



Arizona Community College Workforce Scholarship Program Fact Sheet

Governor Hobbs and Arizona's 10 public community college districts partnered together to create the Arizona Community College Workforce Scholarship program. The scholarship helped Arizonans earn a credential, degree, and advanced skills that lead to jobs in high-wage, high-growth occupations.

Meeting the Needs of the State's Economy with Postsecondary Education

This scholarship aimed at fostering a skilled workforce tailored to the evolving demands of our state's economy. The scholarship incentivized Arizona students to pursue higher education and earn a credential, license or degree, moving the state closer to reaching its Achieve60AZ education attainment goal.

Governor Hobbs has allocated \$6.2M in federal funding to kick start the scholarship, with the goal of the program continuing in the future.

Scholarships for Arizonans

The Community College Workforce Scholarship program served 6,200 Arizona students, including working adults, who are looking to upskill and reskill. The program supported students in the 2024 summer and fall semesters.

A Focus on High-Wage, High-Growth Industries

The scholarship focused on the following high-wage, high-growth sectors. Each community college focused on the regional industries present in their communities:

- Advanced manufacturing, including semiconductors
- Health Care
- IT/cyber security/broadband/data analytics
- Education and early education
- Construction/trades/HVAC
- Aerospace/defense
- Veterinary technology
- Dental hygienists and dental assistants
- Tractor trailer driving
- Insurance appraisers
- Paralegal and legal assistants

Other areas may be included if the college can demonstrate that the fields are high-growth and high-wage in their areas of service.

Workforce Scholarship Eligibility

Students participating in the Workforce Scholarship program were required to meet the following criteria:

- Have a 2.0 GPA or better.
- Meet with their academic advisor to review their academic plan and progress.
- Be eligible for in-state status for tuition purposes as defined by Arizona Law and the College
- Be enrolled in or enroll in, a degree, certificate or credential program in one or more of the above high growth/high wage program areas.

Statewide Leaders in Education and Workforce Training

Arizona's community colleges serve 250,000 Arizona students in all corners of the state. The colleges that participated in the program include:

- Arizona Western College
- Central Arizona College
- Cochise College
- Coconino Community College
- Eastern Arizona College
- Maricopa Community Colleges
- Mohave Community College
- Northland Pioneer College
- Pima Community College
- Yavapai Community College

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