

First Path: FAFSA

(Federal & State Grants, Loans, Work Study)

You can submit your FAFSA any time throughout the academic year, but completing steps 1 and 2 below by YC's priority date of **April 1st** will improve your chances of receiving additional aid. Students new to YC will need to complete the online Admissions application at www.yc.edu/admissions. **YC's Federal School Code: 001079**

Step 1. **APPLY** at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Complete and submit your FAFSA online, and sign it with your federal aid PIN (personal identification number.) If you do not have a federal aid PIN, request it at www.pin.ed.gov. Dependent students must also have at least one parent request a PIN.

Step 2. **COMPLETE** your file with Yavapai College

Within 2 weeks we will download your information and notify you of the additional steps you will need to take to complete the application process. You will be directed to your portal at www.my.yc.edu for further information.

You may be required to verify the information on your FAFSA by submitting supporting documents to the Financial Aid Office. The documents requested may include anything from copies of signed tax returns to a birth certificate or marriage license. It is always a good idea to keep these and all important paperwork in a safe and easily accessible location. **Do not send these documents unless we request them.**

To avoid delays in calculating your award, please complete and sign all documents, leaving no blank spaces.

*AWARD NOTIFICATION

Once your application has been reviewed, notification of your award will be made available on your portal at www.my.yc.edu. Award notifications for the new academic year will be available beginning in June. For applications completed after June, allow approximately 3 weeks for processing and notification of your award.

Note: You may apply for Student Loans and Federal Work Study at YC only after the above process has been completed to determine grant eligibility.

Second Path: YC Scholarships

At YC, scholarships are based on financial need, special talents, good grades, athletic ability, specific career interests or other criteria. Awards range from \$100 to \$4000 per academic year. The online application is available January 15th – April 1st.

A List of available YC scholarships is available at www.yc.edu/financialaid. Students who complete the application will automatically be considered for all scholarships for which they meet the minimum qualifications.

Step 1. **APPLY** for Admission at YC

If you are a new student, apply for admissions at www.yc.edu/admissions.

Step 2. **COMPLETE** online scholarship application

- Go to **www.my.yc.edu** and login your portal
- Click on **My Financial Aid**
- Click on **Scholarship Application**
- Read all instructions carefully before beginning
- Click on **YC Scholarship** link

The application will ask specific questions regarding your current educational goals, community or volunteer involvement including school, clubs or church. You will also be asked to describe your financial need and how a scholarship would help you fund your education. These type of questions can be typed in a Word document and cut and paste into the text box on the application.

*AWARD LETTER

You will be notified in May whether or not you receive a scholarship.

Third Path: Scholarships from Outside Sources

Like YC scholarships, outside sponsored scholarships are awarded for a variety of reasons. The trick is to do your research and apply for them. Never pay for scholarship matching services! The information they provide is no different from the free services available on the web.

Step 1. **REGISTER** for Outside Scholarship Services

Go to www.fastweb.com, one of the many online scholarship database resources, and register for their free scholarship search service.

Step 2. **RESEARCH** YC's Searchable Database

- Go to www.yc.edu/financialaid
- Click Outside Scholarships
- Identify scholarships for which you might qualify, and use the contact information listed for additional information and application instructions.

Step 3. **APPLY**

Complete the application form and include all the required documents. It is a good idea to keep copies of all your application materials for your records.



★ *Good Luck!*

**Check YOUR Federal
Financial Aid Status Online!
www.my.yc.edu**