

Wickenburg High School Senior Scholarship Guide and Directory 2016/2017



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Senior Year Timeline

Junior Year

Sign up to take SAT/ACT

August/ September

Visit Colleges
Apply to Universities
Ask for letters of rec
Talk to your counselor
Start scholarship search
Retake ACT/SAT if needed

End of September

ECAP Due

September 22, 2016

Fall College Visitation
9 am to 10 am

October

Fill out housing applications
AIMS Tutoring if needed
Take ASSET Test

October 5, 2016

Scholarship Night

October 7, 2016

ASVAB Testing

November

Create Resume

November 9, 2016

Check on application status
Senior College Application Day

December

Put together your portfolio
Create a list of activities/clubs
Double check class rank

Senior Year Timeline 2nd Semester



January

Attend FAFSA Night
Local Scholarships come out
Financial Aid Night
Review Transcripts
Request Transcripts

February

Submit FAFSA
Keep working on scholarships

February 14



Priority deadline for FAFSA

March

Can sign up for community college classes

April

Can sign up for university classes
Senior Series- Financial Peace for Teens, College credits, Camus Safety

May

Graduation
Scholarship Award Night
Leave forwarding info.
Request Transcripts

June

Don't forget to write your thank yous!!!!

Arizona Universities, Colleges and Trade Schools



Arizona Universities

Arizona State University (ASU) • (480) 965-7788 www.asu.edu

Arizona State University West • (602) 543-8203 www.west.asu.edu

Northern Arizona University (NAU) • (888) 667-3628 www.nau.edu

University of Arizona (U of A) • (520) 621-3237 www.arizona.edu

Grand Canyon University (GCU) (602) 589-2855 www.grand-canyon.edu

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University 1-800-888-3728 www.pr.erau.edu

Maricopa Community Colleges

(North, Central, or West Valley Areas)

Gateway Community College • (602) 286-8200 www.gwc.maricopa.edu

Glendale Community College (GCC) • (623) 845-3300 www.gc.maricopa.edu

Paradise Valley Community College (PVCC) • (602) 787-7020 www.pvc.maricopa.edu

Phoenix College (PC) • (602) 285-7502 www.pc.maricopa.edu

Rio Salado • (480) 517-8540 www.rio.maricopa.edu

Scottsdale Community College (SCC) • (480) 423-6100 www.sc.maricopa.edu

Other Two-year Colleges

Arizona Western College • 928-317-6100 www.awc.cc.az.us

Central Arizona College • (520) 426-4260 www.centralaz.edu

Eastern Arizona College • (800) 678-3808 www.eac.cc.az.us

Yavapai College • (520) 776-2143 www.yavapai.cc.az.us

Pima Community College (520)206-6640 www.Pima.edu

Mohave Community College (928) 757-8847 www.mohave.cc.az.us

Private Colleges

Scottsdale Culinary Institute • (480) 990-3773

Grand Canyon University • (602) 589-2855

Southwestern College • (602) 992-6101
(4 year bible college with a liberal arts degree)

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University • (800) 888-3728

Art Institute of Phoenix • (602) 678-4300

College Athletics

You must register with the NCAA if you plan to play sports in college.

A great website to check out is

www.college-athletic-scholarships.com/arizona.

It has a link to all the state colleges and their athletic coaches contact information. You should also register with the www.eligibilitycenter.org .

Types of Financial Aid

Financial assistance to attend college comes in many forms.

Federal Aid Programs—Federal programs are based on financial need. They are the largest single source of financial aid for college.

State Aid Programs—Most states support various aid programs (both need-based and merit). Generally, eligibility for state need-based programs follows the federal guidelines.

Grants and Scholarships—Awards based on merit or merit plus need. They don't have to be repaid.

Loans—Funds loaned through a lending institution or college. Interest rates vary by program. For federal loans, qualifying students—based on need—will not have to pay interest while in school. Loan programs also are available to eligible parents to help with college expenses of their qualifying children.

Military programs—The military offers several options to help you pay for college.

Work-study programs—Jobs that allow students to earn money toward their education while they are enrolled in school. Students can sometimes get jobs related to their program of study.

Working and Savings—As the cost of a college education rises, more students and parents will need to put money aside. Lots of college students have part-time jobs to help make ends meet.

Most people use a combination of these forms of aid to pay for college.



FAFSA-

If you are planning to file for financial aid, you and your parents will need pin numbers in order to fill in FAFSA online and to track your application. Go to www.pin.ed.gov. You will need to have your social security number and your e-mail address. You will need this pin number every year you are in college so keep it handy.

Most universities and colleges require students to complete this form. Contact your school for the date of a FAFSA night for help in completing this form. FAFSA determines qualifications for many grants, loans, and work-study programs.

You will need:

- *Completed 2016 income tax forms for the student and parents
- *Social security numbers
- *Driver's license numbers

School Codes: (needed for the college section)

NAU	001082
ASU	001083
Mesa CC	001077
Phoenix College	001078
Paradise Valley CC	026236
Chandler-Gilbert	030722
Yavapai College	001079
Embry Riddle	014797
Grand Canyon	001074
Glendale CC	001076
Scottsdale CC	008304
Rio Salado	014483
Estrella Mountain	031563

If you need help completing your FAFSA please see Mrs. Willis or Mrs. Macias.

2016 Hope and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits

There are two Federal tax credits available to those who pay the costs for higher education themselves. The student or parent may take a tax credit for tuition and related fees paid in the student's behalf at universities, colleges and vocational schools

HOPE TAX CREDIT

The Hope Credits applies only for the first two years of post secondary education. You are allowed 100% of the first \$100 of qualified tuition and related fees paid during the tax year, plus 50% of the next \$1000 for a maximum credit of \$1500 per eligible student per year. The student must be enrolled at least $\frac{1}{2}$ time.

LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT

The Lifetime Learning Credit can be used for an unlimited number of years after the student's first two years. You are allowed 20% of tuition and fees for a maximum of \$2000 per year.

Forms to ask for
Publication 970

Tax Form 8863

Tax Topic 605

2016-2017 Scholarship Sites to Check Out

www.collegeanswer.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.brokescholar.com
www.collegefund.org
www.collegenet.com
www.college-scholarships.com
www.ed.gov/finaid
www.fastaid.com
www.fastweb.com ***Our favorite***
www.finaid.com
www.free-4u.com
www.freschinfo.com
www.gocollege.com
www.iefaf.org
www.hispanicfund.org
www.princetonreview.com
www.scholarships.com
www.scholarship-opage.com
www.srnexpress.com
www.uncf.com
www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.students.gov
www.weeklyscholarshipalert.org

Scholarships

Ongoing Scholarships-

ASU is announcing the “Barack Obama Scholars Program” program to help low-income families finance their son/daughter’s education. This program is targeting total annual family income of \$42,400 or less. Through various financial aid resources that do not require repayment, ASU will cover tuition, fees, books, room and board for eight semesters of full-time enrollment. Details are available in the Counseling Office or online at student.asu.edu/obama. There are lots of ASU scholarships, but you must apply to the school, get an ASURITE user ID and then you can apply. You must complete your FAFSA by 3/1

UNFC Scholarships- The Nation’s largest private scholarship provider to minority group members. <http://www.uncf.org/>

Imagine America Scholarship – if you want to pursue a career in education. Go to www.imagine-america.org/

DeVry University offers various scholarships for students planning to attend their school. Students may go online at www.devry.edu/scholarships.

Kids’ Chance of Arizona is a non-profit corporation formed by professionals to provide scholarships for the children of injured workers who have been seriously or fatally injured in a work related accident. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 25 and meet certain financial needs and possess certain academic standards. Details are also available online at www.azkidschance.org. This program is ongoing so there is no deadline date.

U of A is announcing the Arizona Assurance program for seniors. This is a financial aid program for students from low-income families. It will provide full tuition, fees, housing and books for four years for in-state students. Details are available in the Counseling Center. Criteria for this program is listed below:

- Arizona resident or Eligible Non-citizen
- Combined Family income of less than \$42,400
- Pell Grant Eligible

<http://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-aid/scholarships>

Fiesta Bowl “Got Milk?” – Arizona school only, limit one entry per person. 150 word essay, milk mustache photo, nutrition label and GPA 3.0. . \$12,000, \$10,000 and \$8,000. Weekly drawings 9/5-11/21 www.dairycouncilofaz.org

NAU General and Private Donor Scholarships – Must be attending or admitted to NAU. Fill out an interest form at www4.nau.edu/finaid Amounts vary and deadlines vary.

MCCCD President’s Scholarship- Rank in the top 15% of your high school class or score high marks on the MCCCD Placement tests. Must apply for the scholarship through the Honors Program at the MCCCD campus you will attend.

Yavapai Community College- Yavapai has lots of scholarships. You must apply for admission and then go to yc.edu/finaid/scholarships

September

The Arizona Dream Builder Foundation (ADBF) is announcing the 2015 Arizona Dream Builder Scholar Award for seniors. (1) \$4,000 scholarship to attend an accredited 2 or 4-year college of their choice. Requirements are listed below:

- Be a senior
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA or better
- Demonstrate a commitment through school and community to the ideals of great world leaders.

Application and details are available in the Scholarship File at the Counseling Center.
<http://azdreambuilder.org>

Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship – Minority, tech science/engineering majors, GPA 3.0, application at www.xerox.com/jobs/minority-scholarships/ They give out 150 \$1,000-\$10,000. Deadline September 30th.

October

Baird Foundation Scholarship – Based on gpa 3.5 or higher, leadership qualities and applying to U of A. Must be admitted to UofA to apply. You can apply by going to www.scholarshipuniverse.arizona.edu. The scholarship is for \$10,000.

Wendy's Restaurants are announcing the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The award recognizes students who excel in academics, have a 3.0 gpa, athletics and student leadership. Deadline date for application is **October 3rd**. Applications are available online at www.wendysheisman.com.

Horatio Alger Association is offering the Horatio Alger Scholarship for seniors. They seek students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, excellent academic record, and a desire to pursue a college education. Deadline date for application is **October 25th**. Applications are available online at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org>. Information is also available in the Scholarship File at the Counseling Center. Scholarships will range in value from \$2,500 to \$20,000.

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is announcing the Four-Year Award for seniors. (50) \$20,000 scholarships and four-year \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded for use at accredited colleges /universities. Deadline date for application is **October 31**. Applications and details are available online at www.coca-colascholars.org.

U.S. Service Academies - Junior and Senior students interested in attending a military institute to obtain a fully funded four-year college education must meet the criteria listed below: Students would need a congressional nomination from either their congressman or one of their two senators and also be accepted by the individual academies. . Priority deadline is in October, but final deadline is Dec. 15th.

US Senate Youth Program- Student Council member, essay, test on current events, interview. Two selected from Arizona and win a trip to Washington, DC and \$5000 due October 1st. See Mr. Stehr if interested.

Flinn Scholarship – flinnscholars.org - Flinn Scholarship is a huge scholarship offering free tuition, room and board and funding for study abroad. To qualify students need a 3.5 gpa, top 5% of class. Deadline October 26, 2016.

November

ASU Music Department Scholarships- Admitted to ASU, audition dates online at <http://music.asu.edu/admissions/tuition-and-paying-college>. Tuition waivers available deadline November 1st.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award- If you are a high school student who is making a difference through volunteering this is for you. <http://spirit.prudential.com>

December

SAE International is offering their 2015 Engineering Scholarship for senior students planning to pursue a degree in engineering or a related science. Requirements are listed below:

- Be a high school senior
- Intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science
- Be a citizen of the U.S.
- Meet minimum requirements of GPA, SAT I Reasoning Test/ACT

Deadline date for application is **December 15**. Applications and details are available online at <http://www.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships>

National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences National Scholarships-

Experience in arts, school activities, work experience, essay ACT scores. Apply online at www.emmyonline.tv/scholarship. \$10,000 x 4 years. Apply by December 12.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Must be Hispanic and going to a 2 or 4 year college, US Citizen, 3.0GPA and financial need. Apply at www.hsf.net - January 1st.

NROTC – Us Citizen, ACT 22 math, 22 English, 530 Verbal. Apply at 1-800-648-0403. \$2,000 tuition and books and \$250-\$400 a month. Deadline is December 31st.

January/February

Gates Millennium Scholars is announcing the Gates Millennium Scholars program for seniors who are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific

Islander or Hispanic American. Students must have a great financial need and demonstrate leadership skills. Eligible students who apply for the GMS scholarship have the opportunity to attend any U.S. accredited college with renewable funding up to 5 years. Student must be nominated and meet all criteria in order to qualify for the GMS scholarship. Deadline date for application is **January 14**. Applications and details are available in the counseling office or online at www.gmsp.org.

Walmart Foundation School Program – 2 or 4 year colleges, SAT/ACT scores, GPA 2.5, school and community activities. Apply online. Two scholarships per store.



Arizona Community Foundation Scholars Program – www.azfoundation.org (scholarship opportunities) General applications will be available online in January 2017. Many of our local scholarship are run through the AZ Community Foundation, so please apply.

ASU Maroon and Gold- ASU –Main only. 1st generation college student or minority or in need of financial aid, strong academics, essay. Tuition waiver for 4 years. Due February 1.

United Blood Services – High school blood drive committee member, GPA 2.5, application at www.unitedbloodservices.org/shighschool/highschools. Due 2/23.

Dorrance Merit Arizona Community Foundation – NAU < ASU or U of A only, 1st generation college student, GPA 3.0, SAT 1040 or ACT 22, school and community activities, apply at www.dorrancescholarship.org \$12000 x 4 years . February 8, 2017

March –

McDonalds USA Employee – Works at least 15 hours/week for at least 4 months. School and community activities. \$1000-\$5000 due by March 1st.
archwaystopportunities.com

American Welding Society – Welding training only, trade school/university, essay, scholarship list and application online at www.aws.org/about/page/scholarships
Amounts vary apply by March 1.

American Chemical Society Scholars Program- Chemical science majors only, minority, SAT/ACT scores. Apply online at www.chemistry.org/funding. Amounts from \$2000-\$5000 due March 1st.

APS/ASU- Must be going to ASU. May be a dependent of APS or Pinnacle West majoring in engineering, business or info-tech. GPA 3.0. They offer 10 scholarships of \$2000 two of which are just for employee's dependents. March 15 deadline. There are also five \$2000 scholarships given to students at the West Campus.

April-

The following local scholarships are all due April 1st

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- **AMERICAN LEGION KELLIS-DRAPER POST 12 SCHOLARSHIP (\$500-\$1000)**
Criteria: Application + a 500 word essay on Americanism
- **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)**
Criteria: Application
- **CAROLYN CORBET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Criteria: US Citizen + Application

- **DOROTHY COON LIBRARIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$2500)**
Criteria: College Major must be education, journalism, computer science, or broadcasting + 3.0 GPA
- **ELKS LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)**
Criteria: based on scholarship, leadership, and financial need
- **ELKS LODGE YOUTH COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP (2x \$500)**
Criteria: Must apply for the Elks National Foundation Scholarship (Due Jan. 11th)
- **GFWC-MORRISTOWN WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)**
Criteria: must have attended Morristown Elementary
- **GEORGE WELLIK SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000/renewable)**
Criteria: Resume + personal essay – Apply through the Arizona Community Foundation
- **GERI CRAIG HAMERSLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Criteria: Must plan to Major in English Studies/Education
- **HERSHKOWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Criteria: Son/daughter of a WHS graduate
- **KIM STIRLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
Criteria: Must demonstrate knowledge of environmental awareness
- **LAS DAMAS CAROLYN CORBET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2x \$500)**
Criteria: Senior girls or past recipients
- **PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP**
Criteria: Application
- **ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS**
Criteria: Application
- **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 79 SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
Criteria: Must reside in Congress, Yarnell, Peoples Valley, Kirkland, Skull Valley, Wilhoit, or Wagoner.

- **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF WICKENBURG SCHOLARSHIPS**
Criteria: Based on financial need and academic achievement
- **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH SCHOLARSHIP**
Criteria: Application available at St. Anthony's
- **STEFANIE DRESCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
Criteria: This is awarded to a senior with a deceased parent
- **TABLE TOP TELEPHONE CO. SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
Criteria: Must reside in Aguila
- **TONY BOETTO/ CARL BEILLEN WVFD SCHOLARSHIP**
Criteria: must be pursuing a degree in fire science or emergency medical field
- **WESTPARK**
Criteria: Application
- **WICKENBURG ART CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**
Criteria: Application/Portfolio (pick up from Henlen Baker at the Wickenburg Art Club)
- **WICKENBURG AREA REALTORS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
Criteria: Based on academic achievement and extra-curricular activities
- **WICKENBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE** Criteria:
Application
- **WICKENBURG CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**
Criteria: Music Majors
- **WICKENBURG DESERT STAGERS SCHOLARSHIP (\$100 renewable)**
Criteria: Must be Majoring in art, music, cosmetology, music, drama, TV/radio + application
- **WICKENBURG FRIENDS OF MUSIC (\$1000)**
Criteria: Must be continuing your education in vocal or instrumental music, music education, or dance. + Application
- **WICKENBURG GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP (\$3000)**
Criteria: Must be pursuing a degree in the area of earth science
- **WICKENBURG HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP (\$200)**
Criteria: Must be son/daughter of a WHS graduate

- **WICKENBURG LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**
Criteria: Must be an active member of the Wickenburg Leo Club

Sample Scholarship Thank You Letters

Two Examples to Give You an Idea

Use the following sample letters for a general idea of a scholarship thank you letter.

Keep letters brief, but make sure to tell the donor(s) about yourself, the impact their generosity has had on your education and life as well as what your future goals may be.

Sample #1

Date

Your Name

Address

Donor Name

Address

Dear Scholarship Donor,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the _____Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I am the first in my family to attend college.

Growing up in a less privileged community has not only offered financial and academic challenges, but it has more importantly made me realize the value of a college education.

I have just begun my undergraduate career as a freshman at _____
College/University and can already report my academics off to a first-rate start. My plans at this stage are to complete a major in Political Science. _____
College/University offers one of the finest programs in the country and I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend.

Working as a volunteer in my community throughout my high school career, I enjoyed helping people who were uninformed about the community services available to them. I hope to be able to serve in a political position sometime in the future, where I might have more ability to help those less fortunate and under-represented.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Sample #2

Date

Your Name

Address

Donor Name

Address

Dear Scholarship Donor,

I have dreamed of attending medical school ever since I was young and now that I have been named as one of the recipients in the _____ Scholarship program, my dream is becoming a reality. I am glad to have the opportunity to thank you personally for your generosity. Without scholarship patrons like you, there would be many students such as myself unable to pursue the career they've dreamed of.

My future plans include pursuing Pediatric Medicine. I not only have a passion for medicine, but also enjoy working with children.

Once again, I offer my sincerest thanks for your continued generosity to the _____ Scholarship.

Sincerely,

Your Name