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College Prep In the Spring

In this newsletter you can read all about what to do during the Spring. By now, you should have submitted most of your college applications, but there is still time left at many schools. This is also the time to begin your scholarship search and applications to identify potential sources of financial aid. Finally, it is very important to complete the FAFSA with your parent(s) or guardian(s). You can read about all that and more in this month's newsletter.

Understanding Financial Aid: The Big Picture

The world of financial aid can be confusing, so you can use this general overview to gain some basic understanding of how to get money for college:

Q: What types of scholarships are out there?

A: Financial aid comes in a few forms. Scholarships are free money that can be given by the college you attend (called internal scholarships) or by private organizations and donors (called external scholarships). Normally, you will find out about potential scholarships a specific college once you are accepted for admission, either in your acceptance letter or shortly after. Scholarships can be merit-based, given for your academic record, need-based, given for those in financial need, or diversity and leadership-based, given to students from marginalized communities or students who have a history of volunteering and leadership.

Q: What else is required for scholarships?

A: Did you take the ACT? The SAT? Both? Although not all scholarships require an SAT/ACT score, it is good to have one. Check the requirements for scholarships before you apply to make sure you qualify. Additional requirements might include a personal statement, a letter of recommendation, and/or transcripts.

Q: What other types of financial aid exist?

A: Besides scholarships, students can be eligible for grants and loans. Grants are free money you can get, like scholarships, that does not need to be repaid. The most common grant is the Federal Pell Grant, given to students with financial need who complete the FAFSA. You can read about your Pell Eligibility on the email you receive when you submit the FAFSA. Loans, however, need to be repaid. For most student loans, you do not need to make payments until you graduate from college. The most common loan students use is the Direct Safford Loan, a federal student loan that is also mentioned in your FAFSA submission email (See page 3 for FAFSA info).

Q. What is the order of tasks for getting financial aid?

A. While there is no perfect approach, you should 1. Complete the FAFSA and list colleges you plan to apply to on your FAFSA (See Page 3). Check if you are eligible to receive a Pell Grant. 2. Apply to colleges and read about any potential scholarships you are awarded. 3. Calculate the remaining cost of college by subtracting any scholarships and grants you have been offered from the cost of attendance. 4. Search for and apply to additional scholarships to bring you total cost of attendance as close to zero as possible (See Page 3 for scholarship search engines).

[DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOLARSHIPS 101 PRESENTATION FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Note: Open the Scholarships 101 presentation in PowerPoint and start the slideshow with your speakers turned up to hear the live narration of each slide.

[CONTACT SABINO COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING](#)

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College and Career



Important Dates and Deadlines

The following list of dates and deadlines can help you with college and career planning. Make sure to read this list through and mark anything that applies to your personal college or career plan.

March Dates

- ◇ All Month—FAFSA Open for Submission: Completing the FAFSA is the most important thing for financial aid qualification for college. You can read more in this newsletter, but we expect all Sabino Seniors headed to college to complete the FAFSA. If you are DACA or an undocumented student, see Dr. Karaman for help with financial aid alternatives to the FAFSA. [Click Here to Complete the FAFSA](#)
- ◇ March 9—SAT Exam: Registration has now closed for this SAT. If you registered to take the SAT, make sure not to miss it and make sure to have all of the documents you need with you.
- ◇ Throughout March—Various Scholarship Applications: Make sure to add scholarship deadlines to your calendar. [Click Here for Scholarships Due in March](#)
- ◇ March 24—NACAC Virtual College Fair: A virtual college fair with over 300 colleges and universities. You can register ahead of time and indicate which schools you want to hear from. [Click Here to Register for NACAC Virtual College Fairs](#)

April Dates

- ◇ April 1—In-Person College Fair: The Rocky Mountain Association of College Admission Counseling is hosting a spring college fair at Salpointe Catholic High School on April 1st. [You can see the list of participating colleges and universities here.](#) This list does get updated on a regular basis, so keep checking! The fair is FREE for all students and counselors. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ April 8—Pima Community College Registration Begins: If you plan to attend Pima Community College in the Fall, this is the date on which registration for Fall classes begins. Registering early is a good way to make sure you get the classes you want before they fill up. See Dr. Karaman for help registering for Pima classes or [Click Here to Register for Pima Classes](#)
- ◇ April 16—ACT Test for All Juniors: All Juniors at Sabino will be taking the ACT test on campus on April 5th. The ACT test is similar to the SAT and either one can be useful when applying for colleges and scholarships. Make sure to try your best on the exam. You can find resources for how to prepare for the exam on page 9 of this newsletter.
- ◇ April 19—Registration Deadline for May SAT: This is the last day to register for the May 4th SAT testing date. Late registration is still open past this date. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ April 21—NACAC Virtual College Fair: A virtual college fair with over 300 colleges and universities. You can register ahead of time and indicate which schools you want to hear from. [Click Here to Register for NACAC Virtual College Fairs](#)
- ◇ April 23—Late Registration Deadline for May SAT: This is the final deadline to register for the May 4th SAT test. Registration after April 8th will result in a late registration fee. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ Throughout April—Various Scholarship Applications: Make sure to add scholarship deadlines to your calendar. [Click Here for Scholarships Due in April](#)
- ◇ Throughout April—College Selection Deadlines: Some colleges require an acceptance of their offer for admission beginning in April. Make sure you know which date your school requires you to accept their offer by. Failure to accept an offer of admission by the due date can result in a loss of scholarship money and/or a retraction of the acceptance offer. ***The main acceptance deadline for most schools is May 1st.***



FAFSA ALERT—SUBMIT NOW



The Federal Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA) is an essential part of the college process. The FAFSA opened on October 1st and we are tracking which students have completed it. Make sure to complete the FAFSA, along with your parent(s) or guardian(s), as soon as possible. You can read all about the FAFSA on this page.



FAFSA Checklist

Here are the steps you need to take to complete the FAFSA:

1. **Create an FSA ID:** You and just one of your parents or guardians needs to create an FSA ID. The FSA ID is a username and password you create to log in to federal student aid websites. It is a unique identifier, is attached to your social security number, and can be used as a digital signature. After creating an FSA ID, there is a 72 hour verification period before you can complete the FAFSA.
2. **Prepare the Required Information:** To complete the FAFSA, a parent or guardian will have to provide financial information, including around income and assets. Read more about the information you need here.
3. **Complete the FAFSA:** Enter student, parent, and financial info in the online FAFSA form using your FSA IDs. Make sure to list the schools you plan to apply to when asked. After completing the form, each of you will need to provide a digital signature using your FSA IDs.
4. **Receive Your Confirmation:** You will receive an email confirmation with information about Pell Grant Eligibility and loans. Then You Can View Your Submission Summary.

Click Here to see more popular questions people have about the FAFSA.

FAFSA Prize Drawing

To get our FAFSA completion rate as close to 100% as possible, we began doing monthly prize drawings beginning in February and will be going through April. If you completed the FAFSA, you will be entered in the drawing and eligible to win cool prizes. More info will be provided over email so keep your eyes out.

Scholarship Search Engines

- ⇒ [Fastweb](#)
- ⇒ [Scholarships.com](#)
- ⇒ [Cappex](#)
- ⇒ [Petersons](#)
- ⇒ [College Board](#)
- ⇒ [Niche](#)
- ⇒ [Chegg](#)
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Requesting Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation are often required for college and scholarship applications. In some cases, they are optional, but submitting a good letter of recommendation is always a safe bet. Consider all the information below when requesting letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors:

- ◇ **Make a formal request to your recommender at least three weeks before a recommendation letter is due.** Teachers and counselors are very busy and writing a letter of recommendation takes time. Ask early to give them plenty of time to write you a good letter.
- ◇ **Be ready to provide a resume to your recommender.** School staff do not have your whole list of achievements and interests memorized, so provide a resume that includes your extracurriculars, major accomplishments and awards, volunteer or community service experience, employment experience if applicable, and additional skills to make the letter writing process easier.
- ◇ **Make sure you are requesting the right recommender.** Some colleges want a letter from a teacher, others from a counselor, and some from both. Make sure you know who the school wants a letter.
- ◇ **Know that you might not be able to read a letter of recommendation.** Students have a legal right to see letters of recommendation written for them, but a lot of colleges and the CommonApp ask students to waive that right to ensure they do not have influence over the letter writing process and that the letter is honest and true. It is recommended that you do waive your rights to see a letter, so make sure you are confident that your recommender will write a good letter.
- ◇ **Write a thank you letter.** It is proper to provide a formal thank you to whoever writes a letter for you. Don't forget!

College Spotlight

Mexico State University (NMSU or NM State) is a public land-grant research university in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Founded in 1888, it is the state's oldest public institution of higher education and one of two flagship universities in New Mexico.

NMSU offers over 180 degree programs, including 28 doctoral, 58 master's, and 96 baccalaureate programs. It has approximately 22,000 students enrolled, with a faculty-to-student ratio of roughly 1 to 16. New Mexico State's athletic teams, the Aggies, compete at the NCAA Division I level in Conference USA.

NMSU is recognized as a top institution for minority students. In 2021, it was recognized as one of the Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics by Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine. A 2017 report by the National Science Foundation's National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics ranked NMSU first for federal funding for science and engineering activities for minority-serving institutions.

[Click Here to Learn More About NMSU](#)





College Fairs and Tours: In-Person and Virtual

College fairs offer a wonderful opportunity for students to meet college admissions advisors from many universities in a single setting. When the COVID-19 pandemic affected in-person events, many virtual college fairs and college tours popped up, allowing students to explore myriad colleges from home and to meet college representatives who might not travel to Tucson for an in-person fair, including those from East Coast, Southern, and Midwest schools. Below you will find information about the College Tour website for virtual campus tours and information on upcoming virtual college fairs offered by the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC).

Sabino's Senior Career Fair

We had a blast hosting a college fair on October 24th that had over 200 Seniors attend with multiple trade schools and local employers. We are looking to repeat the event in the Spring during the month of April, but we are going to make it huge! More employers, more trade schools, and more fun. Make sure to keep your ears open for information about the fair.



The College Tour is an amazing website that provides multiple, detailed, and engaging video tours of colleges all over the country. Not only do the videos help you tour campus from the comfort of your home, but they also highlight the fun aspects of student life including dorms and eateries, student events, recreation centers, and so much more. If you cannot make a campus visit, use [The College Tour](#) to check out schools outside of Tucson.

NACAC Virtual

College Fairs in the Spring

NACAC Virtual College Fairs are online, remote fairs for students and parents to attend from home. They typically have between 200-300 colleges and universities represented at each fair, so you need to register and indicate which schools you plan to meet with during the event.

NACAC Fair Schedule:

March 19: Multi Session Virtual College Fair

Apr. 23: Multi-Session Virtual College Fair

[Click Here to Register for NACAC Virtual College Fairs](#)

MEET YOUR SABINO COUNSELING TEAM

For any counseling you need that does not relate to College and Career Readiness,

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College Info and Financial Aid Workshops

With the large number of tasks associated with college admissions, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Remember that the college process is easy, but can take some time and involve a lot of little steps. Below you will find a list of upcoming workshops and other virtual events that can help with a range of topics, from Admissions 101 to FAFSA and financial aid, experts in higher education have you covered. Consider attending any of the workshops and webinars below that might help you.

UArizona, ASU, and NAU Virtual Tours: All three state universities offer virtual tours that you can do from your own home. Interested in attending on of the three universities, [Click Here](#) and scroll down to find the links for each virtual tour.

UArizona, ASU, and NAU Visits to Sabino High School: Throughout this semester, representatives will be making visits to Sabino from the three state universities. Each university will visit Sabino twice. The first visits will be to help Seniors who will be enrolling with next steps in the enrollment process and help with scholarships. The second visits will be for Juniors to attend to learn more about the schools. Please see Dr. Karaman to sign up or look for future emails with the sign up link.

FAFSA Help Sessions from Pima Community College: These sessions are hosted by PCC and provide help to students and parents when completing the FAFSA. Attendees must come ready with all the necessary materials to complete the FAFSA and will receive a step-by-step walkthrough and personalized help. Sessions will be on April 4th, May 1st, and June 1st. [Click Here for More Info.](#)

Scholarship Search Workshops from UArizona: If you plan to attend the University of Arizona next year, take advantage of their workshops on Perfecting Your Scholarship Search. Workshops are held throughout the semester via Zoom [Click Here to Sign Up.](#)

FAFSA Help Videos: The U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid division, has helpful videos on their YouTube channel. Some that are worth checking out include, [How to Create an FSA ID](#), [How to Complete the FAFSA](#), and [What Happens After You Complete the FAFSA.](#)

FAFSA Student Aid Estimator: The U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid division, has created a tool to estimate the types and amounts of financial aid you might be eligible for. This is not meant to replace completing the FAFSA, which you must still do to be eligible to receive all types of aid, but it will give you an idea of how much you might be able to receive in Pell Grants, how much your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is, and what sorts of federal student loans you might receive. [Click Here to Use the Student Aid Calculator.](#)

Sabino Peer College Coach and Next Steps Advisor: We are blessed to have a two specially trained interns working in our office everyday, a Sabino Senior and a UofA Sophomore. Our Peer College Coach and AmeriCorps Next Steps intern host one-on-one college coaching sessions for 9th-12th graders. Sign up to receive support to know what you can be doing each year and during the Summer to stay on track with your college and career plans. Please come into the counseling office to see your counselor or Dr. Karaman to request a mentoring session.



College Info and Financial Aid Workshops



tinyurl.com/pimafafsaevents

EVENTS SCHEDULE



PimaCommunityCollege

2024-2025 FAFSA EVENTS

Scan QR code for locations, registration and more!

Spring 2024 Dates

Saturday, Feb. 10 → 10 a.m.-Noon

Downtown Campus

Tuesday, March 5 → 4-6 p.m.

Desert Vista Campus

Thursday, April 4 → 4-6 p.m.

Northwest Campus

Wednesday, May 1 → 4-6 p.m.

East Campus

Saturday, June 1 → 10 a.m.-Noon.

Downtown Campus

Financial aid experts will be available to answer your questions about the 2024-2025 FAFSA.



Contact us:





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ACT and College Preparation for Juniors

All Sabino Juniors will be taking the ACT exam on April 16th on campus. The exam begins promptly when school starts, so it is very important to be on time or early to school. On the day of the exam, signs will direct Juniors to their appropriate testing room. Since the ACT exam is important for college and scholarship applications, here are some test prep resources for you to consider.

Sabino is also offering our own on-site ACT prep class, taking place at 7am before school. The course is offered for qualifying Junior and is taught by Sabino teachers in their subject areas. If you are interested in enrolling in our own on-site ACT prep class, please **contact Mr. Marks** in the counseling office. Our amazing teachers helping guide this course are Ms. Slaine for English prep and Mrs. Bain for math prep.

Revolution Prep, a well known and respected company in the test prep industry, has graciously offered to provide a suite of free test prep services to Sabino students. One of the best ways to prepare for an ACT test is to do practice tests in the same setting and with the same time restrictions as the real thing.

Every week, Sabino Juniors can take a free, online, proctored ACT exam provided by Revolution Prep. They will also be provided a score report identifying how they did and where they have room for improvement. The exam typically begins at 10:00 am Arizona time.

Additionally, for Juniors and their families who want to get studying and practicing for the ACT, the ACT itself puts out an amazing array of free practice materials and study guides. They also offer free webinars to help plan and prepare for the ACT. Here are some highlights of what they offer:

The ACT Test Guide: This guide was designed to make understanding all things ACT as simple as possible. With information about ACT test dates, fee waivers, and test prep, you'll find everything you need to succeed on test day.

Subject-Specific Practice Questions: If you feel like you are already strong in a specific subject area, but struggling in another, these focused practice questions will help you brush up where you need it. Practice questions are available in Science, English, Math, and Reading.

Live Prep Classes: Through their partnership with Kaplan Test Prep, the ACT offers bi-monthly, online, live classes to prepare for the exam. A team of top-rated teachers who scored in the 99th percentile on the ACT test, show students what to study and how to study during a series of engaging live classes. Get all of your questions answered in real time

Online Official ACT Practice Test: This online, full-length practice test will give you a real feel for the actual exam. Not only does it give you a full score report, but it provides you with materials to help study for the areas in which you can improve.



Unique Scholarship Opportunities

With so many scholarships out there, it can be hard to find ones that are the perfect fit for you. In this section, we highlight a number of scholarships that might be perfect for TUSD students. Make sure to read the eligibility requirements to make sure you are able to apply.

We're thrilled to remind everyone of the launch of the **Arizona Promise Grant**, a state grant program that will make a University of Arizona education even more accessible for Arizona residents. Beginning with the Fall 2022 semester, all qualifying incoming Wildcats now have the cost of their tuition, mandatory fees, tuition differentials and program fees covered for up to four years. To receive the Arizona Promise Grant, incoming students must:

- Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant
- Have a minimum 2.5 unweighted, 6th semester core GPA
- Hold Arizona residency for tuition purposes
- Be a domestic, first-year student
- Enroll full-time (12+ units) at the Main Campus

Talk to Dr. Karaman if you have questions about the Arizona Promise Grant.

Pima Community College offers great tuition scholarships for students who plan to attend in Fall 2024. Their **Pima Excellence and Pima Merit Tuition Awards** can cover up to full tuition for former high school students. The Pima Excellence Tuition Award can provide up to 24 Credits of tuition coverage to students with a high school GPA of 2.5 or above. The Pima Merit Tuition Award can provide up to 32 Credits of tuition coverage to students with a high school GPA of 3.0 or above. To learn more and apply, go to [The Pima Community College Scholarship Webpage](#) or [Email Their Scholarship Office](#).

The Access2Excellence Scholarship at Northern Arizona University offers full tuition to any incoming students who have a household income of \$65,000 or less. This scholarship is in addition to any Pell Grant or academic scholarship funds that you might have already received. To receive the scholarship, you must have applied to and been accepted to NAU and you must have completed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).





Unique Scholarship Opportunities

The following scholarships are available to students who completed a program with **Pima JTED**. If you participated in a JTED program, this is a great opportunity to get free help with college. The scholarships offered by the Pima JTED Foundation are listed below and you should **Apply Online by March 29th.**

Pima JTED Foundation Grants Workplace Awards: This gives up to \$1,500 to eligible graduating seniors who will be entering the workforce upon graduation and can demonstrate a need for tools, equipment, licensure or fees required to work in the field. Award recipients are expected to commit to work in the field for a minimum of one year. Students are eligible to receive this award up to two years post high school graduation. Awards will be granted annually by August 31st.

UA Tuition Assistance for Bioscience and Engineering: Designated for future University of Arizona students majoring in a related field of Bioscience and/or Engineering. Approximately 20 awards will be given each year.

Future Success: This sponsors scholarships of up to \$5,000 to eligible graduating seniors pursuing a CTE related field of study at a post-secondary institution.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Tucson Chapter: This sponsors a scholarship of up to \$1,000 to an eligible student pursuing further education in the field of nursing. Student must have completed JTED program in one of the following areas: Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA), Community Health Worker, or Medical Assistant.

Mining and Minerals Education Foundation (MMEF): This sponsors scholarships of up to \$2,000 to eligible student(s) pursuing further education in a course of study which supports the mining industry. Student must have completed JTED program in one of the following areas: Engineering – Aerospace and Mining Technology, Construction Technology, Heavy Equipment Operations, Welding, Mechanical Drafting, Automation/Robotics-Logistics, Optic, AI, Automotive Technology

O’Rielly Automotive: This sponsors scholarships of up to \$2,000 to eligible student(s) pursuing further education in the automotive field at Pima Community College. Student(s) must have participated in a JTED automotive program.

Southern Arizona Construction Career Days (SACCD): This sponsors scholarships/workplace awards of up to \$5,000 to eligible student(s) pursuing further education in a course of study which supports the construction industry or for eligible students entering the workforce upon graduation who can demonstrate a need for tools, equipment, licensure or fees required to work in the field.

Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME): This sponsors scholarships of up to \$3,000 to eligible student(s) pursuing further education in a course of study which supports the mining industry. Student(s) must have completed JTED program in one of the following areas: Engineering – Aerospace and Mining Technology, Construction Technology, Heavy Equipment Operations, Welding, Mechanical Drafting, Automation/Robotics-Logistics, Optic, AI, Automotive Technology

Thomas R. Brown Private Family Foundation (TRBF): This sponsors scholarships of \$5,000 to eligible graduating seniors pursuing a CTE related field of study at a post-secondary institution. This scholarship is eligible for renewal.



Unique Scholarship Opportunities



& the Family of Jim & Robbie Dick

are proud to announce the 3rd year of the Jim and Robbie Dick Memorial Social Justice Scholarship in memory of Jim and Robbie Dick's volunteer service toward furthering equity, peace, social justice, human rights, and cultural understanding.

One award of \$5,000 will be awarded each year to a Tucson area high school senior applicant who has been an active volunteer in promoting these values, passions, and goals and who is going on to a university, community college, or trade school.

Eligibility:

Tucson area high school seniors who are/have been involved in some sort of community service project(s) related to social justice, equity and cultural understanding (such as volunteering with Iskashitaa, participating in or having a leadership role in school programs, city/county programs, church/civic organizations, etc).

Required Documentation

- Two letters of recommendation
- Official high school transcript
- Resume of volunteer work
- Essay (500-750 words): Why is a commitment to furthering social justice, equity, human rights, and cross-cultural understanding important?

for more info and application:

www.iskashitaa.org/scholarships

or scan here



Deadline 4/1/2024



Arizona Prince Hall Mason Foundation

Raymond Smith II



(623) 226-8191

<http://scholarships.azprincehallmasonfoundation.org>

Exciting opportunity alert!

The Arizona Prince Hall Mason Foundation is offering 4-year full ride scholarships to Langston University, a prestigious Historically Black College and University in Oklahoma. Don't miss your chance to pursue higher education without the financial burden. Apply now and unlock a world of possibilities at Langston University!

Visit our website for more information and to complete the application



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Unique Scholarship Opportunities



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Graduating TUSD seniors are eligible for College Scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$4,200!

Apply by April 15th, 2024

More information at:
eef Tucson.org/college-scholarships


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Deadline : April 12, 2024
Apply at GAOBETA.WIXSITE.COM/UOFA

Requirements :

- Female (or identifying as Female) Senior attending a southern Arizona High School
- At least a 3.0 GPA
- Must be attending the University of Arizona in Fall 2024



WHAT IS PROP 308?

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Prop 308 provides in-state tuition for Undocumented high school graduates in Arizona if they meet a set of qualifications.



QUALIFICATIONS



- Attended a school in Arizona for a minimum of two years
- Graduated from a public school, private school, or homeschool in Arizona or attained a GED in AZ

FOR SOME CONTEXT

STATE AID

State financial aid is now available to Undocumented students even if they don't meet the Prop 308 residency requirements. This includes fee waivers, tuition waivers, scholarships, and grants given by colleges or organizations. Each opportunity will have its own requirements.



FEDERAL AID

Undocumented students cannot receive federal aid such as FASFA and the Pell Grant. We do not recommend Undocumented or DACAmented students apply unless a scholarship asks for it.

IF I DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROP 308, WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

If you don't qualify for in-state tuition under Prop 308, you can still receive state aid if you meet the requirements of the specific opportunity. You can also apply to private scholarships.

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

All students pay the same tuition at private institutions. Private institutions are able to offer financial aid to students regardless of immigration status. Some examples in AZ are Grand Canyon University and Prescott College.

EXAMPLES OF SCHOLARSHIPS



- Golden Door Scholarship
- Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program
- The DREAMUS Scholarship
- Victoria Teresa Arias Memorial Foundation Scholarship
- Dollars For Scholars
- Marce Christensen Gould Memorial Scholarship
- For more visit our scholarship list: [ScholarshipsA-Z - Scholarships](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS a-z

Scholarships Due in March

Open to Undocumented Students

Opens 03/08

Award \$2,500

Vantage West Scholarship Program

Open to applicants who have applied to or have been accepted to an Arizona college or university. Must be graduating high school in the Spring of 2024, a high school graduate before 2024, or a current college or university student or graduate. They also must be either a Vantage West Member or have a parent or legal guardian who is a Vantage West Member in good standing.

For more information, eligibility criteria, & to apply visit: vantagewest.org/about/community/scholarship-program/

Due 03/26

Award \$FullRide

Prescott College Freedom Fund

The Freedom Education Fund scholarship is open to applicants who are Undocumented (with or without DACA), and attend an on-campus undergraduate program at Prescott College. They must also submit an essay of 150 words per topic, and submit the Prescott College application alongside their scholarship application.

For more information, eligibility criteria, & to apply visit: prescott.edu/admissions/scholarships/

Due 03/29

Award \$1,000

Chin: Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship

Applicants must be current or rising freshmen or full-time undergraduates at a 2-year or 4-year college/university in 2024-2025, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. They or their parents must work at an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant. Applicants must support community advocacy for Asian Americans, immigrants, LGBTQ+, and/or other progressive causes, and be of any ethnic heritage.

For more information, eligibility criteria, & to apply visit:

asianpacificfund.org/what-we-do/scholarships/apply-for-scholarship/#chin

SCHOLARSHIPS a-z



Summer Programs for Juniors

A LOT OF JUNIORS LIKE TO SPEND SOME OF THEIR SUMMER TIME BY ATTENDING A COLLEGE-BOUND PROGRAM. THESE PROGRAMS OFTEN TAKE PLACE AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND GIVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE CAMPUS LIFE AND TAKE REAL COLLEGE CLASSES. BELOW ARE SOME OF THE MANY SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR JUNIORS YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT. YOU CAN ALSO SEE DR. KARAMAN FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER PROGRAMS

◇ *Anytown Leadership Camp* is the premier diversity, leadership and social-justice program in Arizona – empowering youth to become change-agents in their schools and in their communities. Our program is the only one of its kind with an almost 100 -year history and the only leadership program that intentionally brings together teenagers of different cultures, faiths groups and other social identifiers to learn appropriate and effective methods of discussing difficult topics, such as differences of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and other social identifiers. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

◇ *The University of Arizona Summer Programs* are a set of amazing, interactive, and mostly in-person programs on the UofA campus which range anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. Click on the topics below to learn more about their summer programs include:

◇ [Astronomy](#)

◇ [Business](#)

◇ [STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math](#)

◇ [Medical](#)

◇ [Engineering](#)

◇ *The César E. Chávez Leadership Institute at ASU* seeks to improve access to higher education for Arizona high school students entering their junior and senior year by providing, at no cost to students, a variety of enriching experiences emphasizing leadership development and civic engagement, while advocating for the completion of high school, attending college and educational opportunities at Arizona State University. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

◇ *The Global Health Leadership Conference at Johns Hopkins University* is a student and faculty-led program open to students in grades 9-12. Through the conference, students from around the world learn about issues in global health, public health, and medicine through world-class lectures from leaders in these fields, develop connections with like-minded exceptional students, and share their own work and ideas on global health-related topics at the international scale. Featured speakers at the conference have included leading global health researchers, renowned professors, physicians, policy developers, and Nobel Prize winners. [FIND OUT MORE BY CLICKING HERE](#)

◇ *USC's Four-Week College Immersion Program* provides high school students like you with university experience in a subject area of their choice. Courses are interactive, engaging and challenging, allowing you to explore new areas of study or build on your high school coursework. Depending on the specific course, you may expect group work, hands-on lab experience, field trips, guest speakers, and/or an encompassing final project. You may register for only one course, as each course requires five to six hours of instruction per day; you won't have time for more than one. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)



Junior Year Checklist

If you are a Junior at Sabino, this is the semester you want to really ramp up your college and career planning. Please read the checklist below and see your College and Career Readiness Coordinator or Peer College Coach for help and advice.

- ❑ Work with your counselor to set your senior schedule. Enroll in the most challenging courses. Course enrollment is currently taking place.
- ❑ Register for a spring SAT and/or ACT. Ask your counselor whether you should also take an SAT Subject Test. All Sabino Juniors will be taking the ACT on April 5th on campus (See calendar on page 2 for important registration dates).
- ❑ Explore summer opportunities on college campuses—a great way to find out what college life is all about. Attending these programs can also boost your chance of getting into your dream school. See Dr. Karaman in the counseling office for information about Summer college immersion programs.
- ❑ Start researching colleges and universities. Go to college fairs and open houses. Learn as much as you can about colleges online (See the information on NACAC virtual college fairs on page 4 for some free, accessible, online college fairs).
- ❑ Begin planning college visits. Try to visit colleges near you over Spring or Summer break. Include a large, medium size, and small campus. Most colleges are also offering virtual tours of their campuses (See page 5 for link to NAU, ASU, and UA virtual tours).
- ❑ Develop a preliminary list of colleges that interest you. You can use different college search engines online like the [Big Future College Search Engine](#) or the [Princeton Review College Search Engine](#).
- ❑ Take a look at some college applications. Make note of all the pieces of information you will need to compile. Make a list of teachers, counselors, employers, and other adults who could write letters of recommendation (See page 4 for information on how to request a letter of recommendation once you are a Senior).
- ❑ Consider lining up a summer job or internship. These can not only help you get valuable experience, but they look great on college and job applications.
- ❑ Begin thinking about your applications. Generally, colleges will have their applications online by the beginning of August. Typically, the earlier you apply to colleges and universities, the better scholarships you will be offered by them.
- ❑ Begin to develop a resumé including your work history, education, volunteer experience, extracurriculars, and skills. [Download our Resumé Builder presentation to begin building your resumé.](#)



Career and Technical Education Corner

Do you want to jumpstart your career? Are you not planning on attending a 4-year college or university? Do you want to earn industry credentials or certificates and become prepared for a career right out of high school? Read some of the info below for information on career and technical education programs.

◇Pima Community College and TUSD collaborate to provide JTED programs that provide students with professional certifications in a range of fields. To enroll in a JTED program for the 2024-25 year, students must complete a pre-enrollment form online beginning on January 30th. JTED programs provide both high school credits and college credits. JTED students leave Sabino early to go to another school site to take their JTED classes. [CLICK HERE TO SEE A LISTING OF JTED COURSES.](#) Once you have a course you are interested in, [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE PRE-ENROLLMENT.](#)

◇Sabino offers [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\)](#) courses in Sports Medicine and Graphic/Web Design. Our sports medicine program is taught by Mrs. Gonzalez and our Graphic/Web Design programs are taught by Ms. Caucci and Mr. O'Donnell. If you have already taken courses with either of them, continuing those courses for a second year can make you eligible for professional certifications. The Graphic/Web Design CTE Program can lead to a professional certification in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop. The Sports Medicine Program can lead to an OSHA-10 Certification. See your counselor (contact info on page 4) for information on how to enroll in our CTE classes.

◇In addition to the programs listed above, if you want to jumpstart your career, it is important to begin to develop a resumé including your work history, education, volunteer experience, extracurriculars, and skills/certifications. To do so, we recommend [downloading and viewing our Resume Building Presentation.](#) To view it, just play the slideshow on PowerPoint with your speakers or headphones on.

◇The Davis Monthan Air Force Base Exchange (DAMFB Exchange) is actively hiring high school students in the shops and restaurants they run on base, including Qdoba, Burger King, and many more. The starting pay is very good and the jobs have great benefits. You can also [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the DMAFB Exchange website or [CLICK HERE](#) to email the job recruiter, Erika Zuniga.

◇Last year, TUSD partnered with MajorClarity to provide a robust, career-planning platform for all of our students. Last semester, we introduced all Juniors and Seniors to the platform and this semester we will do the same with Freshmen and Sophomores. The MajorClarity platform can be accessed through Clever and has a bunch of tools that students can use to prepare for college and a career. Students can explore hundreds of careers, hear from people working in those fields, and even do interactive activities to see if they might enjoy that career pathway. Students and parents are highly encouraged to use the platform to help think about what they might want to study and do after graduation from Sabino. [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS CLEVER](#) and then proceed to the MajorClarity icon.

◇Sabino will also be hosting a Career Fair in April for all Juniors and Seniors. We will have local and corporate employers set up to talk with students about job opportunities they can apply for immediately, representatives from the Armed Services, and local trade schools. This is perfect for Juniors looking to start their first job and Seniors looking to launch their careers. Keep your eyes out for more information on the fair from Dr. Karaman later this semester.