

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



Partner with the Arizona Community Foundation
to support the leaders of tomorrow





We're here to help you give the gift of education.

The Arizona Community Foundation is the state's largest independent provider of scholarships. Since 1978, our scholarship program has supported thousands of students in their pursuit of postsecondary degrees and vocational training.

Helping students afford higher education is one of the most rewarding ways to give back to your community. Partnering with ACF to establish a scholarship fund provides an opportunity for you to invest in future leaders in a way that is meaningful for you, your family, or even your organization or business.

If you are inspired to invest in educating tomorrow's leaders, you can work with us to start your own named scholarship fund. Our professional staff will work with you to develop a scholarship that aligns with your desired level of involvement in determining eligibility requirements, selecting applicants, and more.



Opportunity for impact

Higher education is more expensive and more important than ever before. According to Billions to Gain, a recent report by Helios Education Foundation and Education Forward Arizona, “postsecondary education almost certainly causes higher earnings. Moreover, long-term labor market trends indicate that high-skill, college-educated workers are much better positioned to prosper in the future across all sectors and regions of Arizona’s economy.”

Education Forward Arizona’s Education Progress Meter shows that fewer than half of Arizona high school graduates go on to pursue postsecondary degrees or vocational training the year after graduating from high school. While the reasons why students choose not to pursue higher education may vary, cost barriers are certainly a determining factor for many.

Your scholarship can make a world of difference for students at any stage of their higher education journey.

Cost breakdown for the typical in-state student at an Arizona university:

BOOKS & SUPPLIES: \$1,000

FEES: \$1,100

TRANSPORTATION: \$1,500

PERSONAL: \$2,000

BASE TUITION: \$12,000

MEALS & HOUSING: \$14,000

= \$31,600
TOTAL
ESTIMATED
COST*

2022 ESTIMATES



Your scholarship will change lives.

*Scholarship funds can only cover approved educational expenses, talk with us to find out more.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

“Having both the opportunity to attend my dream school and the ability to fund my own education feels like a dream come true. Not only will this scholarship help me feel more financially secure as I can truly put all my energy and focus into my studies, but also, it’ll act as a vessel toward achieving my career goals as a woman in STEM while breaking glass ceilings.

Without a doubt, this scholarship will jump-start my college education and adulthood, so that going forward, I can also give back and help other deserving students in the near future.”

KATHERINE WEI



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDHOLDER

More than 20 years ago, Zeff “Sonny” Prina arranged for his life savings to fulfill the hopes and dreams of local students who wish to continue their education after high school. Sonny’s estate was held in trust until the death of his brother, August Richard “Dick” Prina. Then, the value of Dick’s estate was combined with Sonny’s to establish the Prina Family Scholarship Fund, provide a match for new alumni scholarship funds at Ft. Thomas, Pima, and Thatcher high schools, and add to the Safford High School Education Foundation’s endowment.

Knowing his uncles believed in the power of education, their nephew Ted Prina established the scholarship funds with the Arizona Community Foundation to guarantee the assets would help area students forever.

“I’ve been able to expand my uncles’ dream—make it a legacy for our entire family—and more students will benefit because of it,” said Ted.



THE PRINA FAMILY

Whatever your reason, ACF is here to help.

You can partner with us to break down the economic barriers that keep students of all ages from achieving their goals. We are here to work with you to build a scholarship that aligns with your values and community needs.

Credibility and expertise

Our expert staff lead the way by establishing partnerships with higher education institutions and keeping up with the latest trends in scholarships and education grantmaking.

Flexible and customizable

ACF is one of the few scholarship providers that allows you to have autonomy over eligibility requirements, scholarship naming, and award amounts. For over 45 years, we have administered and awarded scholarships for students attending accredited universities, colleges, vocational schools, and certificate-granting programs throughout Arizona, across the country, and around the world.

Personalized service

Every scholarship fundholder is assigned a dedicated relationship manager who is available for regular meetings and support. We provide peace of mind by ensuring your fund abides by all legal requirements and advising you on the administration of your scholarship.

Student engagement

With ACF, you can take part in the student selection process or choose to engage with scholarship recipients throughout the school year. We have also established relationships with local support programs that provide the option for you to pair awardees with an educational mentor.

Diversity of applicants

Our statewide presence allows us to attract applicants from all corners of Arizona. We take the time to understand the needs of local students and intentionally outreach to communities where the need is greatest.

Types of ACF Scholarship Funds

Once you decide to move forward, your ACF relationship manager will help you choose the type of scholarship fund that best aligns with your goals and objectives. In each instance, ACF will assist you with establishing eligibility criteria, determining the number of scholarship awards and dollar amounts available during each school year, and will send money from your fund to each recipient's educational institution to be used for their tuition, course materials, books, on-campus housing and meals, and other approved expenses.

Tier 1 — Our most basic scholarship fund type enables you to provide one-year awards to a single accredited institution. That college, university, or trade school will handle scholar selection.

Tier 2 — Our most popular scholarship fund type provides the opportunity for your scholarship to be included in ACF's general application and you or your designee may choose to participate in reviewing and selecting the recipients after the application deadline each year.

Tier 3 — Our most flexible standard scholarship fund type, this option provides the same services as a Tier 2, with the possibility of yielding a larger applicant pool and allowing past year recipients to renew for additional year(s) based on criteria that you choose.

Tier 4 — If you seek additional flexibility, ACF can work with you to create a custom scholarship program that includes additional services for recipients including mentoring and enrichment programs.



Ready to get started?
Let's talk.

Our team is here to answer questions and learn more about the goals for your scholarship. Reach out today to set up a meeting.

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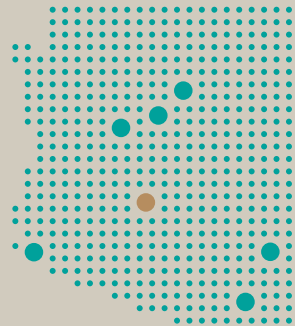
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