

SABERCAT COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back Sabercats

You are reading this year's first issue of the Sabercat College and Career Newsletter produced by your counselor team here at Sabino. Inside you will find important dates and deadlines, college application info, career readiness resources, and financial aid info. Make sure to read it through and focus on what applies to your college or career pathway.

Creating a College Timeline

When preparing for college, it is helpful to ask the following:

Q: What is the college application deadline?

A: Different schools have different application deadlines. Make sure to check each school you plan to apply to and add that deadline in your calendar. Also, read about the differences between Early Action, Early Decision, and Rolling Admissions.

Q: What tests are required?

A: Did you take the ACT? The SAT? Both? Although not all colleges require an SAT/ACT score, it is good to have one, including for scholarships. Check the registration and test dates online and put them in your calendar.

Q: What other dates to I need?

A: After admission and test deadlines, financial aid is the next area to have on your calendar. First, it is essential you complete the FAFSA with your parents/guardians which opens on December 1st. You also want to note the deadlines of any scholarships you plan to apply to.

Give Yourself Plenty of Time

Do not wait until a deadline to start on a task. If a college application is due on the 15th of December, plan to start completing it a month earlier to give yourself plenty of time to work on a personal statement, send in test scores and transcripts, and review your application with a parent/guardian or with your College and Career

"It isn't where you came from, it is where you are going that counts."

-Ella Fitzgerald

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world."

-Malala Yousafzai

"You can't just sit there and wait for people to give you that golden dream. You've got to get out there and make it happen for yourself."

-Diana Ross

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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.

November Dates

- ◇ November 1—FAFSA Preparation: This is the time to begin creating an FSA ID for students and one or more parents/guardians. Every student and at least one parent/guardian needs to create an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. An FSA ID is basically a username that can be used to access the FAFSA form when it opens in December (See page 3 for more details about the FAFSA). [Click Here to Create Your FSA ID](#)
- ◇ November 3—Registration deadline for ACT: This registration deadline is for the ACT that will be held on December 9th. This ACT would be good for Seniors looking for a second chance to raise their score. There is a late registration deadline if you miss this one. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ November 17—Late Registration Deadline for ACT: This late registration deadline applies to the ACT that will be held on December 9th. If you need to take or retake the ACT, this is the latest recommended date to do so to be able to send in your scores with college applications. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ November 21—Late Registration Deadline for SAT: This late registration deadline applies to the SAT that will be held on December 2. If you need to take or retake the SAT, this is the latest recommended date to do so to be able to send in your scores with college applications. [Click Here To Register](#)
- ◇ November 28—Tri-University Virtual Student Workshop: This workshop for students and their families will provide you with in depth updates from each university in one convenient session. You will have the opportunity to learn about new programs, very important updates to the FAFSA for the 24-25 years, review of admission requirements and the evaluation process. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ Throughout November—Various Scholarship Applications: While most scholarships are not due until the Winter or after New Year's, some are due as early as September. Make sure to add scholarship deadlines to your calendar. [Click Here for Scholarships Due in November](#)

December Dates

- ◇ December 5—Registration Deadline for SAT: This registration deadline is for the SAT that will be held on November 4th. If you need to take or retake the SAT, this is the latest recommended date to do so to be able to send in your scores with college applications. Late registration deadline is October 24th. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ December 7—ACT Testing: This is the last ACT test date during the Fall semester. Late registration is due on November 17th. [Click Here to Register](#)
- ◇ Throughout December—Various Scholarship Applications: Make sure to add scholarship deadlines to your calendar. [Click Here for Scholarships Due in December](#)
- ◇ December 24-January 7—Winter Break is a great time to work on scholarship applications. Before break, plan a schedule for yourself listing which scholarships you plan to apply to and when. With the free time of break, try to set of goal of applying to at least four scholarships. While some scholarship applications are very quick, those ones typically have a lot of applicants, so try to complete applications for larger scholarships that require an essay, letters of recommendation, or transcripts/test scores. [Download our SCHOLARSHIPS 101 PRESENTATION for more info about how to search 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).



FAFSA ALERT—DECEMBER 1ST

The Federal Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA) is an essential part of the college process. This federal form is used to determine your eligibility for need-based financial aid. Make sure to have your parents or legal guardians with you to provide household financial information. The FAFSA opens on December 1st and should be completed by you as soon as possible.



FAFSA FAQs

Here are some answers to common FAFSA questions:

Q: Where can I complete the FAFSA?

A: Go to StudentAid.gov to complete the FAFSA or [Click Here](#).

Q: If my parents make a lot of money, should I still complete the FAFSA?

A: Yes. The FAFSA is often a requirement for other scholarships, not just scholarships based on financial need. You do not want to miss out on a scholarship because you did not fill it out.

Q: If I am an undocumented or DACA student, can I complete the FAFSA?

A: It depends. DACA students with a Social Security Number are eligible to complete the FAFSA. For non-DACA undocumented students, you cannot complete the FAFSA. However, there is a ton of financial aid out there so [contact Dr. Karaman](#) to learn more in a confidential setting. You can also [Click Here](#) to learn more about the FAFSA for undocumented and DACA students.

Q: Where can I find other FAFSA FAQs?

A: [Click Here](#) to see more popular questions people have about the FAFSA.

FAFSA Gift Card Drawing

To get our FAFSA completion rate as close to 100% as possible, we will be doing monthly drawings beginning in January and going through March. If you completed the FAFSA, you will be entered in the drawing and eligible to win a gift card. More info will be provided during the month of January so keep your ears open.

Scholarship Search Engines

- ⇒ [Fastweb](#)
- ⇒ [Scholarships.com](#)
- ⇒ [Cappex](#)
- ⇒ [Petersons](#)
- ⇒ [College Board](#)
- ⇒ [Niche](#)
- ⇒ [Chegg](#)
- ⇒ [Scholly](#)

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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 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 our recent Sabino Career Fair, information about the College Tour website, and information on 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. We had fifteen trade schools present, including Brookline, The Refrigeration School, Universal Technical Institute, Arizona School of beauty, and many, many more. Students had a chance to talk to admissions representatives and learn more about the perks of each school. We were also pleased to have The Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force present for interested students. Thanks to everyone who attended!

NACAC Virtual College Fairs

NACAC Virtual College Fairs are online, remote fairs for students and parents to attend from home. They typically have between 200-300 schools represented at each fair, so you need to register and indicate which schools you plan to meet with during the event. All NACAC Virtual Fairs take place from 10am-3pm Arizona time.

NACAC Fair Schedule:

November 12th

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



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. [Click Here to Start Exploring Virtual College Tours](#)

MEET YOUR SABINO COUNSELING TEAM

For any counseling you need that does not relate to College and Career Readiness, you can reach out to our amazing counseling team:

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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

Hastings College is a beautiful educational environment located in Hastings, Nebraska. Recently, many Sabino students, especially athletes, have found their home at Hastings. With their school colors of crimson and white, the Hastings Broncos has 25 athletic teams, including football, soccer, basketball, and baseball. There are more than 50 clubs, organizations and honorary societies for students to join on campus related to student government, peer education, religion, special interests and more.

Hastings College has 40+ majors and more than a dozen pre-professional programs. Hastings students study abroad in places such as England, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Peru, Honduras, Thailand, Canada and more. The oldest building on campus, McCormick Hall (see image below), has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1975.

[CLICK HERE to Learn More About Hastings College](#)





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.

ACT Re-Testing Preparation

If you are looking to re-take the ACT to boost your score and help with college applications or scholarship eligibility, we have something for you. 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.

On November 11th, from 9:00a.m.—1:00 p.m. Revolution Prep will have an online practice test that replicates the exact testing conditions of the ACT. Do not miss this valuable opportunity.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRACTICE ACT](#)



Local Scholarship Opportunities



"MAKING THE MOVE" ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Financial literacy and personal financial management is now a high school requirement for graduation.

The Tucson Association of REALTORS values the importance of financial literacy and the critical timing of it in their economic condition.

We are proud to announce the "Making the Move" scholarship program.

This program recognizes high school seniors, college and trade school students who demonstrate knowledge in financial literacy.

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in fall and spring on behalf of the scholarship recipients to an accredited college, university or trade school.



Essay Contest Details \$1,000 Scholarship

Answer the below question:

What habits are you going to develop and implement in your monthly routine in order to build a financial basis that will allow you future homeownership?

Essay requirements:

Must be a high school senior or currently enrolled in a college, university or trade school in greater Tucson.

Must be accepted/enrolled in college, university or trade school.

Answer the above question with either a 300-500 word typed essay (single spaced) OR a 2-3 minute video.

BE CREATIVE!!

Essay Deadline: November 27, 2023

Winner Announced: No later than December 8, 2023

Please submit essays or videos to essay@tucsonrealtors.org. For more information, please contact Jolene Steinberg at 520-327-4218 xt 130



Raymond Smith II

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<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



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
www.langston.edu



HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST



This essay contest is in honor of the National Day of Racial Healing event in Tucson, Arizona on January 13, 2024.

Essay Theme

Submit your essay on this theme by November 20, 2023.

Racial Healing...What does it mean to me, and how can our community build a path towards racial healing?

Essay Guidelines

- 250 - 500 Words
- Times New Roman 12 pt. font
- Double Spaced
- Microsoft Word or PDF format

Eligibility

This essay contest is for high school students in Grades 9 - 12 as well as high school-aged youth.

Awards

The top 3 finalists at each grade level will receive a First, Second, and Third place award.

\$100 \$75 \$50



For more information on how to enter and find the criteria for judging the essays go to <https://bit.ly/TucsonNDRH> or scan QR code.



25th Anniversary HISPANIC HERITAGE YOUTH AWARDS

Latino high school seniors will receive educational grants and be celebrated as leaders in their communities

Categories include:

- ▶ Community Service
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Entrepreneurship & Business
- ▶ Healthcare & Science
- ▶ Media & Entertainment
- ▶ Public Service & Social Justice
- ▶ Sustainability
- ▶ Technology

DEADLINE
Nov 13, 2023

Apply now
hispanicheritage.org



Scholarship Fair

Please join us for our first scholarship fair.

Come meet scholarship donors and community partners who are invested in your education!

NOV. 14, 2023
10 A.M.-2 P.M.



DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
AMETHYST ROOM

Scan QR code to view the calendar event.
<https://tinyurl.com/plmascholarshipfair23>

Have questions?
Email scholarships@pima.edu

OPPORTUNITIES

There will be opportunities to speak with scholarship donors and the PCC Scholarship Team to learn about the various scholarships, tuition assistance programs, and resource opportunities available for current and prospective Pima students!



To Whom it May Concern:

A Legacy of Excellence College Scholarship Committee and Tucson Unified School District's Department of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusiveness - in partnership with the Educational Enrichment Foundation- awards scholarships each year to *African American seniors graduating from TUSD* who demonstrate outstanding commitment to learning, community, and legacy. These students demonstrate a desire to further their education and build an empowering future. The scholarship funds may be used towards college, university, or vocational studies of the student's choice.

Student winners will be honored *May 4, 2024* at an *A Legacy of Excellence College Scholarship Banquet Event* at J.W. Marriott Starr Pass Resort and Spa.

A Legacy of Excellence College Scholarship Committee will award 10 scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

APPLICATION DUE:

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

@ 11:30pm

Application *open now*, available at:
<https://forms.gle/7xNAeQVXun8USWM8>
and tusd1.org/Legacy

Selection for the 2023-2024 scholarship awards will be based on the following:

- Minimum 3.2 *weighted* GPA
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a school official and one from any personal reference of your choice submitted to:
<https://forms.gle/tvqwUdnwdUH5Zpat5>
- Responses to three application questions
- 400-600-word essay response to: *"How has your community shaped you and how have you impacted your community?"*
- Resume or Brag Sheet

Legacy Scholarship Application Support Workshops
available on the following *Tuesday* dates from 6pm-7pm via Zoom:

<https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/89718300914>

Meeting ID: 897 1830 0914

- October 3rd
- December 12th



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
- Marge Christensen Gould Memorial Scholarship
- For more visit our scholarship list: [ScholarshipsA-Z - Scholarships](#)

Scholarships Due in November

Open to Undocumented Students

Opens 11/01

Award Full Ride

The Dream.US National Scholarship

Applicants must be Undocumented, with or without DACA/ TPS, have come to the U.S. before the age of 16, before Nov. 1, 2018, & have continuously lived here since then. Can cover your tuition and fees at one of their Partner Colleges & is renewable each year through the completion of a bachelor's degree.

Application closes February 29, 2024!

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

thedream.us/scholarships/

Due 11/13

Award \$4,000

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards

The Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including Community Service, Education, Engineering and more! Applicants must be Hispanic high school seniors graduating in 2024 with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

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

hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/

Due 11/30

Award \$1,000

2024 Rumba Meats Scholarship

Rumba is awarding 25 post-secondary academic scholarships to help empower today's Hispanic youth. Applicants must be high school seniors graduating in Spring 2024 with a minimum 2.5 GPA and enrolled at an accredited college or university full-time for the 2024 / 2025 academic school year.

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

ushli.org/rumba/

SCHOLARSHIPS A-Z



Job Opportunities




scan the QR code to visit AZCorps.org



ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS

Looking to work and live in beautiful Arizona?

Join us!

Your office is the great outdoors! Each crew consists of about 6 members and 2 leaders. Crews serve and camp for 8 days at a time in either frontcountry (access to your crew vehicle and trailer), or backcountry (hiking all your supplies in with backpacks) locations, in all types of weather conditions. You will complete conservation projects using a variety of manual and power tools, and participate in environmental education activities.

Pay for Crew Leaders: \$700-800 per week DOE

Pay for Crew Members: \$600 per week

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Interested? Have questions? Contact our Recruitment Coordinators via email!

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Pima County Workforce Investment Board Youth Council & Pima County One Stop Arizona @ Work



Job and Career Fair

Hospitality Industry

Security, Culinary, Housekeeping

Grounds Maintenance, Sales, Customer Service

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Casino of the Sun

7406 S. Camino de Oeste Tucson, Arizona 85746

Registration Required by 4:00 pm on January 10, 2024.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/a6rzvnb>

Employers

- Loews Ventana Canyon Resort
- La Paloma Resort and Spa
- Omni Tucson National Resort
- El Conquistador Tucson
- Casino Del Sol Resort
- JW Marriott Tucson Star Pass



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