College Success Arizona Scholars Program
2021-2022 Application Guide

Deadline: March 5, 2021 by 11:59pm

Terms and Conditions

About the Scholars Program:
College Success Arizona is committed to building a college-going culture in Arizona by providing private scholarships and/or mentoring and success services to current Arizona high school senior’s intent on earning a degree from an accredited Arizona institution.

Awards:
CSA Scholarship:
• Up to $6,000 per year ($2,000 - $3,000 per semester) for four years.
• For students planning to obtain a bachelor’s degree within four years; starting at a community college for the first 2 years is permissible.
• Mentoring and Success Services (see below)

Big Brothers Big Sisters Scholarship
• $1,500 per year ($750 per semester) for up to four years
• For active youth in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona Big Futures program
• For students planning to obtain an associate’s degree in two years or bachelor’s degree in four years in Arizona
• Mentoring and Success Services (see below)

Mentoring and Success Services:
• Quarterly coaching/mentoring from a dedicated Success Adviser
• Peer networking sessions, trainings, and workshops
• Links to on-campus resource centers
• Internship and Career Support

Eligibility – Applicants Must:

□ Be actively involved in one of College Success Arizona’s college access partner programs:
  Access ASU
  • American Dream Academy (ADA)
  • Barrett Summer Scholars (BSS)
  • César E. Chávez Leadership Institute (CCLI)
  • Future Sun Devil Family Day (FSDF)
  • Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program (HMDP)
  • TRIO Pre-College Programs
    o Talent Search
    o Upward Bound
  Achieving a College Education (ACE)
  Aguila Youth Leadership Institute
  AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination
  AZ Earn to Learn
  Baboquivari HS
  Be a Leader Foundation
  Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (Active youth in Big Futures program)
  Boys and Girls Club of Phoenix
Boys Hope Girls Hope Arizona
Center for Neighborhood Leadership
College Bound Arizona
College Connect
College Depot
College Knowing and Going (CKG Schools)
Elevate Phoenix
Friendly House, Inc.
Future Inspired Native American Leaders at the Phoenix Indian Center
GateWay Early College HS
JFCS Real World Job Development Program
Joaquin Bustoz Math-Science Honors Program
Jobs for Arizona's Graduates (JAG)
Lifeskills High School
Metropolitan Education Commission
Neighborhood Ministries
New Way Academy
NorthBridge Arizona
Northern Arizona College Resource Center
Pueblo Magnet HS College and Career
Stand For Children
STEP (Student Expedition Program)
TRIO at AWC Yuma (Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound)
TRIO at NAU (Educational Talent Search, Four Corners Math & Science, Upward Bound)
TRIO at Pima CC (Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound)
UA Early Academic Outreach (MESA Program)

☐ Be a senior graduating from an accredited Arizona high school.
☐ Be a citizen/legal resident of Arizona or be residing in Arizona with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) approval and a valid Social Security Number (SSN).
☐ Have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher.
☐ Be Pell Grant eligible
  o DACA Students are required to complete the FAFSA4caster
    (https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing)

☐ Be admitted to an accredited (not technical or vocational) institution of higher education in the state of Arizona beginning in the Fall 2021 semester such as a 4-year college/university OR 2-year community college with the intent on transferring to a 4-year college/university.
☐ Applicants should have both applied and been accepted to their school of choice before our scholarship application deadline.

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Applicant Checklist:

Please use the checklist below to keep track of your progress. All documents must be uploaded as instructed in the online application, except for the letter of recommendation which will be emailed to us by the recommender. Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered.

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<th>Completed and e-signed application</th>
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<td><strong>Essay (500-600 words)</strong> – Choose one of the essays below and write a compelling, well-structured essay:</td>
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<td>1. How did you stay active in your community during this global pandemic?</td>
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<td>2. In the wake of the pandemic, what is something you’ve been working on toward your own professional or personal development?</td>
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| Copy of entire Student Aid Report (SAR), generated by your FAFSA Application ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](https://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) including the page showing your EFC (Expected Family Contribution). It is recommended that all incoming Freshmen complete their 2021-2022 FAFSA Application before the priority deadline. |
| *DACA Applicants: Copy/Screenshot of Estimated EFC from FAFSA4caster is required in place of the Student Aid Report ([https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing](https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing)) |
| *Save document as: LastNameFirstName-SAR |

| Copy of your current high school unofficial transcript, showing a cumulative, weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher. If awarded a scholarship, you may be required to submit official transcripts. Also, submit college transcripts through Fall 2020 if applicant has taken and completed college classes and has a transcript from a community college or university.  |
| *Save document as: LastNameFirstName-Transcript |

| Copy of SAT and/or ACT score report – if taken. If you have not taken the SAT/ACT, you must explain why. The most successful applicants have taken at least one of these exams. College Success Arizona recommends you take the SAT/ACT if you have not done so in order to be considered for other scholarships through the Arizona State School System. |

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<td><strong>One Letter of Recommendation:</strong></td>
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<td>What steps do I need to take to complete this portion of my application?</td>
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<td>1. Choose the person who will write your Letter of Recommendation: A recommender should be someone who truly knows you and can speak on your character and abilities. Ask them if they would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for you.</td>
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<td>2. Give/email this form to your recommender as soon as you know you will apply so they can have time to write the letter. The recommendation letter and application are due to College Success Arizona by March 5th by 11:59pm.</td>
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<td>3. When you are in the College Success Arizona Application, you can enter Contact Information of your Recommender, as well as your name and email, and your Recommender will automatically get an email with a link to attach your Recommendation Letter. Your Recommender simply opens the link, uploads their saved Letter of Recommendation, and that letter automatically gets attached to your application! You will get notified via email when your Recommender completes your letter – please check your spam/junk email as the notification may go there.</td>
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<td>4. Be sure to check the little box on the top that says <em>Save my progress and resume later</em> so that this information is saved.</td>
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<td>5. <strong>Please let the Recommender know you have added them as a Recommender</strong> and ask them to check their email to access the link. Please remind them that the link might go to their Spam/Junk inbox in their email, so they should check there if they don’t see it.</td>
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<td>6. <strong>Your application is not complete until the Letter of Recommendation is submitted by your recommender.</strong> You will receive an email when your recommender submits their letter. <strong>It is your responsibility to remind your recommender to submit the letter by March 5, 2021!</strong></td>
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**Renewal Criteria:**

- Be enrolled as a full-time student at an Arizona university or community college.
- Register for and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.50 GPA.
- Complete ALL participation requirements of the College Success Arizona Scholarship Program:
  - Attend the College Success Arizona New Scholars’ Orientation.
  - Attend quarterly coaching/advising sessions with your College Success Arizona adviser.
  - Attend College Success Arizona mandatory networking and training sessions (i.e. – Annual Leadership Symposium and Scholar Success Network Events).
  - Attend all other College Success Arizona functions, as required.
  - Maintain on-going communication with College Success Arizona and notify office of any major academic or personal changes.

**Scholarship Application & Decision Timeline:**

- **January 15, 2021:** Application opens online
- **March 5, 2021:** All application materials, supporting documents, and recommendation letter must be received by 11:59pm.
- **Early-April 2021:** Applications in review and finalists selected for interviews.
- **April 19-23, 2021:** Finalists interviewed.
- **Early-May 2021:** Finalists notified of decision by email.
- **June 2021:** Awardees must attend the *College Success Arizona New Scholars’ Orientation*.

Please contact us if you have any questions:

(602) 636-1850 or email mentoring@collegesuccessarizona.org

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