

Program details

- Open to Arizona residents, admitted to ASU for fall 2015 who are degree-seeking, full-time freshmen (pursuing first undergraduate degree). This includes Native American high school seniors who are not residing in Arizona who meet the Arizona residency criteria for tuition purposes at ASU.
- You must enroll in ASU at the beginning of the fall 2015 semester immediately after Arizona high school graduation. If you do not enroll at ASU in fall 2015, you will forfeit eligibility for any future participation in this program.
- You must submit a FAFSA and have a complete ASU admission application on file (application, test scores, transcripts and application fee) by **July 1, 2015**, to be eligible for consideration. **There are no exceptions to this date.** The FAFSA must be free of errors. The most frequent error is omitting a signature. Be sure you and your parent sign the FAFSA by using your PINs. Apply early to resolve any errors before July 1, 2015.
- You must submit all requested documents for financial aid verification by **August 1, 2015**, to be eligible for consideration. **There are no exceptions to this date.** These documents must be complete and free of errors. Submit all requested documents early to resolve any errors or issues before August 1, 2015.
- You must demonstrate a total annual family income of \$42,400 or less on the FAFSA.
- You must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell Grant.
- This program covers you for full-time enrollment for eight consecutive semesters (fall and spring), provided you meet eligibility for renewal each year.
- ASU Online degree programs are not eligible. If you change your major to an ASU Online major, you will be removed from the ASU College Attainment Grant Program and adjustments will be made to your awards.
- **Your awards may be adjusted**, under the terms of the program, if you receive any additional funding (e.g., merit award or private scholarship) **after** you have been awarded the ASU College Attainment Grant Program.
- Classes and costs associated with enrollment at any other institution are not covered.
- Special class fees, study abroad program fees or summer tuition and fees will not be covered as part of the program.
- You may choose to spend one semester in an ASU-sponsored study abroad program only after completion of your first year in the ASU College Attainment Grant Program. This will count as one semester toward the eight-semester maximum. Your funding will continue to be based on ASU cost of attendance and will not cover any study abroad program fees. Your cost of attendance will reflect ASU's standard off-campus budget. Students with ASU tuition waivers (i.e., dependent waivers) may only use their waivers for study abroad programs that require participants to pay tuition directly to ASU. For programs that do not require this, an ASU tuition waiver cannot be used, and additional funds through the ASU College Attainment Grant program will not be awarded to cover the value of the tuition waiver.

Renewal criteria and process

- You are required to successfully complete a minimum of **24 ASU credit hours** during each academic year (a minimum of 12 credits in fall and spring semesters).
- You must maintain a **cumulative GPA of 2.50** by the end of each spring semester to continue in the program.
- It is recommended that you file your FAFSA and resolve any errors by **May 1** each year for continuation in the program. The FAFSA must be free of errors so apply early. You can complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov.
- You must remain eligible to receive the Federal Pell Grant.
- The program is designed for students whose family income is consistently \$42,400 or less, as demonstrated on the FAFSA. If your total family income in any given year exceeds \$42,400, you will no longer be considered for this program. Family assets sufficient to help pay for college costs are considered and may make you ineligible to participate in the program.
- ASU will verify your FAFSA information. We recommend that you submit all documents required to complete the verification process by **June 1** each year for continuation in the program. These documents must be complete and free of errors. Submit all requested documents early to resolve any errors or omissions before this date. If, after verification, you do not meet the program criteria, you will not be eligible for program participation for that and future semesters.
- You must maintain satisfactory academic progress as detailed at students.asu.edu/policies/sap; however, the GPA requirements of this program supersede the Satisfactory Academic Progress GPA.
- If you are awarded scholarships or outside resources, you may have higher annual renewal criteria unique to those awards.
- You must remain eligible for federal aid to participate in this program each year. Visit students.asu.edu/policies/aid-criteria for details.
- ASU students are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct. Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a suspension, expulsion or administrative withdrawal will result in loss of your scholarship. This decision may not be appealed. A student in violation is otherwise eligible to file the FAFSA and receive need-based aid.

Options for students not meeting renewal criteria

- If you do not meet the renewal criteria, you may file an appeal for reinstatement into the program provided you experienced significant, extenuating circumstances beyond your control (such as an extended, serious medical emergency). Completed appeals must be submitted no later than close of business **July 1**.
- If you experience other challenges throughout the year, such as difficulty with classes, time management, work or family responsibilities, or other co-curricular commitments, be aware these are not considered extenuating circumstances. In these cases, consult your academic advisor and use ASU resources to ensure you receive the guidance and assistance necessary to remain on track and continue to meet criteria for renewal and graduation.

Award details

Your resident tuition and fees will be covered by a combination of gift aid such as scholarships and grants from federal, state, private and institutional sources.

How it works:

1. Your resident tuition and fees are determined by Financial Aid and Scholarship Services.
2. Your Federal Pell Grant and all other gift aid, including federal and state grants as well as private scholarships, is subtracted from your resident tuition and fees.
3. The remaining cost of your resident tuition and fees will be covered by the ASU College Attainment Grant.



How to pay your remaining expenses

Log into My ASU to access your personalized Student Budget Worksheet. Your estimated costs and financial aid will automatically populate, allowing you to determine estimated expenses as well as the possibility of the need for work or to borrow your offered loans.

Federal Work-Study opportunities, along with federally funded Direct Stafford Student Loans, are programs designed to help students invest in themselves and their education.

You are encouraged to apply for on-campus employment if you have an offered Federal Work-Study award. Working on campus not only allows you to earn money for college, it also creates valuable on-campus support networks while you develop marketable skills for your resume. To search for current job openings, visit students.asu.edu/employment.

Low interest rate loans are also available to you as an additional self-help option. If you are eligible for student loans, they will be listed on your award letter and on My ASU at my.asu.edu. You are encouraged to discuss your alternatives for financing your education with a counselor in Financial Aid and Scholarship Services. If you have any questions about financial aid, please contact Financial Aid and Scholarship Services at 480-965-3355 or visit students.asu.edu/contact/financialaid.

Additional resources

- Make sure you meet admission requirements: students.asu.edu/freshman/requirements
- Complete the FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov