

GRIT NEWSLETTER



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA HEALTH SCIENCES
OFFICE OF DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
Arizona Health
Opportunities Pathways
to Excellence

CONNECT2 MENTORS

To inspire, enrich and engage underrepresented students to pursue careers in the allied health sciences, Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) invites you to attend a one-day experience with professional student mentors to pave your future career and success.

This exclusive, special invitation is open to 20 high school students (all grades) with a strong interest in the health sciences.



Activities Include:

- Speed Networking with Health Profession Students
- Escape Room Activity
- How to Write A Personal Statement for College



Free Flight



Saturday, March 30, 2024
10 am - 4 pm
Food will be provided
Apply [Here](#) or scan the QR Code

University of Arizona College of Medicine-
Phoenix

435 North 5th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Doctors, Dentists, Nurses, Pharmacists, Public Health Professionals and more will be represented

Are you interested in pursuing a career in health sciences? If so, this is a free one-day experience with professional student mentors, helping to pave a path toward your future career.

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Apply [Here](#)

Experience
the excitement
of college life
through a
summer program

Apply today
Application closes
on March 11

ASU



Access ASU Summer Programs are available for students in a variety of topics including engineering, leadership, math and the arts. Programs are offered on all four ASU campuses and online, and formats range from day camps to residential programs, where students have the opportunity to live on campus.

<https://eoss.asu.edu/access/programs/summer>

Summer 2024

More Information [Here](#)

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Scholarship Essay Writing Tips



- ✓ **Make sure your essay fits the theme**
The theme of your essay is almost always determined by the purpose of the award, or why the organization is giving away the money.
- ✓ **Answer the underlying questions**
Use the essay question as a way to show the scholarship committee why you are the best candidate.
- ✓ **Share a slice of your life**
In other words, don't try to explain everything. Focus on one aspect of your life. By doing this, you are providing an example of who you are.
- ✓ **Keep it descriptive and concise**
Use the "show, don't tell" method to illustrate your point. This helps keep your writing interesting and descriptive.

SCHOLARSHIPS

March 2024 Deadlines

Phoenix Hispanic Network (PHN) Community Engagement Scholarship

\$1,500

DEADLINE: Friday, March 8, 2024

Two scholarship recipients will be selected and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to be used towards their college education in the field of local government or civic engagement.

- 1 City of Phoenix resident.
- 2 Must submit a copy of a high school transcript showing a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average.

Microsoft Women Scholarship

\$5,000

DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

This scholarship will be awarded to high school seniors and current undergraduate women and non-binary people* who plan to attend or are attending a vocational or academic college and targeting a career in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).

- 1 Must have at least a 3.0 weighted cumulative GPA.
- 2 Be a graduating high school senior who identifies as a woman and/or as non-binary*.
- 3 Wish to pursue a career** in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) field.

Okemah Descendent Scholarship

\$2,000

DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

The Okemah Community Historical Foundation will be awarding a scholarship to a graduating high school junior or senior of Okemah descent who is aspiring to go to college.

- 1 Be a descendent of an Okemah Community resident (African-American community in South East Phoenix).
- 2 Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and have a need for financial assistance.
- 3 Be a graduating high school junior or senior who is planning to attend college.

Fontana Transport Inc. Scholars Program

Varies

DEADLINE: Thursday, March 14, 2024

The program is looking to find, sponsor, and guide leaders who are determined to succeed by all means possible regardless of their struggles, lack of sources and hardships encountered in the community they live in.

- 1 Must have at least a 3.5 weighted cumulative GPA.
- 2 Looking for first generation high school students who have financial need.
- 3 Plans to study in specific concentrations. ([click here](#) for list of concentrations)

Horatio Alger Scholarship

Varies

DEADLINE: Friday, March 15, 2024

As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives.

- 1 Demonstrate critical financial need (\$65,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required).
- 2 Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities.
- 3 Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- 4 Be a United States citizen.

SCHOLARSHIPS

March/April 2024 Deadlines

[The Association for Career and Technical Education of Arizona](#)

\$500 to \$2,500

DEADLINE: Monday, March 18, 2024

The ACTEAZ Scholarship is non-renewable (meaning this scholarship is a one-time award). ACTEAZ Scholarships are available to Arizona high school seniors and students must be nominated by a current **ACTEAZ member**.

- 1 Be enrolled in a recognized Career and Technical Education program.
- 2 Be nominated by a current Arizona **ACTEAZ member**. (ask school counselor for nomination)

[Arizona Community Foundation](#)

Varies

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2024

Through the online system, students complete one application and are matched with 150 available scholarships, based on their eligibility requirements.

- 1 Planning to attend an in-state or out-of-state college or university.
- 2 Eligibility criteria varies by specific scholarship.

[Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund](#)

Various

DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2024

The scholarship provides financial support for students who are active and emerging organizers in progressive movements for liberation, self-determination and social and economic justice in their communities. These are need-based scholarships.

- 1 Be involved in movements for progressive social change.
- 2 Enrolled in a degree, trade or training program.
- 3 Have financial need.

[Education Forward Arizona Scholarship](#)

\$6,000 per year

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2024

Education Forward Arizona provide private scholarships and/or mentoring and success services to current Arizona high school seniors with an intent on earning a degree from an accredited Arizona institution.

- 1 Must have at least a 3.0 weighted cumulative GPA.
- 2 Must be an active member of an **Arizona College Access Network (AzCAN)** member.
- 3 Student must be a citizen/legal resident of Arizona and be Pell Grant eligible.
- 4 Undocumented Students must be eligible for in-state tuition (attended an Arizona high school for two years and graduated) and are required to complete the **Federal Student Aid Estimator**.

[Get There Scholarship](#)

\$2,500

DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2024

Get There is a non-profit organization that was founded to provide students with financial assistance so they can attend the college or university of their choice.

- 1 High school GPA 3.0 or above.
- 2 Came to the United States prior to 16th birthday.
- 3 Undocumented student and have unmet financial need.



ASU SCHOLARSHIPS

March and April 2024 Deadlines

[My ASU Scholarship Portal](#)

DEADLINE: Varies

Varies

The ASU Scholarship Application Portal collects your applications for several different scholarships.

[Chicanos Por La Causa Tomas Espinoza Scholarship \(ASU Latino Partnership\)](#)

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2024

Varies

The primary goal of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance and support to students to obtain a degree from Arizona State University, allowing students to continue to demonstrate the spirit of service in the Chicano communities.

- 1 Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- 2 Demonstrate financial need.
- 3 Must be of Latino heritage.

[Los Diablo Alumni Association Scholarship \(ASU Latino Partnership\)](#)

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2024

Up to Tuition

Los Diablos is a comprehensive program that includes mentoring, professional development, and service projects designed to promote our mission of providing scholarship opportunities to deserving students.

- 1 Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- 2 Demonstrate financial need.
- 3 Must be of Latino heritage.

[Rizai Family Scholarship](#)

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2024

\$6,000

The Rizai Family Scholarship was created through the generous philanthropy of Dr. Matthew Rizai to ensure access to higher education for talented individuals.

- 1 Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- 2 Demonstrate financial need.
- 3 Student must be awarded the ASU New American University Dean's Scholarship.

[Pathways for the Future Scholarship](#)

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Monday, April 15, 2024

\$3,000 to \$6,000

As a Pathways scholar, you can access tailored career resources, including dedicated career advisors, events, leadership, mentoring opportunities, self-paced career courses, and more.

- 1 Must demonstrate financial need.
- 2 Must be admitted into the following colleges: W.P. Carey School of Business, Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



SCHOLARSHIPS

[NAU College and Department Scholarships](#)

DEADLINE: Varies

Several colleges and departments at Northern Arizona University offer scholarships to qualified students pursuing a particular field of study.

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[NAU General Application](#)

DEADLINE: Friday, March 15, 2024

Any NAU students will be eligible to complete the NAU General Application which houses non-departmental scholarships from Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and the NAU Foundation in one application.

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[NAU Honors College Scholarships](#)

DEADLINE: Varies in early March

Honors College Scholarships and Awards are given to Honors College students in good standing. Any renewable scholarships awarded are done so only if students continue to meet criteria for the Scholarship or Award, including GPA, academic standing in Honors, employment, etc.

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[ScholarshipUniverse Portal](#)

DEADLINE: Varies

A scholarship-matching and search portal for prospective and continuing NAU students in which students can research and apply for various internal and external scholarships. This platform connects Northern Arizona University students to millions of dollars in scholarships that the University and outside organizations have to offer.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

[Scholarship Universe Portal](#)

DEADLINE: Varies

Scholarship Universe (SU) is our scholarship-matching tool for admitted University of Arizona students. SU connects Wildcats to millions of dollars in internal and external scholarships.

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[The Baird Foundation Scholarship](#)

DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 2, 2024

The primary goal of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance and support to students to obtain a degree from Arizona State University, allowing students to continue to demonstrate the spirit of service in the Chicano communities.

- ① Specific to the Honors College at University of Arizona.
- ② Students must have a 3.75 GPA.
- ③ Students must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.

\$12,500 per year

GCU SCHOLARSHIPS

Leo Foundation Scholarship

DEADLINE: Sunday, March 31, 2024

Varies

LEO Foundation's mission is to invest in future generations by supporting student leadership and educational opportunities through scholarships, mentoring, and athletic programs.

- 1 Must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours.
- 2 Applicant must demonstrate financial need.
- 3 Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Arvizu Scholarship

DEADLINE: Sunday, March 31, 2024

\$1,000

LEO Foundation's mission is to invest in future generations by supporting student leadership and educational opportunities through scholarships, mentoring, and athletic programs.

- 1 Must be of Latino Heritage.
- 2 Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.



INTERNSHIPS



AZ YouthForce Paid Internships

- Bayless Entrepreneurship Internship
- Footprint Center Internship
- Emerging Leaders Internship
- AAA Landscape Internship
- Avondale Toyota Internship
- Haskins Electric
- Jiffy Lube Internship
- Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Internship
- Bank of America Internship
- BGCAZ Athletics Internship

APPLY BY MARCH 31, 2024

Phoenix Youth (R.I.S.E.) Program

The Phoenix Youth Reach and Invest in Summer Employment (R.I.S.E.) program provides employment opportunities for youth, ages 16 to 24 years old, to learn the general aspects of working in a business during the summer months. Selected youth work in a variety of clerical and assistant or aide roles with government agencies, libraries, community organizations, for-profits, nonprofits and more.



APPLICATION OPENS MID-MARCH

City of Phoenix Aquatics

Jobs available:

- Pool cashier, mascot, lifeguards, swim lesson instructors, etc.

Pay rates depending on position.

If interest on becoming a Lifeguard a certification class is required.



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

VOLUNTEER SITES

Arizona Humane Society



Animal lovers wanted—no experience necessary! Whether you prefer to work with pets or with people, Arizona Humane Society needs your passion and unique talents. Come join the team voted "Best Place to Volunteer" by PHOENIX Magazine.

HandsOn Greater Phoenix



Whether you're interested in one-time volunteer opportunities or making a long-term commitment, the organization has a way for YOU to give back to your community.

Hospice of the Valley



You can be considered for a scholarship after completing 50 hours. Volunteers visit patients for two hours each week and brighten their days with conversation, reading, playing games, listening to music, or sharing other activities of mutual interest.

Keep Phoenix Beautiful



By being a volunteer with Keep Phoenix Beautiful, you'll have the chance to take part in various clean-up events and projects that are designed to make a significant impact on the environment. You'll work alongside other volunteers to clean up litter, plant trees, and maintain public parks and green spaces.

MACH1 Library Teen Volunteer



MACH1 at Burton Barr Central Library is looking for volunteers to assist in supporting school age program. MACH1 focuses on introducing STEAM activities including technology/computers, coding, engineering, sewing & fiber crafts, and 3D modeling & printing.

Phoenix Children's Hospital



Whether engaging with patients at the bedside, assisting in our in-hospital school, or helping families find their way around the hospital campus, Phoenix Children's In-Hospital volunteers help provide hope, healing and care for patients and their families. If you are under 18 years of age please [click here](#).

Phoenix Rescue Mission



A host of flexible opportunities are available. Packing food boxes, sorting food donations or carting groceries to clients' cars are just a few of the ways to serve. Help serve hundreds of families at the Mobile Pantries and Community Outreach Events.

St. Mary's Food Bank



As a high school volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to sort and distribute food donations, pack emergency food boxes, and work with other volunteers to help feed families and individuals in need.

Valley of the Sun United Way



Teenagers who want to help their community can get involved with Valley of the Sun United Way by volunteering for events and campaigns. There are many ways to get involved, including helping with fundraising, school supply drives, and community outreach programs.