79 students get Alaska Airlines grants for travel

Alaska Airlines has awarded travel grant scholarships to 79 1990 Alaska high school graduates. The expanded grant program now offers scholarship opportunities to students statewide, according to the company.

The Alaska Airlines grants provide students with one roundtrip ticket from an Alaska Airlines location nearest their community to an Alaska Airlines destination closest to the college or university they will attend. Scholarships were available to graduating seniors in every Alaska school district.

To qualify for the grants, students were required to maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average and hold a part-time job while enrolled in high school. Each community's threemember screening and selection committee based their decisions on the applicant's academic performance, acceptance into a college or vocational school, extra-curricular employment, leadership and recommendations from at least three references outside of their immediate family.