



Aspire Arizona Foundation Scholarship Application Criteria & Form



The Aspire Arizona Foundation (AAF) will award two \$5,000 scholarships for Aspire Scholars seniors enrolling in a university or college in the Fall of 2023. **The funds may be used for tuition, books, room and board and mandatory course fees**, and will be paid directly to the institution of choice by AAF.

1. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be Payson High School (PHS) seniors or home-schooled students living in the Payson Unified School District attendance area who have earned 12 or more dual credits with a GPA of 3.0 or above through the PHS-Eastern Arizona College dual-credit program. Applicants are Aspire Scholars who have successfully completed at least 4 dual-credit courses with a B average.

2. HOW TO APPLY

All application forms, properly filled out, signed, and with all requested information attached, (incomplete applications will not be considered) must be received by Aspire Arizona Foundation at the address below (NOT postmarked) **no later than close of business (5 pm) on Wednesday, March 29, 2023** to:

Aspire Arizona Foundation
431 S. Beeline Hwy, Suite #1
Payson, AZ 85541

Contact person for questions: Dolores Goughnour 480-510-7607

3. APPLICATION DEADLINE:

All Scholarship Applications must be received (**NOT postmarked**) by 5 pm on **Wednesday, March 29, 2023** at the Aspire Arizona Foundation.

4. AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Arizona Aspire Board shall oversee the awarding of two Arizona Aspire Foundation Scholarships in the amount of \$5000. The AAF Scholarship Chairperson shall notify all applicants of their scholarship status by **April 20, 2023**. Scholarship funds shall apply directly to the cost of tuition, books, room and board and mandatory course fees. The scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the institution where the recipient will be enrolling on or after **July 3, 2023**. All unused awarded funds will be returned to AAF.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

All applicants will receive consideration for a scholarship based on:

1. Demonstrated success in dual-credit courses as indicated by GPA.
2. Well-articulated goals and educational plans cited on the personal statement.
3. The quality of personal statement as indicated by the description of goals and activities.
4. Favorable personal recommendations.

The Aspire Arizona Foundation mission is to support the higher education needs of young adults of Payson Arizona and its surrounding Rim Country communities by making a college education *Accessible, Attainable, and Affordable.*



Aspire Arizona Foundation Scholarship Form

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Parent(s)
Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Education

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Graduation Date: _____

College(s) or
Universities
applying to: _____ Proposed Major: _____

References

Please list three references.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Company: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

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Dual Credit Classes

Dual Credit GPA: _____ Total Dual Credits Completed as of Fall 2022: _____

Activities (including volunteer activities and employment)

School Activities (clubs, organizations, sports)	Years involved/participated (9, 10, 11, 12)	Recognition received

Volunteer Activity or Employment

Organization	Describe your responsibilities	Supervisor	Years involved	Hours per week

Attach the Following Documents

- 1) A statement (150-250 words) describing: why is receiving this scholarship important to you; where do you hope to continue your education; what is your intended field of study; how have the dual credit courses offered through AAF helped you?
- 2) Two letters of recommendation (which must be signed and dated within 6 months of this application). If possible, one from teacher, coach, administrator, or other school-related personnel; the other, a non-school individual, not related to you. Both should address your educational or professional capacity attesting to your academics, character, intentions, follow through, and general worthiness of this scholarship.

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to an award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in a relinquishment and remuneration of the scholarship and will disqualify me from any future opportunities with Aspire Arizona Foundation.

I allow Aspire Arizona Foundation to use quotes from my personal statement and my picture in any of their publications.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Parent Signature _____ Date: _____
 (if under 18 years of age): _____ Date: _____