



SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

Wickenburg High School
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College Admission/Applying

When to apply...

- Colleges will require an admission application
- Pay attention to deadlines.
- Apply to any and all schools that you are considering attending.
- Students Should:
 - * Look up visitation days or tour appointments
 - * Download applications
 - * Look up application requirements
 - * Attend school info days



College Admission Requirements

- * Must take a college entrance exam
 - - ACT, SAT, Compass, ASSET
 - * Some schools will require a minimum ACT score for unconditional acceptance.
 - * 19 is the lowest score a student should shoot for to avoid remediation classes in college. (You pay for remediation!)
 - *Apply even if your ACT is not great. Keep taking the test. Check for latest you can resubmit scores.
- To apply-
 - *Fill out application online or print it
 - *Transcript request mailed from school with scores
 - *Immunization records



APPLY NOW

Why Apply Now

- Some schools will award scholarships on a first-come-first-serve basis. Funds are awarded until exhausted.
- *Some schools like Grand Canyon University have scholarships just for applying early.
- *Some schools will only accept a certain number of new students.
- *You need to have a plan...and a back up plan.
 - 2 long shots
 - 2 schools that are maybes
 - 2 schools that are for-sures

3 things to do this weekend



- Visit the colleges you are applying to and fill out their scholarship estimator (play with the #'s)



- Grab a calendar and make a priority list . It is easier if you break it down.



- Ask for letters of recommendation.

FAFSA 101

Fafsa.ed.gov



- You can apply NOW!
- Earlier the better
- Everyone should complete a FAFSA



- How much money can you get?
 - Depends on the program/
school

Financial Aid Packages



Grants/Loans/Work Study- FAFSA



Local Scholarships



State Scholarships



National Scholarships



College Scholarships



Major Specific Scholarships- There is an advantage in declaring a major.

How much federal student aid can I get?

- Example : first year student 2016-2017
- Maximum amounts allowed:
 - * Federal Pell Grant: \$5750
 - * Academic Competitiveness Grant : \$750
 - * Federal Stafford Loan: \$3,500
 - * Federal Perkins Loan : \$4,000
 - * Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant: \$4,000
 - * Federal Work Study: \$2700
 - * Federal PLUS Loan: COA minus other aid received

What happens next?

- Each school will tell you how much aid you can get at that school.
- Review your EFC Example : $EFC = 2700$
- Watch for emails or letters from the schools you are considering
- Give the schools any additional paperwork they ask for
- Call 1-800-4-FED-AID if you have questions

Scholarship Tips

- Start searching early
- Answer on all the optional questions on scholarship matching web site for about twice as many matches
- Don't pay for scholarship searches
- Check your guidance office
- Apply to every scholarship you are eligible for.
- Don't miss deadlines.
- Tailor your application to the sponsor's goals.
- If essays are hard for you, record yourself and then type it later.
- Google your name and make sure your online profile is professional.
- Make a copy of applications before you send it.

Prioritize....

Not all scholarships are created equally

- Local Scholarships.
 - College Major Scholarships.
 - College Scholarships
 - State Scholarships
 - National Scholarships
 - Pay Scholarship Sites

Apply to schools (5)

Apply to college scholarships – general and Major specific

State Scholarships

Local Scholarships

Pay Sites

Where to look...

- **\$- Wickenburg High School Website**
 - <http://hs.wickenburgschools.org>
- **\$- College Sites**
 - NAU- <http://nau.edu/FinAid/Scholarships/>
- Arizona Community Foundation



General Scholarship Information

- *Always type unless instructed not to type
- * Some require letters of recommendation
- *Some require official transcripts
- * Some require a copy of FAFSA
- *Double check requirements/Have it proofread
- *Some require wallet-sized photos that will not be returned
- *Time to edit your Facebook page, e-mail address
- *Keep Copies of Applications and Keep Pin Numbers
- *Some require interviews (practice)
 - * Confident
 - * Sell Your Plan

Scams to be aware of:

- *Fees
 - *Credit card or bank account information needed
 - *Scholarship guarantee
 - *No work involved
 - *No contact information
 - *Unsolicited scholarship Awards
 - *Pressure Tactics
 - *Claims of Exclusive Scholarships
 - *An Official Sounding Name
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- ***Don't google or do FAFSA.com



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- Apply to multiple schools



- Apply for scholarships



- Wait until Spring until you get your Financial Aid Award Packages and then make a decision