

Top-Ranked Schools that Meet 100% Financial Need with Need-Based Aid

A number of top ranking colleges and universities which claim to meet 100% of a students' financial need with need-based institutional aid. This means, that if you are accepted into one of the schools below and your family has a low-income level, you most likely will not need to take out loans if the school determines that your family income makes you eligible for full need-based aid. Some students' family incomes may suggest that they can pay for at least some of the fees and tuition for these schools, and the school will still provide money to meet the families partway. For instance, if a school's yearly tuition is \$40,000 per year, and the student can only pay for \$10,000, the school may provide \$30,000 to meet the student partway. In some instances, students may still need to take out student loans. Additionally, students should be aware that while an initial financial-aid package upon a student's admission into a school may not contain student loans, in following years (sophomore—senior years), institutional need-based aid for a student this may decrease, and student loan suggestions may increase.

The good news is that it is not just the Ivy League schools like Harvard University, Stanford University, and Princeton University, which are very competitive and difficult to get accepted into. Still, the following top-ranking schools tend to require higher-than-average scores and G.P.A.'s for acceptance, so it is still important to do your best with academics. In-state tuition scholarships for Arizona universities are available for in-state students with financial need, but this often is dependent on academic performance.

School Name (State)	School Name (State)	School Name (State)
Amherst College (MA)	Hamilton College (NY)	Thomas Aquinas College (CA)
Barnard College (NY)	Harvard University (MA)	Trinity College (CT)
Bates College (ME)	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	Tufts University (MA)
Boston College	Haverford College (PA)	Union College (NY)
Bowdoin College (ME)	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	U.S. Air Force Academy
Brown University (RI)	Kenyon College (OH)	U.S. Military Academy
Bryn Mawr College (PA)	Lafayette College (PA)	U.S. Naval Academy
California Institute of Technology	Macalester College (MN)	University of Chicago
Carleton College (MN)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
Claremont McKenna College (CA)	Middlebury College (VT)	University of Notre Dame (IN)
Colby College (ME)	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University (NY)	Northwestern University (IL)	University of Richmond (VA)
College of the Holy Cross (MA)	Oberlin College (OH)	University of Southern California
Colorado College	Occidental College (CA)	University of Virginia (if <200% of poverty level)
Columbia University (NY)	Pitzer College (CA)	Vanderbilt University (TN)
Connecticut College	Pomona College (CA)	Vassar College (NY)
Cornell University (NY)	Princeton University (NJ)	Wake Forest University (NC)
Dartmouth College (NH)	Rice University (TX)	Washington and Lee University (VA)
Davidson College (NC)	Salem College (NC)	Washington University in St. Louis
Duke University (NC)	Scripps College (CA)	Wellesley College (MA)
Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	Smith College (MA)	Wesleyan University (CT)
Georgetown University (DC)	Stanford University (CA)	Williams College (MA)
Grinnell College (IA)	Swarthmore College (PA)	Yale University (CT)

The financial need data above are correct as of Sept. 21, 2017. Source: US News <https://bit.ly/2igK4MM>

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Scholarships for High-Achieving Arizona Students

Flinn Scholarship

<https://www.flinn.org/>

Requirements/Description:

U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (Green Card holder); Be an Arizona resident for two years immediately preceding entry to the university. As a general rule, Flinn Scholarship applicants should: participate and demonstrate leadership in a variety of extracurricular activities; Attain at least a 3.5 GPA (unweighted); Rank in the top 5 percent of their graduating class; Score a minimum 29 on the ACT (composite score), or 1360 on the SAT I (ERW+M).

Award:

Cost of tuition, fees, room and board and at least two study-abroad experiences. The overall financial package is valued at more than \$115,000.

Deadline:

October 2019 TBD

Dorrance Scholarship

<http://www.dorrancescholarship.org/>

Requirements/Description:

First generation to attend college (neither parent/step-parent, living or deceased, or legal guardian holds a four year degree from any country); Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA (weighted or unweighted); Minimum combined SAT score of 1040 (Taken prior to March 1, 2018)/ 1120 (Taken after March 1, 2018) OR composite ACT score of 22 (excludes writing score in both instances); Admitted to one of Arizona's three residential public universities (Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, University of Arizona); Demonstrated financial need (www.fafsa.ed.gov); Demonstrated leadership and volunteer service.

Award:

Up to \$12,000 for 8 semesters

Deadline:

Phase I Deadline:
February 2020 TBD
Phase II Deadline:
March 2020 TBD

College Success Arizona

<https://collegesuccessarizona.org/>

Requirements/Description:

Be an active member of, and recommended by, one of College Success Arizona's College Access Partner Organizations (link here: <http://bit.ly/2ygpISm>); Demonstrate high potential and motivation to succeed in college; Be a graduate of an Arizona high school and entering college or university as a first-time enrollee; Enroll in an Arizona community college, college or university; Must meet the criteria to receive Federal Student Aid, be Pell Grant eligible, and able to demonstrate significant financial need as reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Award:

Up to \$6,000 per year for 4 years/ \$2,000 - \$3,000 per semester fro 8 semesters + mentoring & success services.

Deadline:

March 2020 TBD

Arizona Community Foundation

<https://www.azfoundation.org/>

Requirements/Description:

The Arizona Community Foundation manages more than 120 scholarship funds. Each scholarship has individual eligibility criteria. Your eligibility for awards will be determined based on your answers to the questions on the General Application. For this reason, students should read and answer each question carefully and completely. Visit the online application portal here: <https://azfoundation.academicworks.com/> to read about the available scholarship opportunities and their criteria.

Award:

Awards vary depending on the scholarship.

Deadline:

The deadlines are rolling, depending on the scholarship. The earliest is in January and the latest is in June, so students are encouraged to apply early.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<https://www.hsf.net/scholarship/>

Requirements/Description:

Must be of Hispanic Heritage; Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for High School Students; Minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for College and Graduate Students; Plan to enroll Full-Time in an accredited, not-for-profit, 4-year university, or graduate school, during the FALL of a scholarship cycle (year); U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA); Complete FAFSA or state based financial aid application (if applicable). All majors and graduate fields are accepted, with emphasis on STEM majors.

Award:

Awards are based on merit; amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000, based on relative need, among the Scholars selected.

Deadline:

February 2020 TBD