

Alaska Advantage Programs®

Building Alaska's Economy through
Higher Education for Alaskans



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ANNUAL REPORT TO ALASKANS
Year Ending June 30, 2005

Mission Statement

Through its AlaskAdvantage Programs, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education promotes, supports, and provides access to postsecondary education for Alaskans and in Alaska.



Core Services

- ✓ Outreach and early awareness programs
- ✓ Financial aid for postsecondary education and training
- ✓ Promotion of postsecondary education participation in Alaska
- ✓ Consumer protection through institutional authorization and complaint investigation

All core services of Alaska's higher education access agency are financed by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation. There is no cost to state taxpayers, and net income is used to provide benefits to Alaska's students.

Why is Higher Education Access Important to Alaska's Economy?

- For Individuals -

- ✓ Increased personal income
- ✓ Increased employment opportunities
- ✓ Increased ability to pursue leisure activities
- ✓ Better access to healthcare and longer lifespan
- ✓ Increased satisfaction with life
- ✓ Children more likely to be healthy and economically successful

- For Communities -

- ✓ Lower crime rates
- ✓ Increased resident hire opportunities
- ✓ Lower unemployment rates
- ✓ Expanded economic base to better support healthcare and school systems
- ✓ Decreased reliance on public assistance
- ✓ Attracts new business and investment



AlaskAdvantage Programs

Expanding Higher Education Access for Alaskans

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education and Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC) jointly deliver no-cost, value-added services to individual Alaskans and to the state's economy as a whole. By providing Alaskans with the critical information and resources they need to pursue higher education, these partner organizations lead the way to fully develop Alaska's people, the state's greatest resource.

The Corporation's introduction of AlaskAdvantage Programs in 2002 gave ASLC a new source of income from federally guaranteed education lending programs, which now fund the Commission's expanded access and outreach programs. Specifically, legislative and administrative leaders, in partnership with the Commission, recognized the need and the opportunity for the state's higher education access agency to be much more than just another lender. The broader need was information and resources individual Alaskans require to access higher education as the means to benefit from our state's upcoming economic growth.

The 2005 Commission benchmarks and achievements resulting from delivery of AlaskAdvantage Programs very clearly demonstrate the Commission and Corporation having risen to the challenge of being the state's higher education access agency:

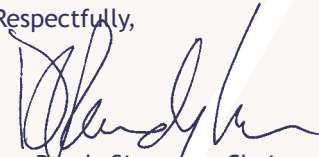
- ✓ Returned over \$10 million in cumulative borrower benefits to Alaska's students borrowing from AlaskAdvantage Loan Programs
- ✓ Implemented a statewide higher education grant program in 2005, providing grants to 520 Alaskans totaling \$627,000
- ✓ Provided free outreach services and higher education planning assistance to 58,451 individual Alaskans
- ✓ Hosted 302 outreach events throughout Alaska's six regions, including public awareness events, career and education planning activities, parent education activities, and support for organizations offering higher education and mentoring
- ✓ Provided 1,708 Alaska students with the opportunity to participate in the WICHE Western Undergraduate Exchange, saving those students approximately \$10.8 million in tuition costs while maintaining their Alaska residency
- ✓ Provided a cumulative dividend to the Alaska General Fund of over \$27 million
- ✓ Supported Alaska's students and institutions of higher education by providing the lowest-cost higher education financial aid package in the nation, available only to Alaska residents or students attending Alaska's institutions of higher education

Financing of these programs, services, and financial benefits for Alaska is made possible through Alaska's students choosing to borrow their federal loans through the AlaskAdvantage Programs. As the Commission's federal lending volume increases, raising related incomes and increasing economies of scale, the

Corporation is better able to sustain expanded services and provide "lowest cost in the nation" financial aid packages for Alaska's students. Every day those services make a difference in students' lives; and together, those students' successes create a stronger workforce and economy for Alaska.

To Governor Frank Murkowski and Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman, and to the members of the Alaska Legislature, we express our gratitude for your commitment to Alaska's people and economy, and for your tireless work to expand opportunities through higher education. To Alaska's students, we give encouragement and assurance that higher education is the most certain road to success. To Alaska's education professionals and mentors, and especially to the University of Alaska, we offer recognition for the difference you make in individual lives and in communities made stronger through higher education. Your support in communicating with students about the benefits of the Commission's federal loans will enable us to continue delivering the lowest cost loans in the nation, and to continue expanding AlaskAdvantage programs and services until all Alaskans achieve the benefits of higher education access for themselves and collectively for Alaska's economy.

Respectfully,



Randy Simmons, Chair
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Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education



Diane Barrans, Executive Director/Executive Officer
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
Alaska Student Loan Corporation



AlaskAdvantage® Outreach Programs

AlaskAdvantage Outreach Programs are designed specifically to make a difference in Alaskans' lives and in their communities. Advised by volunteer outreach and higher education professionals, outreach programs ensure that all Alaskans can have access to the information and resources they need to pursue postsecondary education, whether they seek a college degree, vocational certificate, or career-specific skills training. Specific AlaskAdvantage outreach focus areas include:

- ✓ Sequenced, age-appropriate early awareness programs involving parents and school partners
- ✓ Tailored rural and urban outreach programs, including seminars, workshops, and support programs for K-12 professionals and community service organizations
- ✓ Programs in support of adult learners and Alaska's workforce needs
- ✓ Promotion and support of Alaska higher education institutions

Please contact the Commission's Anchorage-based outreach office at (907) 269-7980 for more information on any of these programs, or if your organization would like to partner with the Commission in program or service delivery.

"What a pleasure to live, to learn and, someday soon, teach in Alaska."

AlaskAdvantage customer Sarah Haines

Program Year 2006 Goals

- ✓ Relocate the Alaska Resource Center for Higher Education Success to the Anchorage University Center Mall to provide on-the-spot assistance and program delivery to students, parents, adult learners, and higher education professionals.
- ✓ Develop a network of locally-based rural outreach providers to act as mentors and link students and families with needed information and resources.
- ✓ Expand support to Alaska's institutions of higher education through programs to assist with student recruitment and retention, and to help more Alaskans and their communities gain access to the benefits of higher education.

Program Year 2005 Highlights

During Program Year 2005, AlaskAdvantage Programs promoted higher education as the key to economic security - and the message that college is possible - to over 100,000 Alaskans in all six major Alaska regions, with special emphasis on the needs of rural and under-served communities.



More than 68% of Alaska's projected top jobs will require college degrees or significant postsecondary vocational training.

Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, October 2004

The following outreach publications are available from the Commission:



College is for You! Poster

Distributed to all fifth, sixth, and seventh grade classrooms in Alaska



Chart Your Course Newspaper

Direct mailed to the homes of all eighth graders in Alaska, and supplemented with a postcard to parents telling them where to get more information about helping their children visualize themselves in college

Going to College in Alaska Magazine

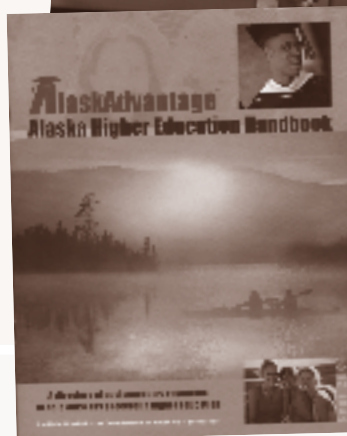
Direct mailed to the homes of all eleventh graders in Alaska, and supplemented with a postcard to parents, asking them to talk to their teens about college

Directory of Postsecondary Resources in Alaska

Free Commission handbook providing information about Alaska's higher education resources

Paying for College – Alaska Version

A free resource magazine developed for our customers by the Northwest Education Loan Association about federal and state financial aid options



Specific outreach programs include:

Education Takes You There! Campaign

An age-sequenced early outreach campaign, encouraging middle-schoolers to dream about college, followed with college planning assistance to younger teens and their parents, and concluding with specific information for high school juniors and their parents about the higher education opportunities right here in Alaska. In 2005, over 60,000 students and families benefited from Education Takes You There!

College Goal Sunday Program

An annual grant-funded event established in Alaska by CASHE (Coalition of Alaskans Supporting Higher Education), an organization created through the Commission's partnership with the University of Alaska, the Alaska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (ALASFAA), and the ANCSA Education Consortium. College Goal Sunday helps students and families complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the key application for financial aid for postsecondary education. In 2005, 690 Alaskans received help applying for financial aid from College Goal Sunday, many of whom were the first in their families to pursue higher education.

Partnerships to Expand Services

The Commission continues to expand its partnerships with other organizations, to maximize service delivery while minimizing the cost of those services. Program Year 2005 saw AlaskAdvantage advisors expand services in local Job Centers, community centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, Native Corporations, faith-based organizations, and elementary school classrooms to pre-college advisory groups.

AlaskAdvantage® Financial Aid Programs

Program Year 2005 Highlights

The Commission is proud that during program year 2005 we again offered Alaska's students the lowest-cost education loan package available in the nation. The Commission is also pleased to be able to report that the first audit of our federal lending programs resulted in an extremely positive outcome.

Note: The Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC) is committed to providing qualifying AlaskAdvantage federal and supplemental education loan borrowers the benefits package described herein. In this way, ASLC meets its mission, as a public corporation and instrumentality of the state, by providing Alaska students with the lowest cost financial aid possible. These benefits reduce borrower-paid costs each year ASLC has the financial capacity to do so. Borrowers should carefully note the actual interest rate identified in loan disclosure documents. In the event borrower defaults on the loan, all benefits may be forfeited and interest charged at the full allowable base rate. ASLC annually reviews its financial condition and determines whether an adjustment, either in the form of an increase or decrease, in benefits is warranted. At any time that a change in benefits is made, notice will be provided to all affected borrowers. Rate reductions are subject to minimum levels as determined by ASLC.

Alaska's State Agency: Much More Than Just Another Lender

In 2002-2005, the Alaska Student Loan Corporation paid cumulative benefits in excess of \$10 million directly to AlaskAdvantage borrower accounts, and a cumulative dividend in excess of \$25 million (through FY06) to the state's General Fund.

“Thank you for your fine service and the educational opportunities.”

AlaskAdvantage customer Steven J. Anderson



AlaskAdvantage® 2005/2006 Interest Rates and Borrower Benefits

	In-School Period		Repayment Period			
	AlaskAdvantage Stafford Loan	Alaska Supplemental Education Loan	AlaskAdvantage Stafford Loan	Alaska Supplemental Education Loan	AlaskAdvantage PLUS Loan	Family Education Loan
2005/2006 Base Rate	4.70%	5.80%	5.30%	5.80%	6.10%	5.00%
AlaskAdvantage General Benefit	(1.20%)	(0.50%)	(0.50%)			
Alaska Presence Benefit	(1.00%)	(1.00%)	(1.00%)	(1.00%)	(1.00%)	
Direct Payment Benefit			(0.25%)	(0.25%)	(0.25%)	(0.25%)
Benefit After 48 Timely Repayment Months			(2.00%)	(2.00%)	(1.00%)	
Lowest Rate Equivalent During Qualifying Periods	2.50%	4.30%	1.55%	2.55%	3.85%	4.75%

AlaskAdvantage® 2005/2006 Borrower Benefits Summary

AlaskAdvantage Benefit	What Is It?	Who Gets It?	How Much Is It ? (Stated as an Interest Rate Equivalent)	Total Amount of Benefits Paid through FY05
AlaskAdvantage General Benefit	An automatic cost reduction provided on Alaska's higher education assistance agency flagship programs	• All AlaskAdvantage Stafford Loan borrowers • ASEL borrowers in an in-school status	From .50 to 1.20%, depending on loan type and status	\$3,140,000
Alaska Presence Benefit	An annual cost reduction for qualifying borrowers who attend an Alaska school or who live in Alaska while they are repaying their loans	• AlaskAdvantage Stafford, ASEL, PLUS, consolidation and PSEP borrowers attending a school physically located in Alaska • AlaskAdvantage Stafford, ASEL, PLUS, consolidation and PSEP borrowers who reside in Alaska after they finish school and enter repayment	1% of a loan's outstanding principal balance	\$1,980,009
Direct Payment Benefit	An interest rate reduction for participating in qualifying automated payment methods	Borrowers who use ACPE's Direct Payment or payroll deduction programs while their loans are in repayment.	A .25% interest rate reduction	\$457,000
Timely Payment Benefit	An interest rate reduction for borrowers in repayment who have made 48 consecutive on-time payments	Borrowers in repayment who have made 48 consecutive on-time payments	From 1% to 2%, depending on loan type	This benefit takes effect after the first AlaskAdvantage loans have been in repayment for 48 months
Origination Fee and Guarantee Fee Reductions	Reduced origination fees on qualifying loans No guarantee fees	All AlaskAdvantage Stafford loan borrowers All AlaskAdvantage federal loan borrowers.	1% origination fee reduction 0% guarantee fee	\$524,719
Borrower Cost Reduction	An annual cost reduction to allow customers who borrowed Alaska Student Loans during higher rate periods to effectively cap their interest rate at 8.3%	All Alaska Student Loan borrowers with outstanding older loans at 9.0%, 8.9%, or 8.6% note rates	From 0.3% to .7%, depending on the note rate	\$3,952,153
Total Benefits Paid to AlaskAdvantage Borrower Accounts				\$10,053,881

2005 Financial Aid Program Enhancements and Expansions

- ✓ Developed, funded, and implemented statewide AlaskAdvantage Education Grant Program
- ✓ Developed and implemented real-time equivalent aid processing for higher education institutions
- ✓ Developed and deployed in-house payment processing system to increase efficiency and reduce costs
- ✓ Implemented blanket guarantee on federal loans for more efficient processing

2006 Financial Aid Goals

- Establish endowment account dedicated to providing monies for the AlaskAdvantage Education Grant Program in perpetuity
- Create automated process for educational institutions to certify students' grant eligibility
- Upgrade customer Integrated Voice Response (IVR) services for improved 24/7 account access
- Implement real-time access to loan account information for institutions of higher education
- Update ASLNet Web site to provide schools and borrowers with increased functionality and ease of navigation through account information
- Implement federal loan program changes to maintain the "best in the nation" financial aid package for Alaskans

AlaskAdvantage® Financial Aid 2005 Statistical Summary

Summary of FY2005 Borrowing (Stafford, PLUS, ASEL, FEL, and TEL Programs)

Student Level	In-State		Out-of-State		Total	
	Loans	Dollars	Loans	Dollars	Loans	Dollars
Vocational	904	\$3,534,631	90	\$515,396	994	\$4,050,027
Undergraduate	6,513	\$31,484,023	3,568	\$23,999,396	10,081	\$55,483,419
Graduate	544	\$3,759,706	607	\$5,282,231	1,151	\$9,041,937
Total	7,961	\$38,778,360	4,265	\$29,797,023	12,226	\$68,575,383

Three-Year Loan Summary by Student Level FY03-05

Student Level	In-State			Out-of-State			Total		
	FY05	FY04	FY03	FY05	FY04	FY03	FY05	FY04	FY03
Undergraduate	7,417	6,567	5,279	3,658	3,941	4,172	11,075	10,508	9,451
Graduate	544	415	316	607	640	589	1,151	1,055	905
Total	7,961	6,982	5,595	4,265	4,581	4,761	12,226	11,563	10,356

Institutions With at Least 50 Borrowers in FY2005

School Name	Total Amount	Number of Borrowers	Alternative Loans	FFELP Loans
University of Alaska Anchorage	\$13,731,543	1,773	\$6,825,259	\$6,906,284
University of Alaska Fairbanks	\$11,085,765	1,423	\$9,582,861	\$1,502,904
Charter College	\$4,487,046	430	\$2,377,452	\$2,109,594
Career Academy	\$2,147,982	346	\$914,402	\$1,233,580
University of Alaska Southeast	\$2,571,687	315	\$767,836	\$1,803,851
Alaska Pacific University	\$2,968,939	293	\$1,629,661	\$1,339,278
Montana State University Bozeman	\$946,865	100	\$669,750	\$277,115
University of Idaho	\$774,233	94	\$774,233	\$0
University of Nevada Reno	\$667,470	84	\$563,630	\$103,840
AVTEC	\$596,056	80	\$265,811	\$330,245
University of Nevada Las Vegas	\$569,105	72	\$569,105	\$0
Sheldon Jackson College	\$542,232	72	\$340,883	\$201,349
Eastern Washington University	\$595,442	67	\$471,341	\$124,101
Northern Arizona University	\$488,250	62	\$488,250	\$0
Gonzaga University	\$528,420	56	\$277,490	\$250,930
Oregon State University	\$470,663	55	\$470,663	\$0
Washington State University	\$432,406	50	\$368,697	\$63,709



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FY2005 Summary by Loan Program

	In-State		Out-of-State		Total	
	Loans	Dollars	Loans	Dollars	Loans	Dollars
Stafford Subsidized	2,174	\$6,780,969	599	\$2,685,766	2,773	\$9,466,735
Stafford Unsubsidized	2,135	\$8,351,306	517	\$2,830,945	2,652	\$11,182,251
PLUS	42	\$296,760	84	\$942,317	126	\$1,239,077
Federally Guaranteed Total	4,351	\$15,429,035	1,200	\$6,459,028	5,551	\$21,888,063
ASEL	3,506	\$22,669,492	2,856	\$21,833,842	6,362	\$44,503,334
Family Education Loan	31	\$172,833	143	\$1,051,353	174	\$1,224,186
Teacher Education Loan	73	\$507,000	66	\$452,800	139	\$959,800
State Alternative Loan Total	3,610	\$23,349,325	3,065	\$23,337,995	6,675	\$46,687,320
Grand Total	7,961	\$38,778,360	4,265	\$29,797,023	12,226	\$68,575,383

Summary of Alaska Student Loan Corporation Annual Cohort Default Rates

Cohort Year	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Alternative Loan Programs					
Alaska Institutions	6.1%	5.1%	4.9%	8.4%	11.3%
Out-of-State Institutions	3.4%	2.5%	4.8%	5.9%	7.7%
Total Institution-Specific Alt Loan Rate	4.6%	3.6%	4.8%	7.2%	9.8%
Federal Loan Programs					
Federally Guaranteed Loans	6.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The 4.6% 2003 alternative loan default rate, while increasing slightly from the previous year, remains well within the Commission's target of under 5%, and represents a 67% decrease since the Commission implemented rate management strategies and cohort tracking in 1997. The Commission is also pleased to report that its first federal loan cohort default rate of 6.5%, representing 17 defaulted borrowers, compares favorably with the 2003 Alaska statewide federal loan default rate of 7.4%.

“Your help all those years ago has made a huge difference in my life. I truly am glad I had ACPE to help me get a good education.”

AlaskAdvantage customer Jeffrey Tibbetts

Top Five States of Attendance for FY2005 Borrowers

Undergraduate Borrowers

State	Number of Loans	Average Loan Amount
Alaska	5,720	4,904
Washington	595	7,460
Oregon	382	6,624
Arizona	232	6,853
California	212	7,186

Graduate Borrowers

State	Number of Loans	Average Loan Amount
Alaska	502	6,691
Oregon	72	8,415
California	59	8,879
Washington	51	8,157
Arizona	29	9,430



Since its inception in 1974, the Commission has provided approximately \$1.7 billion in education loans to over 332, 000 Alaska students.

Alaska Student Loan Corporation

Summary Financial Information

	2005 (in thousands)	2004 (in thousands)
Balance Sheet		
Assets:		
Cash and investments	\$ 445,741	482,648
Loans receivable	485,115	475,519
Interest receivable	17,381	16,148
Other assets	7,258	6,257
Total assets	<u>\$ 955,495</u>	<u>980,572</u>
Liabilities:		
Bonds payable	\$ 632,418	626,039
Bond interest payable	10,073	9,742
Arbitrage payable	568	855
Return of capital payment declared	137,399	80,600
Other liabilities	6,169	11,860
Total liabilities	<u>786,627</u>	<u>729,096</u>
Net assets:		
Restricted net assets	135,614	235,966
Unrestricted net assets	33,254	15,510
Total net assets	<u>168,868</u>	<u>251,476</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 955,495</u>	<u>980,572</u>
	2005	2004
	(in thousands)	(in thousands)
State of Revenues and Expenses		
Interest earned from education loan financing	\$ 33,997	38,658
Operating expenses:		
Provision for:		
Loan losses	5,049	4,439
Forgiveness	736	418
Operations	10,303	8,964
Total operating expenses	<u>16,088</u>	<u>13,821</u>
Operating income	<u>17,909</u>	<u>24,837</u>
Nonoperating revenue (expense):		
Interest income from investments	11,197	5,318
Interest expense	(22,827)	(19,652)
Arbitrage rebate expense	55	(302)
Amortization of bond issuance costs	(842)	(1,158)
Net nonoperating expense	<u>(12,417)</u>	<u>(15,794)</u>
Income before return of capital (statutory net income)	5,492	9,043
Return of capital	(88,100)	(80,600)
Change in net assets	(82,608)	(71,557)
Total net assets - beginning	251,476	323,033
Total net assets - ending	<u>\$ 168,868</u>	<u>251,476</u>



“Congratulations for great customer service.”

AlaskAdvantage customer Leah Swasey

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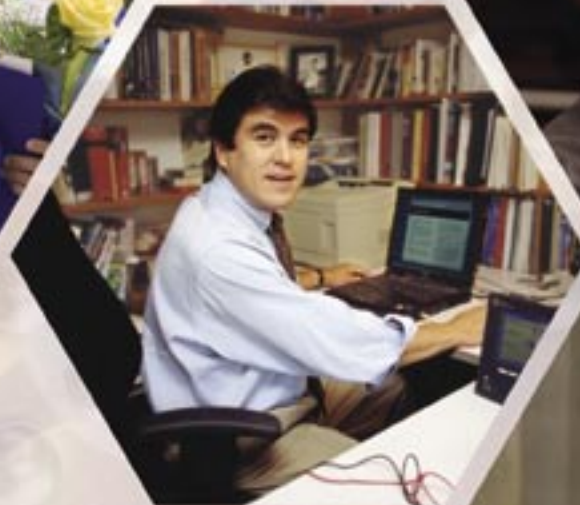
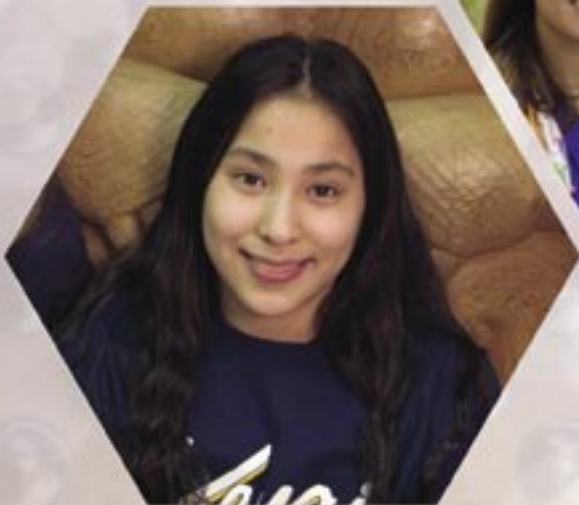
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