



ARIZONA
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FOUNDATION

Scholarships for Verde Valley Students



Scholarship Myths

- I need to be a 4.0 student to get a scholarship
- I have nothing to say that would impress a scholarship reviewer
- I didn't get a high score on my ACT/SAT exam
- I'm only taking 6 credit hours/attending part-time
- I'm not attending a 4-year college
- I don't have any financial need

The Real Truth



- Many scholarships go unawarded each academic year
- Someone will be selected to receive a scholarship - why not you?
- Isn't the \$\$\$ worth a little effort?
- You're worth the investment!
- Scholarships can reduce the amount you need to borrow in student loans
- Be aware of scams!

Fun Facts about ACF

ACF is the largest private provider of scholarships in Arizona

- 100+ scholarship funds
- Awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships in 2019
- Current high school seniors, current college students or adult re-entry students
- Scholarships available for 2-yr & 4-yr colleges and career/technical schools

Awarded students from all 15 counties in Arizona

Majority of students awarded attend Arizona schools

- ASU, U of A, NAU, Yavapai College, Maricopa Community College

Several students awarded attend out of state schools

- Harvard, Pepperdine, Johns Hopkins, Syracuse, UCLA and more



Speaking of Career/Technical Schools

- There are unique, well-funded scholarships for students attending career/technical schools
- Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 each
- Up to \$50,000 to be awarded in 2020
- Preference given to students from Sedona and the Verde Valley
- The money is waiting to be given to deserving students!

**Apply NOW if you are interested in a
career/technical degree!**



Our Online, Easy Application

- One general application
- Apply one time to be considered for over 100 scholarships
- Matches your information to scholarships you may be eligible to receive

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Welcome to the Arizona Community Foundation Scholarship Site!

Below are the current OPEN opportunities.
To begin, complete a General Application.

New applicants need to *Sign Up* in the top right corner of the page.
Existing applicants should *Sign In* to proceed.

Contact us with questions. 602.381.1400 or [email](#)

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
Varies	<u>Rick Oehme Memorial Scholarship</u> The Rick Oehme Memorial Scholarship was created by staff at US Airways, now American Airlines, to honor one of their leaders. Learn more about Mr...	Deadline 05/28/2019
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1. Service Name ⓘ

2. Achievement/Leadership Positions Held

3. Dates Involved ⓘ

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Click here to add another service or activity

Extracurricular Activities and/or Employment Experience

1. Activity Name ⓘ

2. Achievement/Leadership Positions Held

3. Dates Involved ⓘ

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Helpful tip: Include recent and valid examples of leadership and volunteer experience and include employment



Financial Need

* Financial Need - Declaration of Interest - Answer 1 time.

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* 90% of ACF Scholarships require a demonstration of financial need. Are you seeking need-based aid?

Yes

No

* In order for applications to be reviewed for need-based scholarship awards through the Arizona Community Foundation, students must submit a copy of their Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Select the statement below that best matches your current situation regarding the FAFSA and Student Aid Report.

I am eligible to complete the FAFSA, but am choosing not to do so

I am eligible to complete the FAFSA, and will submit my Student Aid Report

I am INELIGIBLE to complete the FAFSA, but I am seeking scholarships based on financial need

STUDENT AID REPORT UPLOAD
(required for need-based awards)

Please Upload a copy of your Student Aid Report below. Refer to fafsa.ed.gov to find out how to complete a FAFSA.

[Add a New File](#)

EFC: We determine financial need using the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculated by the FAFSA.

Please type your EFC below (should be a number between 0 and 999999, not text).

NOTE: You MUST provide this number and a student aid report for your application to be considered for scholarships that require financial need.

Please enter a whole number—no decimals or other symbols.

By checking “Yes” in the financial need section of your general application...

...the student aid report upload and EFC info will pop up *AFTER* you submit your general application.

Helpful tip: Upload your Student Aid Report (SAR) to be considered for financial need-based awards

Essay Questions

Essay Question #1 (250-350 words)

- **What is your most meaningful achievement and how does it relate to your field of study and your future goals?**

To get started, try answering these questions:

- What has made you who you are?
- What does success look like to you?

Essay Question #2 (250 words maximum)

Choose one of the three prompts below:

- **Describe an adult or mentor who had an influence on your life.**
- **What topic, idea, or concept do you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time? Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?**
- **Describe one change you would like to make in your community.**

Tips for Writing a Top-Notch Essay

- Be positive, truthful, and descriptive
- Reflect on your life goals and career aspirations
- Share your unique story
- Check for spelling errors
- Have a friend or family member review your responses for grammatical errors and content



Scholarship Reviewers love when students...

- Tell their unique story
- Use descriptive words
- Are honest
- Share challenges
- Stick to the word count
- Check for grammar mistakes and typos

What happens next?

- **Mid March and Mid May deadlines, so apply NOW!**
- Students are notified of scholarship awards by email
- Students are encouraged to write a thank you note to donors
- Scholarship payments are sent directly to institutions
- Scholarships can be contingent on a final High School transcript
- Some scholarships are renewable each year - read the fine print on how to renew a scholarship



Thank You & Happy Applying!

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