / Pacific Islander      Asian      Black



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Note: Developmental courses provide basic or supplemental preparation for introductory college courses and are available in several areas, with math and English making up the vast majority of courses taken. Developmental coursework is not applicable to transcribed certificates or to associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees, even by [image 517A/51620](#). Tel: (wh) 1180) W. 5 220 Id6) Jc

