

***REFERENCE GUIDE
TO***



***ARIZONA
SCHOLARSHIPS
GRANTS &
FINANCIAL AID
INFORMATION***

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Popular Foster Youth Grants & Scholarships

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The application for federal student financial aid, processed at no cost to the applicant. It is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal grant, loan and work funds.

Arizona Department of Economic Security – Education Training Voucher (ETV)

www.statevoucher.org

Education and Training Vouchers (ETV) are provided to assist current and former foster youth with expenses related to education or training programs and administered through the Foster Care to Success. Youth must have been in foster care at the age of 16 or 17 and must be enroll in a post-secondary program recognized by the Arizona Department of Education. Young adults may receive financial assistance until they reach the age of 21. However, if a young adult is in a recognized program at the time of their 21st birthday, they may continue receiving assistance for that program until they reach the age of 23. The ETV is based on need.

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation

www.affcf.org (Scholarship Guidelines)

The foundation offers scholarships to current or former permanent foster youth who had been a ward of the State of Arizona when they turned 18 years of age. Scholarships are available for a total commitment of 10 semesters. **DUE DATE: PRIOR TO START OF SEMESTER**

The AFFCF also administers two additional scholarship programs, funded by private donors for selected eligible former Arizona foster youth. Each of these programs requires the completion of an AFFCF Scholarship Application. There is also the added requirement of a 250 word essay.

- Blavin Scholarship (NAU Only)

Nina Pulliam Legacy Scholars Program

www.ninascholars.asu.edu (Arizona State University) ASU

www.maricopa.edu/studentaffairs/NMPLS/Nina/req.htm (Maricopa Comm. Colleges)

The Nina Mason Pulliam Scholars program provides each student with an academic advisor/mentor, as well as a student mentor; covers full tuition, fees and books; and includes a \$2,500 annual living allowance. **DUE DATE: APRIL 1ST**

Foster Care to Success / Casey Family Scholars Program

www.fc2success.org

The Casey Family Scholars Program is administered by FC2S. Awards range from \$1,500 to \$6,000 per academic year, and are renewable for up to five (5) years if a student remains eligible. Applicants must have been in foster care for the 12 consecutive months prior to their 18th birthday OR adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after their 16th birthday. Be under the age of 25 on March 31 of the year in which they first apply and have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other post-secondary school. See the Foster Care to Success website for additional information. **DUE DATE: MARCH 31ST**

Arizona Scholarship Aid

Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships

www.azfoundation.org

The Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) is the largest private provider of scholarships in Arizona. There are more than 80 different types of scholarship funds available. Almost all of them are for undergraduate study at a college or university. Many of them target student graduating from a specific high school or starting their studies in a particular major field of study. The best source of information for scholarships that might be available to a student is the scholarship counselor at the students high school or college.

- Dorrance Scholarship Programs
The Dorrance Scholarship Programs are sponsored by the Arizona Community Foundation. Two different scholarships include:
 1. A high school senior planning to attend an Arizona University and will be the first in the family to attend college and complete a four year degree.
 2. A Maricopa Community Colleges adult re-entry student and a single parent (available at select campuses)

To learn more about eligibility requirements and complete application information use the link above.

Arizona College Scholarship Foundation

www.azcsf.org

Provides college scholarships, comprehensive on-campus support services and career mentoring to low-income/high potential Arizona students. Scholarships are limited to students participating in their member organizations. To see what organizations are members, visit the Arizona College Scholarship Foundation website.

Arizona Department of Education Scholarships

www.azed.gov/endorsement-tuition-scholarship

The Arizona Board of Regents' High Honors Tuition Scholarship (aka – AIMS Scholarship) is a university academic merit scholarship administered by the Arizona Department of Education on behalf of the Arizona Board of Regents. Qualified students who graduate from high school will receive a full in-state university base tuition scholarship valid beginning the first fall semester following graduation from an Arizona high school.

Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

www.cfsoaz.org

The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona offers a wide variety of scholarship opportunities to students. The scholarship program was created to meet the needs of the many good, but maybe not outstanding students with heavy financial need. The scholarships amounts range from \$375 for a part-time 2 year program to \$2,000 for a full-time 4 year program. Available scholarships and applications open in January of each year.

Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Scholarships

www.maricopa.edu/foundation

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designated by the Maricopa County Community College District to receive and manage gifts on behalf of its 10 colleges. The STARS online scholarship system will match scholarships available through the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation with the students unique profile. There are three primary ways to fund an education at a Maricopa Community College:

1. **Maricopa Community College Foundation Scholarships:** Available to all Maricopa Community College students and, in most cases, may be used at any Maricopa Community College and some non-Maricopa colleges and universities.
2. **College-Specific Scholarships:** Available through each of the Maricopa Community Colleges. They are generally restricted to one campus
3. **External Scholarships:** Are offered through various local and national organizations.

For additional information visit the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation website.

Passageway Scholarship Foundation

www.passagewayfoundation.org

Passageway Scholarships are provided to select students graduating from the Rite of Passage programs (Canyon State Academy). Scholarships of \$500 to \$1,000 are provided for tuition support and book grants to assist successful goal-oriented students at four-year universities, community colleges, and vocational/trade schools. Additional eligibility requirements can be found on the website.

The Ortiz Family Foundation

www.ortizfoundation.com

The "Words O.F.F. the Page for Books" program is committed to assist students in need by providing one \$500 gift certificate for two consecutive semesters for a total of \$1,000. to their community college book store for the purchase of text books and school supplies. **Funds are only awarded to students with a 3.0 GPA or higher and attending an Arizona Community College.**

Horatio Alger Arizona Scholarship

www.horatioalger.org

The Horatio Alger Arizona Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the State of Arizona who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue education. Applicants must be enrolled full time as a high school senior in Arizona, progressing normally toward graduation, and planning to enter college no later than the fall following graduation. Have a minimum GPA of 2.0. \$5,000 scholarships are awarded to those receiving the Scholarship. The regular application process closes on October 30th. Check the Horatio Alger website for full eligibility requirements.

Arizona Dream Builder Foundation

www.azdreambuilder.org

The Dream Scholar program celebrates Arizona senior high school students who embrace and embody those tenets set forth by Dr. King and other great leaders. The Dream Scholar program is not based on ethnicity or financial need. Dream scholars have many opportunities. Opportunities are provided in the form of internships, scholarships, and mentorships. The scholarship is a 4 year, \$4,000 scholarship awarded to high school seniors.

Arizona College Specific Scholarships

All four year Colleges, Universities, and Community Colleges in Arizona have many scholarships available to students attending their school. Students can contact the financial aid office or search the college website to obtain a list of scholarships offered on their campus of choice. There are far too many scholarships to list all of them here, but here is a sample of what is available.

Arizona Western College Scholarships

www.azwestern.edu

Arizona Western College offers a variety of scholarships. AWC offers scholarships that are open to all students. AWC also offers program specific, local, ethnic, and gender specific scholarships. Arizona Western College also offers Foundation Scholarships and Institutional Scholarships. To view a list of all available scholarships, eligibility requirements, due dates and other scholarship information, go through financial aid in the Arizona Western College Website.

Armstrong Family Foundation Scholarship (ASU)

<http://scholarships.asu.edu/scholarship/1409>

The Armstrong Family Foundation Scholarship is offered through the Arizona State University Foundation. The Scholarship awards up to \$8,000 a year. Students must be an orphan, a ward of the court, in foster care or a qualified independent student. Students must be a full-time incoming freshman, freshman or sophomore, attending one of the ASU campuses. (Tempe, Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic, West). Students must also be an Arizona resident and a US citizen or lawful legal resident of the US with a 3.0 GPA.

Blavin Scholar Program

www.affcf.org

Northern Arizona University's Blavin / AFFCF Scholar Program provides incoming NAU Freshman who have aged-out of Arizona's foster care system with a 4 year full-ride scholarship; year-round housing on campus; on-campus employment opportunity; a new lap-top computer; and one-on-one mentoring services through NAU's Student Support Services.

Champions Scholarship

www.yc.edu

The Champions Scholarship is one of many scholarships offered under the Yavapai College Foundation Scholarships. Students eligible for the Champions Scholarship must be a current or recent ward of the Yavapai County Juvenile Court. The Scholarship is available at both the Verde and Prescott Campuses. Scholarships cover costs for tuition, books and fees for full or part-time students enrolled in a degree or certificate program. Deadlines are: July 1 for the Fall semester, December 1 for the Spring semester, and May 1 for the Summer semester. Visit the Yavapai College website for the application (specific application required) along with additional scholarship requirements.

Cochise College Foundation Scholarships

www.cochise.edu

Students need to enroll in the STARS application system between January and April to be matched with the Cochise College Foundation Scholarships. Scholarship Qualification criteria include financial need, academic performance, program of study, or some combination of qualifications as specified by donors. Visit the Cochise College website to find out how to get started and what other scholarships may be available.

Coconino Community College Foundation Scholarships

www.coconino.edu

Students interested in scholarships awarded through CCC must be admitted to CCC and complete the online scholarship application between the months of January and March. To view the numerous CCC Foundation Scholarships and the individual scholarship criteria visit the CCC website. The website also has a list of numerous External Scholarships and tribal information for Native American students interested in applying to tribal scholarships.

Eastern Arizona College Scholarships

www.eac.edu

Students interested in finding a listing of Eastern Arizona College scholarships need to check the Eastern Arizona College Catalog. The priority deadline for submission of scholarship applications is March 1st. There are many private scholarships available also. Visit the Eastern Arizona College website for additional information.

John Likins Memorial Scholarship

www.arizona.edu

The John Likins Memorial Scholarship supports an incoming freshman from a Tucson area high school, majoring in any fields related to gender, race, religion, ethnicity, or area studies at The University of Arizona. Visit The University of Arizona website to find the complete scholarship requirements and additional scholarship opportunities.

Helping Hands Scholarship

www.helpsinglemoms.org

The helping hands scholarship assists single moms in obtaining a college education and financial independence. For new clients, the applications are only for candidates who live in or attend school in Central Phoenix. Schools included are: 1) ASU Downtown campus, 2) Grand Canyon University, 3) Phoenix College, and 4) South Mountain Community College. Applicants also must take a minimum of 9 college credit hours per semester, maintain a 2.5 GPA, have a least one child under the age of 11 living at home, not be living with a domestic partner, and be a US Citizen residing in Maricopa County, Arizona. Visit the help single moms website for the applications and additional information.

LIFE Lessons Scholarship

www.lifehappens.org/life-lessons

The Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education (LIFE) announces the LIFE lessons Scholarship Program to benefit students who have suffered the death of a parent or guardian. LIFE awards the LIFE Lessons Scholarships once a year. Typically, applications are solicited during the March/April timeframe and scholarship recipients are notified in mid-July. Awards range from \$1,000 to a grand prize award of \$10,000. Visit the Arizona State University and University of Arizona websites for additional information.

President Barack Obama Scholars (ASU)

www.promise.asu.edu/obamascholars

ASU will consider all full-time freshman admitted directly from an Arizona high school. Eligible students will be notified by the Student Financial Assistance Office. Students just need to apply to ASU, file their FAFSA, and the student will automatically be considered for this award. ASU will cover the estimated direct costs for eight consecutive semesters. Covered costs include tuition, fees, room, board and books. Scholars also have the opportunity to participate in a mentoring program. **Application for admission and the FAFSA must be received by ASU on or before March 1st.**

Promise For The Future Scholarship

www.centralaz.edu

Promise for the Future is a program designed to encourage students from Pinal County to stay in high school and graduate with a 2.75 grade point average. Students along with their parents sign a contract of commitment during the students' eighth grade year. Students graduating with the required minimum GPA from a Pinal County High School receive a Promise for the Future Scholarship, which entitles them to free tuition to any Central Arizona College campus for up to four semesters. Visit the college website for a list of 34 additional scholarships.

Raytheon Scholars Program

www.pima.edu

In an effort to recruit and retain a diverse workforce, Raytheon Missile Systems has partnered with Pima Community College to identify talented local scholars who are interested in continuing to study and work in the Tucson community. Up to ten (10) high school graduates or first-time Pima students who are interested in careers in engineering, math and science are identified and selected for participation each year. For eligibility requirement for The Raytheon Scholars Program and other Scholarships available through Pima Community College visit their website.

(Uof A) Wildcat Excellence Award

www.arizona.edu

The Wildcat Excellence Award is a highly competitive tuition scholarship offered annually to a select number of Arizona resident high school graduates attending college for the first time. Award amounts of \$2,500 to \$9,000 are available for four consecutive year (8 semesters total) for fall and spring semesters only, based on academic year renewal requirements. For additional selection and eligibility requirements visit the University of Arizona website.

University of Phoenix First Chance Scholarship Program

www.phoenix.edu/tuition_and_financial_options/scholarships/nfpa-scholarship.html

Through a partnership with University of Phoenix and the National Foster Parent Association, NFPA provides 15 full tuition scholarships redeemable at University of Phoenix for youth in foster care and former foster youth. Applicants may reside in a foster home, group home, or kinship care or be an emancipated foster youth under age 25. Recipients may choose any campus they want to attend, including online. The program is administered under the First Chance Scholarship umbrella.

Wolslager Foundation Scholarship

www.arizona.edu

Students transferring from Pima Community College or Cochise College with a minimum of 45 transferable hours to the University of Arizona. Students must have graduated from a high school within Pima, Cochise, or Santa Cruz counties or have been a resident in one of these counties for at least five years. Scholarship awards of \$3,000 per semester are awarded for up to five semesters providing that funds are available. Visit the University of Arizona website for additional eligibility requirements.

Yavapai College Scholarships

www.yc.edu

Yavapai College offers a variety of scholarships, including the Yavapai Champions Scholarship, Yavapai College Institutional Scholarships, Foundation Scholarships and recommended scholarships. Application for the majority of the scholarships requires the completion of a single form. The application form can be found through the Yavapai College website along with a list of all the scholarships and their minimum qualifications. The priority deadline for most scholarships is April 1 unless otherwise stated.

National Scholarship Sites For Foster Youth

Darko Rapotez Memorial College Scholarship

www.loveourchildrenusa.org/aboutus_programs.php

Youths from anywhere in the U.S., who age out of the foster care system and who ordinarily would not be able to afford a college education are eligible to submit applications. Youths must be emancipated or will be graduating from foster care, relative care and/or dependency. Scholarships are available to undergraduate students who have aged out of the foster care system with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$5,000 to \$10,000 and is encouraged to reapply each year.

Fostering A Future Scholarship

www.childrensactionnetwork.org

The Capital One Fostering a Future Scholarship is open to children adopted from foster care to provide increased opportunities for advanced education. Applicants must have been adopted from the United States foster care system at or after the age of thirteen (13). Applicants must be graduating high school seniors. Scholarships for two-year institutions will total \$5,000 and scholarships for four-year institutions will total \$10,000. For full eligibility requirements and application requirements can be located at the children's action network website. **Due date: April 20th.**

Hopes For Higher Ed

www.hopesforhighereducation.com

The hopes for Higher Education Scholarship is awarded to youth in foster care for the purposes of obtaining professional certification or to attend a post secondary institution (undergraduate only). Scholarships range in amount from \$500 to \$1,000, and the number awarded each year varies depending on funding. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, and school room and board. **DUE DATE: MAY 15th**

nsoro Foundation

www.thenf.org

The nsoro Educational Foundation's mission is to provide academic scholarships and vital support necessary to ensure success of students. Eligible students are graduating high school seniors as well as current undergraduate or trade school students. The Scholarship awards range between \$4,000 and \$8,000 per student per degree program on average depending on student financial need. The Scholarship covers tuition & academic fees, books, student meal plans or on-campus housing. For additional information go to the website. **DUE DATE: APRIL 16TH**

Through The Looking Glass Scholarship

www.lookingglass.org

These \$1,000 scholarships are part of Through the Looking Glass' National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families. The scholarships are specifically for high school seniors and college students who have parents with disabilities. Selection criteria for all scholarships include academic performance, community activities and services, letter or recommendation and an essay describing the experience of growing up with a parent with a disability. For additional information go to the website. **DUE DATE: MARCH 1ST**

Minority Scholarship Sites

AAA Arizona Si Se Puede! Scholarship

www.aaaaz.com/espanol/membership/scholarship.htm

AAA Arizona's "Si Se Puede" scholarship, Spanish for "it can be done" is open to entering freshman students living in Arizona and attending an accredited college or university in Arizona. Each scholar will receive a \$1,000 one-time scholarship and a four-year AAA membership. A student must have earned and maintain a GPA of no less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have a clean driving record. For complete eligibility requirements visit the website.

American Dream Scholarship Program

www.thesalliemaefund.org/smfnew/scholarship/american_dream.html

This Scholarship Program was established in partnership with the United Negro College Fund. The American Dream Scholarship Program is open to African Americans with financial need. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, with a minimum 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), enrolled full time at approved, accredited, undergraduate institutions. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000.

American Indian College Fund

www.collegefund.org

The American Indian College Fund is a Native-operated organization and the nation's largest provider of private scholarships.

Anne Ford Scholarship

www.ncld.org/about-us/scholarships-aamp-awards/the-anne-ford-and-allegra-ford-scholarship-award

The Anne Ford Scholarship offers a \$10,000 award to two graduating high school seniors with documented learning disabilities (LD) who are pursuing an undergraduate degree. **Deadline for application is December 31.** For complete details see the Anne Ford Scholarship website.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

www.gmsp.org

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS), funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 199 to provide outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Islander Americans, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education, in all discipline areas and a graduate education for those students pursuing studies in mathematics, science, engineering, education, or library science.

Community College Transfer Scholarship

www.thesalliemaefund.org/smfnew/scholarship/comm_college_transfer.html

The Community College Transfer Scholarship, offered in collaboration with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, provides scholarships to Latino students transferring from a community college to an approved, accredited higher education institution.

Chicanos Por La Causa Scholarship

www.cplc.org/education/scholarship-programs.aspx

The primary goal of the CPLC/MCCD Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance and support to outstanding Arizona Chicano / Latino students to attend and graduate from one of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

First in My Family Scholarship Program

www.thesalliemaefund.org/smfnew/scholarship/first_family.html

The First in My Family Scholarship Program, developed in partnership with the Hispanic College Fund, offers Scholarships to Hispanic-American students who are the first in their family to attend college and have financial need. The program is open to Hispanic Americans who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents enrolled as full time undergraduate student at approved, accredited institutions. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000.

Generation Equality Scholarships

www.hrc.org/issues/youth_and_campus_activism/12264.htm

Each year the HRC Foundation awards scholarships to LGBT and allied students who demonstrate exceptional commitment to the fight for queer equality. Priority is given to applicants who; self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or an ally; have applied to or are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education; demonstrated a commitment or contribution to the LGBT community; are in good academic standing; and have demonstrated need for financial assistance.

www.hrc.org/scholarships

To search for additional national Generation Equality Scholarships or by state, visit the above website and type in national or a specific state. State of Arizona identifies six (6) additional scholarship options.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

www.hsf.net

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is the nation's largest provider of college financial aid for Latino students.

National Association of Hispanic Nurses (Valle del sol Chapter)

www.nahn-phx.org

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN), Valle del Sol Chapter is the local Phoenix chapter, committed to the recruitment and retention of Hispanics into the nursing profession. Four \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each semester to assist in the development of a Hispanic nursing student pursuing academic endeavors in nursing. The award amount is given directly to the student. To access the scholarship application and view eligibility criteria see the National Association of Hispanic Nurses phoenix website.

OUT and UP Scholarship Fund

www.maricopa.edu/foundation

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation established the OUT and UP Scholarship Fund for disenfranchised lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Those eligible are young adults under 25 who have faced negative responses from caregivers because of their sexual orientation or gender identity/expression and are no longer welcome at home. Each scholarship funded will cover tuition, books and fees for up to sixty (60) credit hours, up to \$5,000 per student.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians And Gays – Phoenix Chapter
www.pflagphoenix.org

Outstand graduating high school seniors and college students are encouraged to apply for multiple scholarships offered through PFLAG Phoenix. All scholarships are open to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) individuals.

The Jackie Robinson Foundation

www.jackierobinson.org

The Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$7,500 annually to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university. To view the application requirements and application components visit the Jackie Robinson website. **DUE DATE: March 15th**.

The Sallie Mae Fund

www.thesalliemaefund.org

The Fund offers the following free scholarship searches and other scholarship tips and information.

General Scholarship Search

Free scholarship database to scholarships for high school, college, graduate, and adult students.

Black College Dollars

Free scholarship search, geared for African-American students. Contains more than 300 scholarship searchable by GPA requirement, academic and career interest, and application deadline.

Latino College Dollars

www.latinocollegedollars.org

Free scholarship search, geared for Hispanic students, contains clear information on more than 300 scholarships targeting Latino high school, undergraduate, and graduate students across the United States.

Unmet Need Scholarship

www.thesalliemaefund.org/smfnew/scholarship/Unmet_need.html

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America. It is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are accepted or enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at approved, accredited institutions. Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) to be eligible to apply. Recipients will be selected based on financial need. Unmet Need Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

United Negro College Fund

www.uncf.org

Scholarship database for African-American students. Over 40 various scholarship programs listed.

Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program

www.xeroxstudentcareers.com

Applicants must be US citizens or visa-holding Permanent Residents of African American, Asian, Pacific Island, Native American, Native Alaskan, or Hispanic descent. Applicants must be academic high-achievers (3.0 or better GPA). They must be enrolled as a full time undergraduate or graduate student in any of the following technical fields: Chemistry, Computing & Software Systems, Printing Management Science, Laser Optics, Material Science, and more. Scholarships awards are between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to qualified minorities. For additional information on additional technical fields, how to apply and application requirements see the Xerox website above. **DUE DATE: September 30th**.

Scholarships of Interest

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship & Excellence in Education Program

www.act.org/goldwater

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship was created to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in math, science or engineering and to foster excellence in those fields. One and two year scholarships will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program

www.coca-colascholars.org

High school seniors can apply between August 1 – October 31, anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application. Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution; carrying a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school. Semifinalist are notified in mid-November and must then complete a secondary application, including essays, official transcripts, and two letters of recommendation. National Scholars receive awards of \$20,000 for college. Regional Scholars receive awards of \$10,000 for college. Full eligibility requirements and program overview can be viewed on the website.

Charley Wootan Grant Program

www.aie.org/wootan

The Charley Wootan Grant Program is open to students who at the time of application are U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents, are high school seniors or graduates (including GED recipients) who plan to enroll or are students who are already enrolled at least half-time in an undergraduate course of study at an approved two or four year college or university or vocational-technical school, and demonstrate financial need, and are eligible to receive Title IV (federal financial aid) funding. For complete details see the Charley Wootan Grant Program website

KFC Colonel's Scholarships Program

www.kfcscholars.org/scholarships

To be eligible to compete, an individual must graduate from high school, earn a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.75, plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public, in-state college or university, to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and demonstrate financial need. The application process opens the first of December and closes the middle of February. In addition to the Program's staff, KFC Colonel's scholar is also matched with a volunteer mentor.

Nordstrom Scholarship Program

www.nordstrom.com/scholarship

Nordstrom awards college scholarships of \$10,000 to hardworking high-school students with dreams of a higher education. Paid out in equal installments of \$2,500 over four years to the college of their choice. Awards are for undergraduate study. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, awards/honors, leadership, school activities, financial and employment history, community/volunteer activities. See specific eligibility criteria on the Nordstrom website. **DUE DATE; MAY 1ST**

Tylenol Scholarship Program

www.tylenol.com

For students choosing to pursue a career in taking care of others. The Tylenol Scholarship Program helps students getting a healthcare-related education. Students receive \$5,000 grants or \$10,000 scholarships. For additional scholarship details check out the Tylenol website. **DUE DATE: May 14th**

Regional Centers Offering College Planning Information

PHOENIX

In Phoenix, the **College Depot** operates out of the Burton Barr Central Library. The center offers free workshops for students and families on college readiness, financial aid, scholarship, ACT and SAT test preparation and applying for college. The College Depot also provides one-on-one assistance to help you plan for college. Learn more at www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot/

TUCSON

In Tucson, the bilingual staff at the **Regional College Access Center** 930 E. Broadway, offers one-on-one assistance with college and career planning. It's website, www.metedu.org/rcac, features a college toolkit, and a free online database with local and national information about colleges, scholarships, career exploration, and financial aid and academic resources.

FLAGSTAFF

In Flagstaff, the **Northern Arizona College Resource Center** provides free information, technical assistance, advising and referrals to students and their parents or guardians regarding all aspects of the college admissions and financial aid process. Services also include a variety of workshops and other community events to promote awareness of and access to postsecondary education. To learn more, visit www.nacrc.net.

Scholarship Search Websites

AzCAN – College Access Network

www.azcan.gov

This is a very helpful and informative website, including webpages designed for students/parents and foster youth/homeless youth. These web pages include popular links to topics, including but not limited to paying for college, planning for college, interests & careers, and foster care/homeless resources including scholarships and financial support.

Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education

www.azhighered.gov

This is an extremely helpful and informative website. It provides beneficial information for foster care youth and alumni including financial aid links and other foster youth resources. This website also answers questions on paying for college. Other information includes such topics as Arizona's adult-education programs, Arizona Workforce Connection, education tax credits, among others. This site also provides such links as www.pay4collegearizona.gov and www.azgrants.gov among others.

College Board

www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/scholarships-and-aid

Provides students with scholarship and financial aid information. Scholarship search.

College Connection

www.collegescholarships.com

Search for scholarships by minority, subject, student type, state and many more.

Fast Web

www.FASTWEB.com

Internet scholarship search service to help students make the decisions that shape their lives; choosing a college, paying for college, and find jobs and internships

FinAid

www.finaid.org

Financial aid, Scholarships and Student Loans. Offers a scholarship search tool (requires registration). Check out the Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid Booklet.

QuestBridge

www.questbridge.org

Questbridge is a non-profit program that links bright, motivated low-income students with educational and scholarship opportunities at some of the nation's best colleges. Questbridge is the provider of the National College Match Program and the College Prep Scholarship.

Scholarships.com

www.scholarships.com

Independent online source for free college scholarships searches and financial aid information.

US College Grants and Scholarships

www.usagovernmentgrants.org

Access 1,000's of educational grants and scholarships for college tuition, books, and living expenses.

U.S. Department of Education

www.studentaid.ed.gov

USA Funds

www.usafunds.org/students

USA Funds provides information regarding college planning and scholarships. Explore various scholarship opportunities listed under "scholarship links"