

# REFERENCE GUIDE TO



# SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTS & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

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# Popular Grants & Scholarships for Youth With Foster Care Experience

## **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

[Login - FAFSA on the Web - Federal Student Aid](#)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to apply for federal student financial aid and is processed at no cost to the applicant. It is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal grant, loan, and work funds.

## **Arizona Department of Child Safety – Education Training Voucher (ETV)**

[Foster Success- Arizona](#)

The Arizona Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program is a federally-funded, state-administered program which can provide youth who are or were in U.S. foster care with funding for post-secondary education. Youth who were in foster care, adopted or who entered permanent guardianship on or after their 16th birthday qualify for ETV. You must attend an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school.

## **Arizona Department of Child Safety – Tuition Waiver (TW)**

[Foster Success- Arizona](#)

The Arizona Tuition Waiver is available to youth who spent time in foster care at age 14 and older. It is available to students attending Arizona public community colleges or four-year colleges and universities.

## **Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation**

[Scholarship Guidelines | Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation \(affcf.org\)](#)

The foundation offers scholarships to current or former foster youth who have experienced foster care up until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Scholarships are available for a total commitment of 10 semesters. **DUE DATE: PRIOR TO START OF EACH SEMESTER**

The [AFFCF Focus Forward Fund](#) is designed to help young adults who have aged out of foster care overcome emergency expenses that derail their post-secondary education. These funds are not intended to be used for long-term, ongoing expenses. To receive assistance, youth must be: 1) in foster care or aged out of foster care in Arizona, 2) ages 18 years and up until youth's 27th birthday, and 3) enrolled at a university/college, community college, or a vocational school/program.

The Focus Forward Fund offers up to \$2500 per semester to help cover vocational and trade school tuition and fees. They also have an award for up to \$500 per semester for books, up to \$500 for vocational training supplies, and up to \$1000 one-time award for a laptop. Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

## **Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships**

[Arizona Community Foundation](#)

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**Applications open on January 1<sup>st</sup> and some close as early as March**

## **Grand Canyon University- Fostering Futures Scholarship**

[GCU Fostering Futures Scholarship](#)

Youth must be an Arizona resident and U.S. Citizen/eligible non-resident. Must be in DCS Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program. Youth must live on campus while attending GCU to qualify.

# Arizona-Specific Scholarship Aid

## **Dorrance Scholarship Programs**

### [Dorrance Scholarship Programs](#)

The Dorrance Scholarship is for first-generation students and is a need-based award. It provides financial and academic support for Arizona high-school graduates pursuing an undergraduate degree at one of Arizona's public universities. The award is renewable for four years of funding. Scholarships renew based on academic standing, participation in program events and activities, and community service projects.

Eligibility Requirements: (Must meet ALL of the following requirements):

- Current seniors who will graduate from an accredited Arizona high school and enter the university as a college freshman
- First generation to attend college (neither parent/step-parent or legal guardian holds a four-year degree)
- Minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA (weighted or unweighted)
- Have a minimum test score of 1110 SAT, 22 ACT, or 72 CLT
- Admitted to one of Arizona's three (3) public universities
- Demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA
- Agree to participate in all aspects of the scholarship program
- Reside on campus freshman and sophomore year and successfully complete the Summer Bridge Program

The scholarship award is up to \$12,000 per year. For full Dorrance Scholarship Application details, go to their website. **DUE DATE: January 31<sup>st</sup> (Phase I)**

## **Arizona Department of Education Scholarships**

### [Student Awards & Scholarship Programs | Arizona Department of Education \(azed.gov\)](#)

U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship

To find out more about these scholarships and eligibility requirements, visit the website above.

## **Community Foundation for Southern Arizona**

### [Community Foundation of Southern AZ](#)

The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona offers a wide variety of scholarship opportunities for students. The CFSA General Scholarship supports Southern Arizona students in pursuing their educational dreams and opportunities. Applicants must be graduating in the current school year, or have graduated in a previous year, from a high school in Southern Arizona (Yuma, Pima, Santa Cruz and Cochise counties, and regions of Graham, Greenlee, Pinal and Maricopa counties south of the Gila River). Graduates from high schools outside of this region will not be considered for this scholarship.

## **Desert Financial Community Service Scholarship**

### [College Scholarships | Desert Financial Credit Union](#)

The Desert Financial Foundation Scholarship programs offer scholarships for high-school seniors who give back to our community; adults (25 and older) who are pursuing certificates or degrees; and student athletes who have overcome obstacles.

More specific application requirements can be found on their website. **DUE DATE: MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

## **The Flinn Scholarship**

### [Flinn Foundation](#)

The Flinn Scholarship is a competitive, merit-based scholarship for Arizona high-school seniors.

To be awarded the Flinn Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (Green Card holder) by time of application;
- Be an Arizona resident for two full years immediately preceding entry to the university.

As a general rule, Flinn Scholarship applicants should also:

- Attain at least a 3.5 grade-point average (unweighted);
- Rank in the top 5 percent of their graduating class (if the school reports class rank); and
- Participate and demonstrate leadership in a variety of extracurricular activities.
- Flinn Scholarship applicants must submit SAT or ACT scores, but there is no minimum score needed to apply.

## **Horatio Alger Arizona Scholarship**

### [Scholarships - Horatio Alger Association](#)

Since 1984, Horatio Alger Association Members and Friends have funded need-based college scholarships for low-income youth to pursue their dreams through higher education. Through its many scholarship programs, the Association supports students pursuing career and technical certificates and degrees, bachelor's degrees, and graduate studies. To find out more about available scholarships, click links below:

1. [State Scholarships](#)
2. [Career & Technical Scholarships](#)
3. [Targeted Scholarships](#)
4. [National Scholarships](#)

## **Passageway Scholarship Foundation**

### [Passageway Scholarship Foundation - Offering Rite of Passage youth who have the desire to succeed the means to do so \(passagewaysfoundation.org\)](#)

Passageway Scholarships are provided to select students graduating from the Rite of Passage programs (Canyon State Academy). A maximum of \$1,500 is awarded to first time applicants, and awards may increase by consecutive semester if the student maintains eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding the scholarship program can be found on the website.

## **Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona Vocational Grant**

### [TRVFA Vocational Grant](#)

To be eligible to apply for a TRVFA vocational education grant, the applicant must:

- Be a resident of the State of Arizona
- Have estimated current-year household income equal to or less than 150% of the published poverty level. If the applicant files jointly or is a dependent on someone else's tax return, the full household size and estimated current-year income must be stated.
- Attend a postsecondary school/training institution in Arizona to obtain vocational training which can be completed in two years or less.
- NOT have already earned a college degree.
- Our current maximum one-time grant is \$2,000. If the cost of the program is less than \$2,000, we will not fund more than the cost. Allowed costs include: Tuition, Books, Fees, Tools, Uniforms, Other items required to get certification

# **Arizona College Specific Scholarships**

**\*Not an inclusive list. Just a small sample of scholarships available at various Arizona colleges and universities.**

## **Access2Excellence-A2E**

[Access2Excellence](#)

NAU is guaranteeing tuition coverage for undergraduate Arizona residents who have an income of \$65,000 or below. This is applicable at NAU's Flagstaff and Statewide campuses. Visit website for more details.

## **Arizona Western College Scholarships**

[Scholarships and Grants | Arizona Western College \(azwestern.edu\)](#)

Arizona Western College (AWC) offers a variety of scholarships that are open to all students. AWC also offers program-, local-, ethnic-, and gender-specific scholarships. AWC also offers Foundation Scholarships and Institutional Scholarships. To view a list of all available scholarships, eligibility requirements, due dates and other scholarship information, go through financial aid in the Arizona Western College Website.

## **Armstrong Family Foundation Scholarship (ASU)**

[Armstrong Scholarship](#)

The Armstrong Family Foundation Scholarship is offered through the Arizona State University Foundation. The Scholarship awards up to \$10,000 a year. Students must be an orphan, a ward of the court, in foster care or a qualified independent student. Students must be a full-time incoming freshman, freshman, or sophomore, attending one of the ASU campuses (Tempe, Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic, West). Students must also be an Arizona resident and a US citizen or lawful legal resident of the US with a 3.0 GPA.

## **Blavin Scholars Program**

[Blavin Scholars Program | Blavin Scholars Program \(nau.edu\)](#)

The Blavin Scholars Program assists Northern Arizona University undergraduate students who have been a part of the foster care system. Students who are Arizona residents seeking an undergraduate degree and who have demonstrated financial need and experience in the foster care system are eligible for this scholarship. Full-time enrollment is required. See website for more information.

## **Champions Scholarship**

[www.yc.edu](http://www.yc.edu)

The Champions Scholarship is one of many scholarships offered under the Yavapai College Foundation Scholarships. Students eligible for the Champions Scholarship must be a current or recent ward of the Yavapai County Juvenile Court. The Scholarship is available at both the Verde and Prescott Campuses. Scholarships cover costs for tuition, books and fees for full or part-time students enrolled in a degree or certificate program. Deadlines are: May 15<sup>th</sup> for the Fall semester (March 1<sup>st</sup> for priority deadline) and November 30<sup>th</sup> for the Spring semester (November 1<sup>st</sup> for priority deadline). Visit the My YC login website and click on the financial aid tab for the application (specific application required) along with additional scholarship requirements.

## **Cochise College Foundation Scholarships**

### [Cochise Scholarships](#)

At Cochise College, it is recommended that students do the following things to increase their chances of being awarded a scholarship:

- Because some scholarships require documented evidence of financial need, it is recommended that applicants complete the form on the [FAFSA website](#) as soon as it is made available.
- Visit the list of Cochise College Scholarships at [Cochise Scholarship PDF](#)
- Visit [external scholarship pages](#) to learn about many other scholarship opportunities outside of Cochise College.

## **Coconino Community College Foundation Scholarships**

### [Coconino Community College - Foundation Scholarships](#)

Students interested in scholarships awarded through CCC must be admitted to CCC and complete the [online scholarship application](#), which opens December 9<sup>th</sup> and is due by February 24<sup>th</sup>. The website also has a list of numerous External Scholarships and tribal information for Native American students interested in applying to tribal scholarships.

## **Eastern Arizona College Scholarships**

### [Scholarships \(eac.edu\)](#)

Eastern Arizona College offers various types of academic and donated scholarships. The application for these scholarships opens October 1<sup>st</sup> each academic year. Academic scholarships are primarily awarded based on academic excellence and/or financial need. New and returning full-time students may submit one scholarship application per academic year. There are many private scholarships available also. Visit the Eastern Arizona College website for additional information.

## **Helping Hands Scholarship**

### [Helping Hands for Single Moms Scholarship Program \(thecollegemonk.com\)](#)

The helping hands scholarship assists single moms in obtaining a college education and financial independence. Eligibility Criteria include:

- Have US Citizenship and reside in Maricopa County/the Phoenix-Metro Valley
- Be legally single/divorced and may not reside with a domestic partner
- Registered in college (or, if a nursing student, be on a waiting list). It is recommended that students apply after completion of their first semester (of nine credits or more).
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Carry minimum of 9 credit hours per semester
- Have at least one child under age 11 living with you
- Attend and participate in the regularly scheduled meetings
- Be a responsible and responsive program participant

## **John Likins Memorial Scholarship**

### [John Likins Memorial Scholarship | the Arizona Center for Judaic Studies](#)

The John Likins Memorial Scholarship supports an incoming freshman from a Tucson area high school majoring in any fields related to gender, race, religion, ethnicity, or area studies at the University of Arizona. Visit the University of Arizona [website](#) to find the complete scholarship requirements and additional scholarship opportunities.

## **Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Scholarships**

### [Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Scholarships and Additional Support](#)

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation is a nonprofit organization designated by the Maricopa County Community College District to receive and manage gifts on behalf of its 10 colleges. The STARS online scholarship system will match scholarships available through the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation with the student's unique profile. There are three primary ways to fund an education at a Maricopa Community College:

1. **Maricopa Community College Foundation Scholarships:** Available to all Maricopa Community College students and, in most cases, may be used at any Maricopa Community College and some non-Maricopa colleges and universities.
2. **College-Specific Scholarships:** Available through each of the Maricopa Community Colleges. They are generally restricted to one campus
3. **External Scholarships:** Are offered through various local and national organizations.

For additional information, visit the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation website.

## **Nina Pulliam Legacy Scholars Program**

### [Maricopa Community College](#)

### [Arizona State University](#)

The Nina Mason Pulliam Scholars program provides each student with an academic advisor/mentor, as well as a student mentor; covers full tuition, fees and books; and includes a \$2,500 annual living allowance. **DUE DATE: MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Phoenix Promise Program**

### [Phoenix Promise Program](#)

The City of Phoenix in partnership with the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) is committed to providing scholarships to City of Phoenix Residents who are pursuing an associate degree or baccalaureate degree from any one of our Maricopa Community Colleges. To apply, students must complete a scholarship eApplication, authenticate City of Phoenix residency, and meet other eligibility requirements.

## **Pima Community College-Ethnic, Gender, and Transborder Studies/Sociology Scholarship**

### [MyPima-Scholarship Universe](#)

Pima offers several institutional scholarships and tuition awards. You may apply for these scholarships and see current offerings using Pima's Scholarship Portal also known as Scholarship Universe

## **Pima Community College Merit Scholarship**

### [PCC Institutional Scholarships \(Tucson, AZ\)](#)

The Pima Merit Scholarship is awarded to Pima County residents that have recently graduated from a Pima County high school or have completed their GED. Eligible applicants must have graduated with an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher or completed their GED with an average test score of 165 or higher. Applicants must be eligible for general (in-state) tuition and have not already received another tuition waiver or similar form of aid. Students must be enrolled at Pima for the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. For additional information on the Merit Scholarship and other Pima Community College Scholarships, visit their website.



## **President Barack Obama Scholars (ASU)**

[President Barack Obama Scholars Program | ASU Students | ASU](#)

ASU will consider all full-time freshman admitted directly from an Arizona high school. Eligible students will be notified by the Student Financial Assistance Office. Students just need to apply to ASU, file their FAFSA, and the student will automatically be considered for this award. ASU will cover the estimated direct costs for eight consecutive semesters. Covered costs include tuition, fees, room, board and books. Scholars also have the opportunity to participate in a mentoring program. **Application for ASU admission and the FAFSA must be received by January 15<sup>th</sup>**

## **Pinal Promise Scholarship**

[Pinal Promise Program - Central Arizona College \(centralaz.edu\)](#)

The Pinal Promise educational initiative was launched in 2001 by a caring community that believed that college should be a reality for every Pinal County student. This program was developed to encourage young people to stay in high school, graduate, and move on to a college or university.

Eligible student must:

- Reside and graduate from a Pinal County high school (online high schools must have a physical presence in Pinal County).
- Participate in 20 hours of community service that can be completed in high school or while attending CAC.
- View additional guidelines and complete the CAC Scholarship application [here](#)

## **(UofA) Wildcat Excellence Award**

[Incoming First-Year and Transfer Tuition Scholarship Awards | Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid \(arizona.edu\)](#)

Initial first-year merit tuition scholarship offers are based on self-reported grades provided by the student at the time of admission. The scholarship award offers become final and cannot be appealed after the admissions grade verification is complete.

GPA calculated is based on your core unweighted high school GPA through your sixth semester. To be eligible, students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The Resident Wildcat Awards also require that the student be classified as an Arizona resident for tuition purposes. The Non-Resident Arizona Awards require that the student be classified as a non-Arizona resident for tuition purposes.

## **University of Phoenix First Chance Scholarship Program**

[UOPX | Scholarship Opportunities \(phoenix.edu\)](#)

Starting with your first course, every new, qualifying student will be awarded one of our scholarships, worth up to either \$1K or \$3k. University of Phoenix has scholarship opportunities for ALL students (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students).

## **Yavapai College Scholarships**

[Yavapai College: Yavapai College Scholarships \(yc.edu\)](#)

Yavapai College offers a variety of scholarships, including the Yavapai Champions Scholarship, Yavapai College Institutional Scholarships, Foundation Scholarships and recommended scholarships. Application for the majority of the scholarships requires the completion of a single form. The application form can be found through the Yavapai College website along with a list of all the scholarships and their minimum qualifications. The priority deadline for most scholarships is April 1st unless otherwise stated.

# National Scholarship Opportunities

## **Adoption STAR Academic Scholarship Program**

[Adoption Star](#)

Adoption STAR recognizes college bound individuals who were adopted by providing academic scholarships. Visit the Adoption Star website for eligibility criteria.

## **Coca-Cola Scholars Program**

[The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation - Empowering Visionary Leaders \(coca-colascholarsfoundation.org\)](#)

National Scholars receive awards of \$20,000 for college. Regional Scholars receive awards of \$10,000 for college. Graduating seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution and carrying a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school, are eligible to apply. Semifinalists are notified in mid-November and must then complete a secondary application, including essays, official transcripts, and two letters of recommendation. Full eligibility requirements and program overview can be viewed on the website.

**DUE DATE: early October**

## **EEQUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM**

[EEQUAL SCHOLARSHIP](#)

The program itself is designed to highlight the incredible potential of young people in the United States who are struggling with homelessness, housing instability, or extreme poverty. This scholarship covers tuition costs up to \$8,000 for four-year colleges or universities (Bachelor's Degree), junior or community colleges (Associate's Degree), career colleges (Trade or Vocational), and online degree programs. Students are eligible to apply if they are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity (as defined under the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (MV) students in extreme poverty; or students whose family is currently going through a transition). Please note: This is not an honorary scholarship for students who have experienced homelessness or extreme poverty in the past and overcame their situation. EEqual is looking to support students who are currently struggling and are in need.

## **Foster Care to Success / Casey Family Scholars Program**

[Foster Care to Success | Casey Family Scholars \(fc2success.org\)](#)

The Casey Family Scholars Program is administered by FC2S. Awards range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per academic year and are renewable for up to five (5) years if a student remains eligible. Applicants must have been in foster care for the 12 consecutive months prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday OR adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday; and be under the age of 25 on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they first apply and have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other post-secondary school. See the Foster Care to Success website for additional information. **DUE DATE: MARCH**

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## **Hope & A Future**

[Hope & A Future Scholarship Fund \(azhope.com\)](#)

In 2007, the John S. Brewer Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to help our foster children beat the odds through ongoing educational assistance, career training and college scholarships.

If you are a foster child that needs assistance for high school tutoring, vocational training, college tuition or housing assistance while in college, we want to be a resource to help you achieve your dreams. [Just click here to fill out our online application.](#)

## **Lambda Theta Alpha Foundation Scholarship**

[About Us | LTA Foundation](#)

The Lambda Theta Alpha Foundation's mission is tied to their commitment to advance the community. The efforts are to promote enrichment of their communities by providing funding for educational programming, scholarship and humanitarian relief. The Foundation provides annual scholarships to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. The goal is to award \$1,000 scholarships to seventeen (17) students who demonstrated commitment to advancing their community. Scholarship applications are available [online](#).

## **LIFE Lessons Scholarship**

[Life Lessons Scholarship Program - Life Happens](#)

The Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education (LIFE) announces the LIFE lessons Scholarship Program to benefit students who have suffered the death of a parent or guardian. LIFE awards the LIFE Lessons Scholarships once a year. Typically, applications are accepted during the February 1 to March 1<sup>st</sup> timeframe and scholarship recipients are notified in mid-July. Awards range from \$1,000 to a grand prize award of \$10,000. To apply for the Life Lessons Scholarship, create an account at the application portal [here](#).

## **Nsoro Foundation**

[The nsoro Foundation - Programs & Scholarships for Foster Youth](#)

The Nsoro Educational Foundation's mission is to provide academic scholarships and vital support necessary to ensure student success. We award academic scholarships to 2-year, 4-year, vocational, trade and graduate school applicants. The scholarship amounts vary depending on student financial need. The scholarship covers tuition & academic fees, books, student meal plans or on-campus housing. For additional information go to the website. **Due Date: March 15**

## **Schoolhouse Connection Youth Scholarship Program**

[Scholarship Program | SchoolHouse Connection](#)

Provides scholarships to youth who have experienced homelessness to ensure their completion of a post-secondary education program. Assists youth with financial aid processes, mental health advocacy and referrals. The scholarship is a \$2,500 award. The application is for those who will begin college (four year, community college, or trade school) for the first time (not including dual-enrollment courses). Applicants who have experienced homelessness within the last six (6) years are eligible to apply. Undocumented students who meet these criteria are eligible. For additional information, you can go to their website. **Application opens in June and closes in November**

## **The Shawn Carter Foundation Scholarship Fund**

[Scholarship Fund | Shawn Carter Foundation \(shawncartersf.com\)](#)

The Shawn Carter Scholarship Fund (SCSF) was founded on the belief that any motivated individual in need should have the opportunity to further his or her education. The grant can be used to cover tuition expenses and related supplemental educational expenses such as books, lab fees, travel, and select costs of living. All Shawn Carter Scholars are required to "give back" by conducting community service and by serving as mentors to younger, aspiring Shawn Carter Scholars. Open to high school seniors, students with GED diplomas, undergraduate (2yr or 4yr) college students, and students at vocational or trade schools. See additional information on the Shawn Carter website.

## **UMPS CARE CHARITIES-All Star College Scholarship**

[UMPS CARE Scholarship](#)

The All-Star Scholarship is open to children adopted at or after the age of 13 (or who have exited foster care to permanent guardianship) to provide increased opportunities for advanced education. Each year, one student will be selected to receive the scholarship. This student will be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 annually to go towards tuition, books, and other college-related expenses. Scholarship recipients are paired with an MLB umpire and their family, who mentor these students through their college years.

# Scholarships for Undocumented Students

## **Aliento Scholarship Resources for Undocumented Students**

### Scholarships for Undocumented Students – Aliento ([alientoaz.org](http://alientoaz.org))

Aliento maintains a page of scholarship resources for undocumented students as well as the Arizona's Future Fellowship. Aliento Fellowship is a transformative leadership development program for immigrant youth. Coming from schools across the valley, fellows work within their schools to practice self-advocacy skills and implement the organizing principles they learn during their monthly cohort trainings. Fellows work towards making their schools and their communities more equitable and inclusive by leading within ALIENTO's campaigns. Our fellows are provided with weekly 1:1 coaching with ALIENTO's experienced team!

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## **The Dream Scholarship**

### The Dream Scholarship

The National Scholarship Award will cover your tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$16,500 for an associate degree and \$33,000 for a bachelor's degree, at one of our Partner Colleges. Please note, some scholars may be eligible for an additional stipend of up to \$6,000 for books, supplies, and transportation. While we consider your GPA, we place great emphasis on your dedication to community service and your commitment to academic and career success despite the barriers and challenges that undocumented students face daily. The award follows students through the completion of a bachelor's degree and is renewable each year – Recipients must meet the continuing eligibility criteria and renew the award each summer. Application opens November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes February 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications are open to undocumented immigrant students with or without DACA or TPS who came to the U.S. before the age of 16 and before Nov. 1, 2017.

## **Golden Door Scholarship**

### Golden Door Scholarship Application

Golden Door Scholars is an organization that provides large college scholarships, career and fellowship support, mentorship, and community-building opportunities for undocumented students.

- Applicants must have DACA, TPS or be undocumented
- Applicants must have high financial need
- Applicants can be high school seniors, recent high school graduates, current college/community college students, or have obtained a GED (General Education Development) certificate from a United States Program

*Note: if you are a current US citizen or permanent resident, you are not eligible to apply. If you are a visa holder, please elaborate on your visa type and whether you are eligible to receive federal funding and/or in-state tuition in your application below. If you aren't sure whether you're eligible, email [info@goldendoorscholars.org](mailto:info@goldendoorscholars.org).*

Please review the important information below and [FAQ](#) section of our website prior to submitting your Golden Door Scholars application.

## Scholarships and Financial Resources for DACA Students

### [Scholarships and Financial Resources for DACA Students](#)

Scholarships available for Maricopa Community College Students. Not all scholarships require disclosure of citizenship status. View this list of Arizona-based and national scholarship resources to help you start your search.

## Schoolhouse Connection Youth Scholarship Program

### [Scholarship Program | SchoolHouse Connection](#)

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## Tucson LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship

### [Tucson LGBTQ CCF Scholarship](#)

The Tucson LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce believes that one way to elevate community is through higher education. They recognize that there are many deserving college students in the LGBTQ+ community who may need assistance, mentoring, and support in their college careers, and who, due to their identification as LGBTQ+ may be at risk for loss of educational funding and support. To support those students, we provide a \$2500 scholarship, distributed half in the fall and half in the spring semester. Please see below for the application details and visit the website to complete the application.

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for this scholarship opportunity:

- Self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans\*, queer, and/or another sexual or gender identity minority
- Be seeking an undergraduate degree in any area of study at The University of Arizona in the upcoming school year
- Have a minimum 2.75 GPA (3.5 high school GPA for incoming first-year students)
- Agree to attend a Tucson LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting
- Consent to the use of your name and photo in conjunction with this award
- Application opens in March with an April deadline
- Open to all students, regardless of citizenship status.

# **Minority Scholarship Sites**

## **American Indian College Fund – Full Circle Scholarship**

[Student Scholarships | American Indian College Fund](#)

The American Indian College Fund provides scholarships to American Indian & Alaska Native college students seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees at Tribal colleges and universities, and all non-profit & accredited schools.

For additional details on how to apply, eligibility requirements, list of additional scholarships, and contact information to a member of the Student Success Services Team, go to the American Indian College Fund website.

## **Anne Ford Scholarship**

[Anne Ford Scholarship - NCLD](#)

The Anne Ford Scholarship offers a \$10,000 award to a graduating high school senior with documented learning disabilities (LD) who is pursuing an undergraduate degree. For complete details, see the Anne Ford Scholarship website.

## **Bridging the Dream Scholarship Program**

[Bridging the Dream Scholarship](#)

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) and The Sallie Mae Fund are proud to offer financial assistance to outstanding students at an accredited post-secondary institution. Students completing a two-year, four-year, or trade/vocational certificate/certification program if selected can receive a scholarship of up to \$10,000.00 for the academic school year.

Eligibility requirements:

- Be currently enrolled as a high school senior
- Plan to be a full-time student during the following school year
- Enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution or continuous education program
  - (Two-year Schools, Four-year Schools, Vocational/Technical certificate/certification program).
- Not a resident of Utah or attending an accredited postsecondary domestic institution in Utah
- Be Pell-Grant eligible
- Be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551
- Be a diverse candidate. Diverse shall include, but not limited to: gender, disability, race, ethnicity, belonging to an underserved community, able to demonstrate leadership abilities.
- Demonstrate good moral character in all aspects of your life, including personal, professional, educational, in your community, and online presence.

## **Completing the Dream Gap Scholarship**

[Completing the Dream Gap Scholarship](#)

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) and The Sallie Mae Fund are proud to offer financial assistance to outstanding students attending an accredited post-secondary institution or continuous education program. Students completing a two-year, four-year, or trade/vocational certificate/certification program will be selected to receive a gap scholarship up to \$2,500. Selected students must be in good academic standing, but at risk of not returning to or graduating/ completing due to an outstanding financial need, and/or emergency that leads to a financial aid crisis. Click the link above to review eligibility and application requirements.

## **Chicanos Por La Causa Scholarship**

[Scholarships | CPLC](#)

The primary goal of the CPLC/MCCD Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance and support to outstanding Arizona Chicano/Latino students to attend and graduate from one of the Maricopa Community Colleges or State Universities.

## **Empowering Diversity Scholarship (Fiesta Bowl and Blue Cross Blue Shield)**

[Empowering Diversity Scholarship - Fiesta Bowl](#)

The Empowering Diversity Scholarship presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and Fiesta Bowl was created to support Arizona minority residents with their educational goals. The Post-Secondary Track is open to minority students living in Arizona, in their senior year of high school or college students attending an Arizona post-secondary institution. Recipients will be awarded a \$5,000 grant with additional support services provided by Be A Leader Foundation or Education Forward Arizona for their pursuit of higher education. **Applications open April 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **Human Rights Campaign**

[Scholarship Database - HRC](#)

Explore the HRC Foundation website for scholarships for LGBTQ+ and allied students who demonstrate exceptional commitment to the fight for queer equality. Priority is given to applicants who; self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or an ally; have applied to or are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education; demonstrated a commitment or contribution to the LGBTQ+ community; are in good academic standing; and have demonstrated need for financial assistance.

## **Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards**

[Youth Awards - Hispanic Heritage Foundation](#)

The Youth Awards Program honors Latino high school seniors nationwide, for their accomplishments in the classroom, their community, and excellence in various educational categories. Recipients will receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze award and Youth Award recipients will receive a one-time educational grant depending on the selected category to use for their college education. More details and eligibility requirements can be found on the Hispanic Heritage website. **APPLICATION DUE DATE: November 13<sup>th</sup>**

## **Indian Health Services – IHS Scholarship Program**

[Scholarships | IHS Scholarship Program](#)

The Indian Health Services (IHS) offers three (3) scholarships for American & Alaska Native students in order to educate and train health professionals to staff Indian health programs. IHS strives to develop the next generation of leaders, as well as help make the pursuit of a meaningful career in Indian health attainable for American Indian & Alaska Native students. For additional details regarding: eligibility requirements, academic requirements, citizenship requirements, Tribal/Village Membership requirements, and Program Agreement/Contact, go to the Indian Health Services website.

## **Inspire Our Future Commercial Scholarship**

[Inspire Our Future Commercial Scholarship](#)

If you're a current college student pursuing a sales or marketing major, and you identify as Black or African American, you could earn a renewable \$10,000 Inspire Our Future Commercial Scholarship from Colgate-Palmolive. To apply, you must be a current college sophomore or junior with a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent). You must self-identify as Black/African American, and you must be planning to continue full-time study at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. If you meet ongoing eligibility criteria and continue pursuing a marketing or sales degree, your award is renewable for up to two more years or until you earn your bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

## **Inspire Our Future Supply Chain Scholarship**

### [Inspire Our Future Supply Chain Scholarship](#)

Black and African American college students pursuing engineering, manufacturing and supply chain majors can now apply for renewable \$10,000 Inspire Our Future Supply Chain Scholarships from Colgate-Palmolive. To apply, you must be a current college sophomore or junior with a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent). You must self-identify as Black/African American, and you must be planning to continue full-time study at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. If you meet ongoing eligibility criteria and continue pursuing a degree in an engineering, manufacturing or supply chain-related field, your award is renewable for up to two more years or until you earn your bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

## **LEAGUE Foundation LGBTQ Scholarship**

### [Scholarship Qualifications - LEAGUE Foundation LGBTQ Scholarship](#)

Applications are usually accepted from January through April. Decisions are usually made in July. The program is open to self-identified Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer <Questioning>, +, graduating high school seniors meeting the prescribed criteria.

- Be an openly self-identified member of the LGBTQ+ Community
- Be graduating from high school in the year they apply for a scholarship.
- Be a United States Citizen or be a legal immigrant.
- Be attending an accredited college, university, or vocational school within the United States or Canada. Proof of acceptance is required.
- Provide an OFFICIAL copy of their high school transcript showing a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better using a 4.0 scale or equivalent. Weighted average can be used in this calculation. If the applicant's high school does not use a numerical grading system, then a complete description of the measures of success and requirements for graduation is required.
- Complete 2 personal essays as outlined on the application form.
- Provide at least 2 letters of recommendation from non-family members.
- Prepare a detailed list of community involvement. Heavier weight is given to those activities and leadership roles relating directly to the LGBTQ+ communities.
- Sign an acknowledgement form agreeing to the outlined terms and conditions of the application. ([See application form](#))

## **National Hispanic Scholarship Fund**

### [HSF: Home](#)

The HSF Scholarship is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a university degree. Scholarships are available on a competitive basis to: high school seniors, undergraduate students (all years), community college students transferring to 4-year universities, and graduate students.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be of Hispanic Heritage
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for college & graduate students
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, not for profit, 4-year university, or graduate school, during the Fall of a scholarship cycle (year)
- U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-citizen (as defined by FAFSA)
- Complete FAFSA or state based financial aid application (if applicable)



## **The Jackie Robinson Foundation**

### [Jackie Robinson Foundation](#)

The Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$7,500 annually to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university. To view the application requirements and application components visit the Jackie Robinson website. **Application Open in September and closes in January.**

## **Tucson LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship**

### [Tucson LGBTQ CCF Scholarship](#)

The Tucson LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce believes that one way to elevate community is through higher education. They recognize that there are many deserving college students in the LGBTQ+ community who may need assistance, mentoring, and support in their college careers, and who, due to their identification as LGBTQ+ may be at risk for loss of educational funding and support. To support those students, we provide a \$2500 scholarship, distributed half in the fall and half in the spring semester. Please see below for the application details and visit the website to complete the application.

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for this scholarship opportunity:

- Self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans\*, queer, and/or another sexual or gender identity minority
- Be seeking an undergraduate degree in any area of study at The University of Arizona in the upcoming school year
- Have a minimum 2.75 GPA (3.5 high school GPA for incoming first-year students)
- Agree to attend a Tucson LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting
- Consent to the use of your name and photo in conjunction with this award
- Application opens in March with an April deadline
- Open to all students, regardless of citizenship status.

## **United Negro College Fund**

### [United Negro College Fund Home Page | UNCF](#)

Scholarship database for African-American students. Over 40 various scholarship programs listed.

# Scholarships of Interest

## **Arizona Don't Text and Drive Scholarship**

[Don't Text and Drive Scholarship \(1800theeagle.com\)](http://1800theeagle.com)

Goldberg & Osborn Injury Lawyers & Consumer Advocates have created a \$1,000 Don't Text and Drive Scholarship to be awarded twice a year to an Arizona resident for college or trade school. This is an effort to save lives and simultaneously help to further educate students. FAQ's, application and directions to complete the application are on the website.

## **Arthur H. Goodman Memorial Scholarship**

[Arthur H. Goodman Scholarships for College Expenses \(cdcloans.com\)](http://cdcloans.com)

Through the Arthur H. Goodman Scholarship Endowment Fund, CDC Small Business Finance provides financial assistance to dynamic, community-minded students transitioning from a community college in California, Arizona, and Nevada to a four-year university. This annual award is open to applications from deserving individuals entering the fall semester. Please note this is not for high school graduates matriculating to a four-year university or community college.

## **Beauty Changes Lives – Cosmetology Scholarships**

[Beauty Changes Lives Cosmetology Scholarships](#)

Various scholarships available for those pursuing programs in cosmetology, nail tech, barber school, and aesthetician programs. Applicants should already have been admitted and enrolled at a school prior to applying. Many scholarship applications require a video submission.

## **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship & Excellence in Education Program**

[Barry Goldwater | Scholarship & Excellence in Education Foundation \(scholarsapply.org\)](http://scholarsapply.org)

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship was created to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in math, science or engineering and to foster excellence in those fields. Each Goldwater Scholar annually receives an amount equal to the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, books, and room and board minus the amount of support provided for by other sources, up to a maximum of \$7,500 per full academic year. Scholars who receive the award as sophomores can expect to receive support for a maximum of two years (4 semesters) or until graduation, if sooner. Scholars who receive the award as juniors can expect to receive support for a maximum of one year (2 semesters) or until graduation, if sooner.

## **Dell Scholars, Michael and Susan Dell Foundation**

[Dell Scholars - College Scholarship Program with Wraparound Support](#)

The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation created Dell Scholars to recognize and assist an underserved population – students in the economic middle from low-income households who are often among the first in their families to attend college. All Dell Scholars have overcome significant personal challenges in their pursuit of higher education. The financial award helps students with various education expenses. Dell Scholars is a college completion program that provides students with key supports needed to obtain a college degree.

Eligibility requirements:

- U.S. Citizenship
- Participating in a Dell Scholars approved college readiness program (CRP) in grades 11 & 12 (list of CRP's found on website, examples are AVID or Upward Bound)
- Graduating from an accredited high school
- Eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant in first year of college
- Planning to enroll full-time in a bachelor's degree program at an accredited higher education institution in the fall directly after graduating from high school.
- See the website for additional information regarding Dell Scholars.
- **Due Date: December 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Earn to Learn

[Home • Earn to Learn](#)

Earn to Learn is a needs-based scholarship program that teaches financial literacy and rewards students and families committed to saving money to attend various Arizona colleges and universities with matching scholarship funding. Using special matched-savings accounts (called Individual Development Accounts, or IDA's), qualifying students who make deposits for at least 6 months and meet their \$500 savings goal before attending college will earn matching funds to pay for tuition, books, and other approved expenses. **Students who identify as having been in foster care or experienced homelessness may qualify for a \$500 grant to use toward this savings goal. Once matched, this provides up to \$4000 toward tuition at participating schools.** The matching scholarship is renewable for up to four (4) years depending on ongoing funding as long as students remain eligible and continue to save \$500 each year. To learn more about this Program and start the application process go to the website.

## Mesothelioma Cancer Alliance Scholarship

[Mesothelioma.com Scholarship | Mesothelioma.com](#)

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to college students who have battled cancer at any point in their lives (not limited to mesothelioma) or those who have a parent, sibling, immediate family member or close friend that has battled or is currently fighting cancer. Student must be enrolled full-time at an accredited two-year or four-year University, community college or junior college, or a graduate degree program. Scholarship is offered nationwide to United States citizens and students must be in academic "Good Standing" and have a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher to be eligible. Additional details noted on website.

**DUE DATE: MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

## SeniorCare.com, Aging Matters Scholarship

[Aging Matters Scholarship](#)

SeniorCare.com is dedicated to helping seniors and their families in their quest for a better life. Aging impacts everyone and as the aging population explodes over the next 30 years, SeniorCare.com wants to bring more awareness to the key issues we face. We will be awarding an annual college scholarship to an individual that best demonstrates to us why "Aging Matters" to them. One, one-time \$1500 scholarship (to be applied towards tuition, books, board and other expenses) will be given annually to a selected college student that currently cares for an aging loved one, works within the senior community, or intends to pursue a career that will have an impact on the elder population. Any existing student (or incoming freshman), in good academic standing, at a 2- or 4-year accredited college can apply for this scholarship. And the recipient will demonstrate a unique and admirable understanding and desire to show us that "Aging Matters" to them.

Application Requirements:

- An existing college student or incoming freshman (to be enrolled in the Fall semester in good academic standing)
- Attending any 2- or 4-year accredited college or university as a full-time student
- Complete and submit the application form.

Judging will be based on the submission quality of the application, which will include a short, 1000 word or less essay on why Aging Matters to the applicant.

## Tylenol Scholarship Program

[TYLENOL® Future Care Scholarship | TYLENOL®](#)

For incoming or current graduate students choosing to pursue a career in taking care of others. Must provide proof of enrollment to a graduate program in medical school, nursing, and/or pharmacy. Students receive \$5,000 grants or \$10,000 scholarships. For additional scholarship details check out the Tylenol website.

# Region Specific Scholarships

## **Betty Brown Scholarship**

[Betty Brown Scholarship \(tucsonalumnae.org\)](http://tucsonalumnae.org)

The Tucson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority sponsors the Betty Brown Scholarship. **High School senior young women of African-American or African heritage in Tucson or Sierra Vista are eligible.** These high school young women need to show financial need, have minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and accepted to an accredited 4-year college or university upon graduation. Application guidelines and information for a complete application packet can be found on the website. Contact information can also be found on the website.

## **Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) and BHP Scholarship**

[EMAIL FOR MORE INFO: scholarships@cplc.org](mailto:scholarships@cplc.org)

CPLC BHP scholarships can be applied toward the tuition of any of the three state universities, the community colleges, or vocational schools. Grants will also be made available for those seeking a training certification or towards the purchase of tools as it pertains to upskilling and training. All applicants must be at least 16 years old and live in the Copper Corridor region consisting of Miami, Globe, Superior, Hayden, Kearny, Oracle, Oracle Junction, San Manuel, Mammoth and Winkelman. Scholarship and grant funding is limited.

## **National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club**

[Scholarship for teens in Phoenix, AZ | Buffalo Troopers MC \(buffalotroopersphoenix.com\)](http://buffalotroopersphoenix.com)

The NABSTMC recognizes that applying for college can be a hardship for many students. Unfortunately, many young men and women have difficulty pursuing their education because of financial burdens. For this reason, the NABSTMC will assist seniors in high school with their first year of college tuition. This program is open to any high school senior that meets the requirements, to include home school, as long as education status is determined and verified.

Eligibility Requirements:

- A minimum GPA of 2.0 un-weighted
- ACT/SAT scores
- Official high school transcript (or equivalent if home schooled)
- A 500-word essay on the topics described in the application packet
- At least one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from a teacher, guidance counselor or school administrator, and/or community service organization
- A letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
- Provide student's name, complete name and address of the school, and student ID number. Checks will be mailed to the school via the student's account
- A statement from the student and/or parent/guardian explaining financial need
- A valid address, email and/or phone number so the selection committee can follow-up with the parent or guardian if the student is a finalist
- Additional details identified in the website.
- **Due Date: May 31st**

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## **Pima Foundation for Youth**

The Pima Foundation for Youth is committed to **providing support for unmet needs of the Department of Child Safety and Juvenile Court-involved youth in Pima County.** The scholarship is awarded to eligible youth who have a current or previous involvement with DCS as a Court Ward or dependency case. The funds are utilized to pay for a four-year college enrollment or any educational activity or need to include tutoring for SAT/ACT exams. The candidate will write an essay to the board stating why they should be considered for the scholarship. Board members may have discretion to interview the candidate in person. The Foundation issues checks directly to the college or institution when applicable. Additional information can be obtained by contacting any of the Board members at DCS.

Contact Mayra Romero, [Mayra.Romero@azdcs.gov](mailto:Mayra.Romero@azdcs.gov) (520)741-2511

## **Pima Federal Credit Union Education Award**

### **Pima Federal Credit Union Scholarship**

The Pima Education Award awards five graduating seniors with a \$2,000 scholarship. These graduating seniors must be from Pima or Apache counties to qualify.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a graduating senior in May or June of current scholarship year.
- **Be a current (at time of application) Pima Federal Credit Union member with an established account.**
- Accepted to attend a 2- or 4-year college or university.
- Submit a completed application to Pima Federal Credit Union and have it post marked by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Not be a relative/student of an Employee or Board Member
- When you submit your application, make sure you include... The application form and two letters of recommendation from community leaders or current educators.
- Contact your Pima FCU Branch for more info!

## **The Kyle Franks Foundation College Scholarship**

[Scholarships | Non-Profit Organization | The Kyle Franks Foundation](#)

The Kyle Franks Foundation Scholarship Program has been established to annually award deserving local area students with scholarship assistance. The focus is to help “at risk” or potentially at-risk kids.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Students entering college as well as existing college students needing further assistance to continue their education can be considered.
- Applicants are chosen based on several criteria including: Pima County resident, attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university, and a minimum GPA of 2.50 or minimum GED score of 500.
- Each applicant will be asked to provide a student biography, personal essay, and two letters of recommendation.
- Included in the package should be the explanation of why you think you deserve the support.
- There is no fee involved in applying for this scholarship.

## **Youth on Their Own**

[Home - Youth on Their Own \(yoto.org\)](http://yoto.org)

Youth on Their Own program focuses on three components – financial assistance, basic human needs, and guidance—to ensure that youth experiencing homelessness have the resources necessary to stay in school and graduate. Eligible youth must be a YOTO-involved student (graduating Senior) and accepted to a College, University, or Trade School in the Fall (can be out of State). College scholarships are up to \$1,000 per academic year (\$500 per semester) for a maximum of 4 years. Trade School Scholarships are also available for a \$5000 one-time award. Active and enrolled YOTO students will receive application information once it opens each year.

**Application opens in January!**

# Regional Centers Offering College Planning Information

## PHOENIX

In Phoenix, the **College Depot** operates out of the Burton Barr Central Library. The center offers free workshops for students and families on college readiness, financial aid, scholarship, ACT and SAT test preparation and applying for college. The College Depot also provides one-on-one assistance to help you plan for college. Learn more at [College Depot \(phoenixpubliclibrary.org\)](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org)

## TUCSON

In Tucson, the bilingual staff at the **Regional College & Career Access Center** at 1080 S 10<sup>th</sup> Ave offers one-on-one assistance with college and career planning. Its website, [College & Career Access Center | MEC \(metedu.org\)](http://metedu.org) , features a college toolkit, and a free online database with local and national information about colleges, scholarships, career exploration, and financial aid and academic resources.

## FLAGSTAFF

In Flagstaff, the **Northern Arizona College Resource Center** provides free information, technical assistance, advising and referrals to students and their parents or guardians regarding all aspects of the college admissions and financial aid process. Services also include a variety of workshops and other community events to promote awareness of and access to postsecondary education. To learn more, visit [Northern Arizona College Resource Center | Discover Your Path \(nau.edu\)](http://nau.edu)

# Tuition Waiver Program For Young Adults Who Spent Time In Foster Care

The AZ tuition waiver is available at any of the state-funded universities (NAU, ASU, and U of A) and all the state community colleges for eligible youth who experienced foster care in Arizona. The school determines how and when the waiver can be applied. This waiver can only be used for eligible tuition and fees and does not waive any costs for housing, books, meal plan, etc. This program is only available to students until their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

## **Who Qualifies?**

- Student must be a current or former foster youth who was in U.S. foster care on or after their 14th birthday OR
- Was adopted from U.S. foster care with the adoption finalized after their 14th birthday
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen
- Personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) are not over \$10,000
- Has completed a FAFSA application
- Is attending a public AZ college or university (UofA, NAU, ASU, various community colleges)
- Remains in good standing and be progressing toward earning a credential with the university or community college

The application for the Arizona Tuition Waiver is part of the ETV application. DCS will determine if you are eligible for the program and your school will decide if they will apply it to your financial aid package.

**Application may be found here:** <https://fosteredservices.org/arizona-etv/>

For more information, contact a DCS Statewide Education Specialist:

Renz Narciso, [Renz.Narciso@azdcs.gov](mailto:Renz.Narciso@azdcs.gov) or (480)352-4144  
(Maricopa East Region, Coconino, Yavapai, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo & Apache Counties)

Yesenia Rivera, [Yesenia.Rivera@azdcs.gov](mailto:Yesenia.Rivera@azdcs.gov) or (602)622-1075  
(Maricopa West Region)

Eva Pena, [Eva.Pena@azdcs.gov](mailto:Eva.Pena@azdcs.gov) or (520)209-4808  
(Pima, Pinal, Yuma, Gila, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham & Greenlee Counties)



# Scholarship Search Websites

## **Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education**

[Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education | \(https://highered.az.gov/\)](https://highered.az.gov/)

Site provides beneficial information for students who have experienced foster care including financial aid links and other resources. This site also provides such links as [www.pay4collegearizona.gov](http://www.pay4collegearizona.gov) and [www.azgrants.gov](http://www.azgrants.gov) among others.

## **College Board**

[College Board \(https://www.collegeboard.org/\)](https://www.collegeboard.org/)

Provides students with scholarship and financial aid information. Scholarship search.

## **CSS Profile**

[CSS Profile \(https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/\)](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/)

The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. Check your colleges' information to determine whether they require the CSS Profile.

## **Fast Web**

[Fastweb \(https://www.fastweb.com/\)](https://www.fastweb.com/)

Internet scholarship search service to help students make the decisions that shape their lives; choosing a college, paying for college, and finding jobs and internships.

## **Fin Aid**

[FinAid - Financial Aid Information \(https://finaid.org/\)](https://finaid.org/)

Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Student Loans. Offers a scholarship search tool (requires registration). Check out the Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid Booklet.

## **QuestBridge**

[QuestBridge \(https://www.questbridge.org/\)](https://www.questbridge.org/)

Questbridge is a non-profit program that links bright, motivated low-income students with educational and scholarship opportunities at some of the nation's best colleges. Questbridge is the provider of the National College Match Program and the College Prep Scholarship.

## **Scholarships.com**

[Scholarships.com \(https://www.scholarships.com/\)](https://www.scholarships.com/)

Independent online source for free college scholarships searches and financial aid information.

## **US College Grants and Scholarships**

[Free-College-Grants \(usagrants.org\)](http://usagrants.org)

Access 1,000's of educational grants and scholarships for college tuition, books, and living expenses.

## **U.S. Department of Education**

[Home | U.S. Department of Education \(https://www.ed.gov/\)](https://www.ed.gov/)

Access to resources for grants, loans, education, and post-secondary resources.

## **USA Funds**

[USA Funds | Contact \(educationvalue.org\)](http://educationvalue.org)

USA Funds provides information regarding college planning and scholarships. Explore various scholarship opportunities listed under "scholarship links"

**Additional Scholarship Assistance Websites:**

**Arizona Community Foundation**

<https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/how-to-apply/>

**Arizona State University**

[Scholarship Search | ASU Scholarships \(https://scholarships.asu.edu/scholarship-search\)](https://scholarships.asu.edu/scholarship-search)

**Maricopa Community College**

[Scholarships - Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation \(https://www.mcccdf.org/scholarships/\)](https://www.mcccdf.org/scholarships/)

**Northern Arizona University**

[Student Scholarships | Foundation \(https://nau.edu/foundation/scholarships/\)](https://nau.edu/foundation/scholarships/)

**Pima Community College Portal**

[PCC Scholarship Universe \(https://www.pima.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships/index\)](https://www.pima.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships/index)

Student will need to log in to MyPima to access Scholarship Universe to see a list of scholarships.

**Scholarships A-Z**

[Scholarships A-Z \(http://www.scholarshipsaz.org/\)](http://www.scholarshipsaz.org/)

Making higher education possible for all students regardless of citizenship status.

**University of Arizona students – Scholarship Universe**

[Scholarship Universe | Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid](https://financialaid.arizona.edu/scholarshipuniverse)

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