

## College Success Arizona Scholars Program 2021-2022 Application Guide

**Deadline:** March 5, 2021 by 11:59pm

### Terms and Conditions

#### About the Scholars Program:

College Success Arizona is committed to building a college-going culture in Arizona by providing private scholarships and/or mentoring and success services to current Arizona high school senior's intent on earning a degree from an accredited Arizona institution.

#### Awards:

##### CSA Scholarship:

- Up to \$6,000 per year (\$2,000 - \$3,000 per semester) for four years.
- For students planning to obtain a bachelor's degree within four years; starting at a community college for the first 2 years is permissible.
- Mentoring and Success Services (see below)

##### Big Brothers Big Sisters Scholarship

- \$1,500 per year (\$750 per semester) for up to four years
- For active youth in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona Big Futures program
- For students planning to obtain an associate's degree in two years or bachelor's degree in four years in Arizona
- Mentoring and Success Services (see below)

#### Mentoring and Success Services:

- Quarterly coaching/mentoring from a dedicated Success Adviser
- Peer networking sessions, trainings, and workshops
- Links to on-campus resource centers
- Internship and Career Support

#### Eligibility – Applicants Must:

- Be actively involved in one of College Success Arizona's college access partner programs:

##### Access ASU

- American Dream Academy (ADA)
- Barrett Summer Scholars (BSS)
- César E. Chávez Leadership Institute (CCLI)
- Future Sun Devil Family Day (FSDF)
- Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program (HMDP)
- TRIO Pre-College Programs
  - Talent Search
  - Upward Bound

##### Achieving a College Education (ACE)

##### Aguila Youth Leadership Institute

##### AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination

##### AZ Earn to Learn

Baboquivari HS  
 Be a Leader Foundation  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (Active youth in Big Futures program)  
 Boys and Girls Club of Phoenix  
 Boys Hope Girls Hope Arizona  
 Center for Neighborhood Leadership  
 College Bound Arizona  
 College Connect  
 College Depot  
 Diversity Leadership Alliance Council  
 Elevate Phoenix  
 Friendly House, Inc.  
 Future Inspired Native American Leaders at the Phoenix Indian Center  
 GateWay Early College HS  
 JFCS Real World Job Development Program  
 Joaquin Bustoz Math-Science Honors Program  
 Jobs for Arizona's Graduates (JAG)  
 Lifeskills High School  
 Metropolitan Education Commission  
 Neighborhood Ministries  
 New Way Academy  
 NorthBridge Arizona  
 Northern Arizona College Resource Center  
 Pueblo Magnet HS College and Career  
 Stand For Children  
 STEP (Student Expedition Program)  
 TRIO at AWC Yuma (Edu Talent Search, Upward Bound)  
 TRIO at NAU (Edu Talent Search, Four Corners Math & Science, Upward Bound)  
 TRIO at Pima CC (Edu Talent Search, Upward Bound)  
 UA Early Academic Outreach (MESA Program)

- ❑ Be a senior graduating from an accredited Arizona high school.
- ❑ Be a citizen/legal resident of Arizona or be residing in Arizona with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) approval and a valid Social Security Number (SSN).
- ❑ Have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- ❑ Be Pell Grant eligible
  - DACA Students –are required to complete the FAFSA4caster (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing>)
- ❑ Be admitted to an accredited (not technical or vocational) institution of higher education in the state of Arizona beginning in the Fall 2021 semester such as a 4-year college/university OR 2-year community college with the intent on transferring to a 4-year college/university.
- ❑ Applicants should have both applied and been accepted to their school of choice before our scholarship application deadline.

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## Applicant Checklist:

Please use the checklist below to keep track of your progress. All documents must be uploaded as instructed in the online application, except for the letter of recommendation which will be emailed to us by the recommender. **Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered.**

	<b>Completed and e-signed application</b>
	<b>Essay (500-600 words)</b> – Choose one of the essays below and write a compelling, well-structured essay:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How did you stay active in your community during this global pandemic? or</li><li>2. In the wake of the pandemic, what is something you’ve been working on toward your own professional or personal development?</li></ol>
	<b>Copy of entire Student Aid Report (SAR)</b> , generated by your FAFSA Application ( <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> ) including the page showing your EFC (Expected Family Contribution). It is recommended that all incoming Freshmen complete their 2021-2022 FAFSA Application before the priority deadline. <b>*DACA Applicants: Copy/Screenshot of Estimated EFC from FAFSA4caster</b> is required in place of the Student Aid Report ( <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing">https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing</a> ) <b>*Save document as: LastNameFirstName-SAR</b>
	<b>Copy of your current high school unofficial transcript</b> , showing a cumulative, weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher. If awarded a scholarship, you may be required to submit official transcripts. Also, submit college transcripts through Fall 2020 if applicant has taken and completed college classes and has a transcript from a community college or university. <b>*Save document as: LastNameFirstName-Transcript</b>
	<b>Copy of SAT and/or ACT score report</b> – if taken. If you have not taken the SAT/ACT, you must explain why. The most successful applicants have taken at least one of these exams. College Success Arizona recommends you take the SAT/ACT if you have not done so in order to be considered for other scholarships through the Arizona State School System. <b>*Save document as: LastNameFirstName-SAT</b>
	<b>One Letter of Recommendation</b> – Recommenders must submit the letter of recommendation by email to <a href="mailto:mentoring@collegesuccessarizona.org">mentoring@collegesuccessarizona.org</a> by the application deadline.
	<b>*DACA Verification</b> – If you are residing in Arizona and have been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), you must upload a copy of your Employment Authorization Card and/or a valid Driver’s License. <b>*Save document as: LastNameFirstName-DACA</b>

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### Renewal Criteria:

- Be enrolled as a full-time student at an Arizona university or community college.
- Register for and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.50 GPA.
- Complete ALL participation requirements of the College Success Arizona Scholarship Program:
  - Attend the College Success Arizona New Scholars' Orientation.
  - Attend quarterly coaching/advising sessions with your College Success Arizona adviser.
  - Attend College Success Arizona mandatory networking and training sessions (i.e. – Annual Leadership Symposium and Scholar Success Network Events).
  - Attend all other College Success Arizona functions, as required.
  - Maintain on-going communication with College Success Arizona and notify office of any major academic or personal changes.

### Scholarship Application & Decision Timeline:

- **January 15, 2021:** Application opens online
- **March 5, 2021:** All application materials, supporting documents, and recommendation letter must be received by 11:59pm.
- **Early-April 2021:** Applications in review and finalists selected for interviews.
- **April 19-23, 2021:** Finalists interviewed.
- **Early-May 2021:** Finalists notified of decision by email.
- **June 2021:** Awardees must attend the *College Success Arizona New Scholars' Orientation*.

**Please contact us if you have any questions:**

(602) 636-1850 or email [mentoring@collegesuccessarizona.org](mailto:mentoring@collegesuccessarizona.org)

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