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MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWSLETTER



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Career Center Events

Throughout the fall and spring semesters the Career Center will host visits by college admissions reps, military recruiters and other college and career access advisors. [Click here to sign up](#) for class hour events of interest. Students may also sign up by stopping by the Career Center. You will be sent a pass for the visit and excused from class.

These sessions are great opportunities to meet with reps to learn about their schools or organizations and to ask questions! Sessions are added to the form when scheduled, so check back often.

Upcoming visits:



[Click Here to sign up for Visits](#)

(Students will be sent a pass and excused from class for the presentation they attend)

School/Organization	Date	Time	Location
University of Arizona Application Workshop	Thur 10/15/26	3rd hour (10:30-11:27)	Career Center
Grand Canyon University Application Workshop	Thur 10/15/26	3rd hour (10:30-11:27)	Career Center
Scottsdale Community College Rep Visit	Fri 10/16/26	2nd hour (8:45-9:47)	Career Center
Benedictine University Mesa Rep Visit	Mon 10/19/26	1st hour (9:15-9:47)	Career Center
Arizona State University Application Workshop	Mon 10/19/26	1st and 3rd hours	Career Center
ASU- Thunderbird School of Global Management Rep Visit	Mon 10/19/26	3rd hour (10:45-11:27)	Career Center

ASU Barrett Honors College Application Workshop	Tues 10/20/26	2nd hour (8:45-9:45)	Career Center
University of Oregon Rep Visit	Fri 10/23/26	2nd hour (8:45-9:47)	Career Center
FAFSA Workshop for Seniors & Parents	Thur 10/22/26	4-6 pm	Career Center
MCC ACE/HOL Presentation for Freshman/Soph	Mon 10/26/26	1st and 3rd hours	Career Center
New Mexico State University Rep Visit	Thur 10/29/26	1st hour (8:45-9:47)	Career Center
Benedictine University Mesa Rep Visit	Mon 11/9/26	1st hour (9:15-9:47)	Career Center
University of Wyoming Rep Visit	Tues 11/17/26	2nd hour (9:15-9:47)	Career Center

The FAFSA is open! Attend one of our FAFSA Workshops!

The 2027-2028 FAFSA is open! Students and parents may begin the application once they have created their FSA ID at studentaid.gov. Students planning to attend university, community college or trade school should complete the FAFSA. Doing so may open opportunities to receive financial assistance for college.

Mountain View High School will host an after school FAFSA workshop on Thursday, October 22 from 4-6pm. We also have workshops planned for Tuesday, November 17 and Thursday, February 11. Our FAFSA peer coaches and college financial aid advisors will be here to assist students and parents with applications and answer any FAFSA questions.

[Click here to sign up for one of our FAFSA workshops](#)

Here are links to a few flyers from CollegeReadyAZ to let you know about the FAFSA process:

[FAFSA Myth Busting](#)

[2027-2028 FAFSA Materials Checklist](#)

[FAFSA Process Overview](#)

We recommend students complete the FAFSA by winter break to meet various college FAFSA priority deadlines.

Additional FAFSA Resources

[AskBenji - Digital FAFSA assistant](#) - text 602-786-8171 to receive answers to your FAFSA questions. Free 24/7 FAFSA support to help Arizona families fill out the FAFSA and access thousands of dollars of grants, loans, and scholarships to help pay for education after high school.

[Federal Student Aid Youtube Channel](#) - videos for common FAFSA questions

[University of Arizona FAFSA virtual workshops and other events](#)

HOBY - Hugh O'Brian State Leadership Seminar - Sophomores Application due 11/10

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership State Leadership Seminar

Mountain View is providing a scholarship to **send one sophomore student to the Hugh O'Brian Youth State Leadership Seminar this summer**, date and location TBD. Sophomores interested in the seminar should complete the application linked below and email it to Mrs. Badgett or drop it by the Career Center, room 1238.

Applications are due by Tuesday November 10th. Applications will be reviewed and finalists will be asked to interview answering a few questions pertaining to the HOBY seminar and their community/leadership experience here at Mountain View and in the community. One student will be chosen to attend the seminar. If you need additional information about the seminar see Mrs. Badgett in the Career Center.

[HOBY Application](#)

[HOBY Site](#)

MCC HOL and ACE Presentations- 10/26/26

Freshmen and sophomores, are you interested in getting a head start on college while you're still in high school? Mesa Community College's **Achieving a College Education (ACE)** and **Hoop of Learning (HOL)** programs give qualifying students the opportunity to earn college credits while completing high school. ACE is available to qualifying sophomores, while HOL students may begin as early as the second semester of freshman year.

Depending on the program, students can earn **up to 24 college credits through ACE or 3-36 college credits through HOL**. Join us on **October 26 during either 1st or 3rd period** to learn more about these opportunities, eligibility requirements, and how to apply.

Think you might qualify? **Scan the QR code on the flyer for more information.** The programs encourage interested students to apply even if they aren't sure they meet every requirement.

[ACE & HOL PROGRAMS](#)

Career Exploration (Juniors and Seniors)- 11/12/26

Whether you're planning on college, a technical school, the military or just are not sure yet, the ASVAB Career Exploration Program can put you on the right path toward a satisfying career. Understanding your skills, abilities and interests will help you make the best decision about your future.

Scores will not be released to the military unless the student/parent chooses to have the student's scores released and signs an opt-in score release form.

Date: Thursday, November 12

Time: 1st-3rd periods

Location: Performing Arts Center (PAC) flex space

This year's assessment will be computer based. Students need to bring their MPS laptop - fully charged for the assessment. The assessment will be self paced. When a student completes the assessment they will return to class.

Students will receive their results a few weeks after the assessment and be provided instruction on using the ASVAB Program website and the career assessment and research tools it offers.

To sign up for the Fall ASVAB - please complete the following form ***using your MPS student email account***. Students will be sent a pass the day before the test to remind them to arrive at the PAC on Thursday, November 12. Attendance will be taken and teachers will be notified so that your absence from class may be excused. Juniors and Seniors may sign up.

[ASVAB Career Exploration Assessment Sign up](#)

LEDA - Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America Class of 2028 - Apply by December 9

Every year, LEDA conducts a national search to find the next cohort of LEDA Scholars. They attend a five-week Summer Institute at Princeton University, followed by unparalleled support and advising through college graduation and beyond.

LEDA brings together a community of student leaders for a completely free five-week residential program at Princeton University that includes academic preparation for college, leadership training, college guidance support based on individual fit, SAT/ACT preparation, and a chance to experience life on a college campus.

Learn more at [LEDA](#)

Applying to College

Seniors- Fall semester is the time to apply to universities. Ready to apply? Our in-state university applications are open for students enrolling in college in Fall 2027!

Visit:

Arizona State University: <https://asu.edu/apply>

Northern Arizona University: <https://nau.edu/apply>

University of Arizona: <https://arizona.edu.apply>

to learn more about admissions requirements and to start your application. If you are interested in a specific major, review the information for that major to determine if there are any additional admissions requirements.

Interested in applying to an Honors College at ASU, NAU or UofA?

ASU's Barrett, The Honors College application is separate from the general application and is open now for the 2027-2028 school year.

NAU has a separate Honors Application. Students indicate interest in their general application and then complete a separate application for the Honors College.

UofA students now apply to the Franke Honors College directly from their University of Arizona application.

BYU application is now open for Fall 2027!

For more information on BYU admissions requirements, deadlines, and more, visit:

[BYU Admissions Deadlines.](#)

If you are interested in other schools, visit the school website to determine when the college/university's application opens.

Planning to take a gap year during 2027? -Deferring Admissions and Financial Aid

Contact the admissions rep or admissions office of your potential colleges to learn if they offer deferment and about their deferment policies and procedures. If the college offers deferment, apply this year for admission and scholarships for first year students and then defer your financial aid with the university or college.

Please stop by the Career Center if you have any questions.

Honors College - Applications

ASU Barrett, The Honors College

Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University is a highly regarded, residential college for academically outstanding undergraduates.

As the honors college on all four campuses, and online, of the nation's largest public university, Barrett offers the best of both worlds - a highly-personalized academic experience backed by the resources and expansive opportunities of a Research I university that is ranked No. 1 in innovation by U.S. News & World Report.

Learn more about the Barrett, The Honors College application process at

[ASU Barrett, The Honors College](#)

NAU Honors College

The Honors College is an inclusive opportunity for students to customize and enhance their higher education journey, without overwhelming and increasing their course load. This program is open to students of all majors at Northern Arizona University. Any student can apply to the Honors College and join a community of thoughtful and ambitious scholars. Take part in cutting-edge research, unique projects, and out-of-classroom opportunities to connect to your passions and academic goals.

Learn more and apply at [NAU Honors College](#)

University of Arizona, W.A. Franke Honors College

Grounded in the resources of a globally ranked research university, the W.A. Franke Honors College provides the opportunity to take small classes with the University of Arizona's top educators, engage in research and creative expression with the University's top researchers, designers, and artists, experience the world through study abroad, and create lifelong friends through shared experiences.

Learn more about the UofA Honors College application process at [W.A. Franke Honors College](#)

Utah State Open House - October 21, 6-8pm



Learn about admissions, scholarships, financial aid, student life, eat Aggie Ice Cream and more!

[Visit USU Open House 2026](#) to register

[Apply for admission](#) before you come, and if you qualify, receive your scholarship on the spot. Admissions staff and other representatives from Utah State will be there ready to answer all your questions.

MCC Preview Day October 30, 9:30am-1:00pm

MCC Preview Day will be held on October 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This field trip is designed to showcase MCC and provide students with an opportunity to explore the campus, learn about academic programs and resources, and get a better understanding of the Thunderbird experience. Seniors, if you are interested, please stop by the Career Center to receive a permission slip.

Mountain View College and Career Center

Mrs. Badgett is available via email and in the Career Center room 1238 (across from the Counseling office, next to the library) to get you and your family connected to the people and information to help you with:

- College planning
- Applying to college
- College Admissions representative information
- SAT/ACT Prep
- Scholarship information
- Staying organized Senior year
- Job Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Summer Programs

Mrs. Badgett can be reached at **480-472-7150** or email jbadgett@mpsaz.org. She is looking forward to meeting you! You may also [request an appointment](#).

MPS Post High School Planning Survey

Seniors, if you haven't completed the [MPS Post High School Planning Survey](#) yet, please do so as soon as possible. This survey is also linked on the

[Mountain View Counseling team's Senior Information website](#).

CollegeReadyAZ

[College Ready AZ](#) is a website that makes it easy to plan and apply to college at Arizona's public universities. Use the website to find information you need and to create the future that you deserve. Information available on why college matters, planning, applying to college, financial aid and more.

Tri-U (ASU, NAU and Uof A) Events for High School Students

Arizona's public universities, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona are committed to keeping students throughout Arizona well informed about the incredible college-going opportunities available to you in your home state. As your in-state universities, they are excited to invite students and guests to a Tri-University Event near you! These sessions are geared toward providing you in-depth information about supports, campus life, how to apply, and finding your fit at an in-state university! Information presented will be the same at each location, so you only need to register for the program that works best for your schedule.

Other opportunities and information - virtual and in-person opportunities

ASU - Live Hosted Opportunities including application workshops

Learn more about ASU's admission and enrollment processes, and explore each of the ASU campuses through live-hosted virtual visit experiences, walking tours and on-demand virtual tours. For more information visit <https://visit.asu.edu/>

ASU Fall 2026 Sun Devil Days

Tour campus, explore majors and see what it's really like to be a Sun Devil. This in-person event is your chance to connect, ask questions and start picturing your future at Arizona State University.

Learn more and Register at [ASU Sun Devil Day](#)

NAU - Plan a Visit

NAU offers a variety of ways for future students and their families to get to know the campuses. You can tour the Flagstaff campus in person or take a virtual tour of NAU's Flagstaff and Yuma locations from anywhere. Use the links below to explore tour options and learn more about all of NAU's statewide locations.

To learn more visit [NAU Plan a Visit](#)

Discover NAU Events: Full-day events that provide an in-depth dive into life as a Lumberjack, academic discovery, discussion sessions, complimentary lunch, and more!

University of Arizona - Visit opportunities

The University of Arizona offers many ways to experience the university. Find the one that's right for you.

[The University of Arizona Visit website.](#)

ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication - Waffles with Walter - October 17

Start your day the Cronkite way, and join ASU for Waffles with Walter! Enjoy light bites and refreshments, explore the state-of-the-art building, and learn how Cronkite programs can shape the future of journalism and communication. This open house event is open to prospective students and teachers/advisors who'd like to connect with current Cronkite students and hear firsthand about their experiences. Registration is required.

[Register for Waffles with Walter](#)

Sandra Day O'Connor Institute Ambassadors - Free Online opportunity for 9th-12th graders

For high school students who want to stand out on college applications, sharpen their leadership and debate skills, and connect with other ambitious students across the country. Seniors have an opportunity to apply for the John Jay Fetzer Memorial Scholarship.

[Learn more and sign up for O'Connor Institute Ambassadors](#)

ASU Engineering Fast Track

Engineering Fast Track (EFT) is a way to help high school students accelerate earning an engineering degree by taking one or more online courses.

EFT gives high school students the unique opportunity to earn college credit without having to incur financial or GPA risks. Students take the course and can decide later if they want to pay to receive the ASU credit and grade.

***Please note that these courses do not count toward MPS high school credits at this time.**

To learn more about the ASU Engineering Fast Track and other courses please visit

[ASU Engineering Fast Track](#)

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange - Scholarship - Apply by November 3, 2026

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) scholarship is for motivated high school students who want to experience a culture and learn a language through a full immersion experience. Learn about German culture first-hand by living with a host family and attending a German high school. Embark on an adventure that is unlike any other. The CBYX program additionally offers vocational and young professional scholarship opportunities; visit the [CBYX Programs page to learn more.](#)

Jointly funded and managed by the U.S. and German governments, the CBYX program provides 350 scholarships for high school students, high school graduates in vocational fields, and young professionals for an academic year home-stay program.

HSF College 101

HSF's College 101 is a free, bilingual, 3-hour, college preparation program, held virtually in various time zones, designed to help students (6th - 12th grade), and their parents, prepare, plan, and pay for a college education. Topics include preparing for and applying to college, researching financial aid and scholarship opportunities, understanding the real cost of a college education, maximizing the college experience, and successfully transitioning to a career after college. Sessions will be presented in both English and Spanish.

[Register for HSF College 101](#)

New Mexico State University Aggie Experience - October 10, February 12, March 5

During Aggie Experience, you'll get to:

- Dive into your interests and explore nearly 100 undergraduate programs
- Hear from current students about what it's really like to be an Aggie
- Take part in fun, hands-on activities and meet your future instructors and mentors
- Tour our scenic campus and discover all the resources designed to help you thrive
- Apply and NMSU will waive your \$25 application fee
- [Register for Aggie Experience](#)

GCU Discover GCU Overnight Campus Visit Opportunities

GCU has an upcoming Discover GCU trip for seniors ready to learn more about GCU and test drive the GCU experience to see if it is where they see themselves for college. These trips are a great way for students to experience campus life, program breakouts, and meet future Lopes! GCU also provides transportation to campus on a charter bus from the Chandler ABSN site.

Learn more about our Discover GCU trips [here](#)

Southern Utah University - Red Riot Events

Red Riot is the perfect chance for you to get a feel for SUU - campus, student life, academics, everything! If you want clarity on where to go to college and truly experience campus life before committing, attending a Red Riot is the place for you.

[Register for SUU Red Riot](#)

University of Chicago Virtual Events

College Admissions at UChicago has a number of ways to engage with the university. Linked below is a list of the types of virtual events by category followed by dates and times.

[The University of Chicago Virtual Events](#)

Utah Tech Ask the Experts Webinars

A series of virtual events where you can connect with Utah Tech representatives and get your questions answered. Learn everything you need to know about the application process, housing, financial aid, and student life and start your journey on the right path.

Learn more and sign up for [Utah Tech Ask the Experts Virtual Events](#)

Utah Tech University Preview

You and your family are invited to an exciting campus experience at Utah Tech University. UT Preview is an in-person event for you to tour campus, learn about different majors, and see what it means to be a Trailblazer. You'll have opportunities to interact with academic colleges, campus resources, and current students to learn more about Utah Tech University.

[Register for Utah Tech University Preview](#)

Wellesley College Amplify your Voice

Amplify Your Voice is a fall virtual leadership and advocacy series all about, well, amplifying your voice through the college process and beyond! Hosted across four sessions on Sundays in September, October, and November, Amplify Your Voice will:

- Support you in discovering the many ways to share your story through the college admission and financial aid application processes.
- Feature conversations with current students, alums, faculty, and staff about Wellesley and how to make your voice heard in your college community.
- Highlight the power of uplifting your own voice as a force for change in the world.

Learn more and register at [Wellesley College Amplify your Voice](#)

SAT and ACT Testing Information

Information on SAT and ACT including links to the ACT and CollegeBoard websites and SAT/ACT test dates, information on test prep and more is available on the [Counseling page](#) of the Mountain View website under the section labeled **Testing - ACT | PSAT | SAT**. Students who have questions about whether or not to take the SAT or ACT should discuss it with their counselor and contact admissions reps,

honors colleges and scholarship organizations regarding their policies and requirements for Fall 2027 as they relate to SAT and ACT.

More College Resources

ACT College and Career Planning for Students and Parents

ACT has pulled together an entire library of articles and resources to help you get on the path to college and career readiness! Visit [ACT College and Career Planning](#) to help you in your college and career preparation.

CollegeBoard BigFuture

CollegeBoard BigFuture offers tools to help you plan for college, explore career options and learn about paying for college. Visit [BigFuture](#) to search for your dream college and learn more!

College Depot

College Depot at Phoenix Public Library is a free, full-service college access center located at the Burton Barr Central Library in Phoenix, Arizona. Their team of college planning and re-engagement advisors offer one-on-one appointments to assist with all action steps necessary to earn a GED, diploma, college degree or apprenticeship, and host workshops including admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and more. Visit [College Depot](#) to learn about scholarships, events and more.

College Essay Guy College Application Hub - And YouTube Channel

Ethan Sawyer is a nationally recognized college essay expert and the author of the Amazon bestsellers College Essay Essentials and College Admission Essentials. Each year he and his team reach more than one million students and counselors through the College Essay Guy blog, online pay-what-you-can courses, workshops, books, and one-on-one work

Visit [College Essay Guy College Application Hub](#) for resources on developing a college list, resources to help you with your College application essays and more!

In addition to the application hub, Mr. Sawyer also offers free webinars and pay what you can afford courses on various post secondary topics! Visit [College Essay Guy Webinars and Live-events](#) .

College Essay Guy Checklists for Parents

Check out the College Essay Guy YouTube Channel and Podcasts too for more great info!

College Tour - available on Amazon Prime

The College Tour, shares the story of a single college or university through the authentic lens of its current students. Learn from real students about their real experiences on campus, as College Tour offers viewers an insider's perspective on college life and college culture. The TV series is a comprehensive guide to aid college research, helping answer the ultimate question: 'Which college is best for me?' Take the ultimate campus tour now by watching episodes of this informative TV series. The College Tour also has a channel on YouTube.

Learn more at [The College Tour](#)

CollegeWise Seminars

CollegeWise mission is to be the most trusted source of expert advice to help students access the transformative power of higher education. Their vision is to improve the lives of students today so they can improve the world tomorrow.

Visit [CollegeWise Seminars](#) to learn more and register

East Valley Fire Cadet Program

The East Valley Fire Cadet Program (EVFC) is designed for youth between the ages of 15-18 interested in learning about careers in public safety and developing their leadership and teamwork skills. It is a fun and exciting opportunity for youth to participate in an educational program that is challenging, yet rewarding!

Applications are open for the 2026-2027 Cadet year. For more information and to complete the Cadet application, visit [East Valley Fire Cadet Program](#).

Mesa Police Cadet Post 2055

The Mesa Police Department Cadet Post is dedicated to preparing young men and women for a career in law enforcement by developing a fundamental understanding of police procedures, duties and concepts. The Mesa PD Cadet Post embraces a community service attitude and requires ethics and professionalism in all who are Cadets. **The next recruitment window will be in October.** Students may visit the following website to complete an interest form.

Visit [Mesa Police Cadet Post 2055](#) to learn more.



Scholarship Tips:

- When you apply to many colleges you will automatically be considered for merit scholarships.
- Some universities will require **you to apply by a specific deadline** to be considered for merit scholarships.
- **Some universities may have separate applications for specific merit scholarships.** For example, BYU has a separate scholarship application. The deadline for the application is **January 2, 2027.**

Visit <https://enrollment.byu.edu/financial-aid/applying-for-scholarships> to learn more.

- Check the scholarship websites of schools you are interested in to learn about deadlines and other scholarships you may apply for. Please stop by the Career Center if you have any questions.
- In-state university scholarships and financial aid information:

[ASU Scholarships and Financial Aid](#)

[NAU Scholarships and Financial Aid](#)

[UofA Cost, Scholarships and Financial Aid](#)

The Career Center plans to hold some scholarship chats this fall and students may also [sign up for an appointment](#) to come to the Career Center to discuss scholarships.

Scholarship Search in Naviance

Students may also access the Naviance Application in Clever, click on the Colleges Tab and click on Scholarship Search to research different scholarship opportunities.

BBB Ethical Torch Essay Scholarship

Typical Deadline: October 20

Application Grade: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior

Amount: \$500-\$1500

Target Student: Students in grades 9-12 residing and enrolled in school in Apache, Coconino, Gila, Imperial, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Orange, Pinal, San Diego, Yavapai or Yuma Counties are invited to apply for this scholarship opportunity.

Chick Fil A Community Scholars

Typical Deadline: October 28

Application Grade: Senior

Amount: \$25,000

Target Student: students who plan to continue their education in college, vocational, or graduate school programs; based on academic success, community service and financial need

Colgate Haz La U Scholarship

Typical Deadline: November 2

Application Grade: Senior

Amount: Up to \$10,000

Target Student: **3.0 or higher gpa**, enroll in an accredited higher education institution, be of Hispanic Heritage; Must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or 7.5 on a 10.0 scale

Elks Most Valuable Student 2027

Open Now!

Deadline: November 12, 2026

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2027 competition.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.
- **The deadline to apply is November 12, 2026 11:59pm Pacific Time.**
- **For details and to apply, [visit their website](#).**

The 2027 MVS Leadership Weekend will be in Chicago April 29-May 2, 2027. The Top 20 scholars, selected from the 500 national semi-finalists, receive an invitation to the weekend and scholarships of \$30,000. The 480 runners-up receive scholarships of \$4,000. Attendance at Leadership Weekend is required to be part of the Top 20 cohort and receive \$30,000.

[Arizona School Counselors Association Scholarship](#)

Deadline: November 2, 8pm

Application Grade: Senior

Amount: \$2000 3 Scholarships available

Target Student: Seniors who plan to attend a post-secondary institution. Must have a school counselor employed by your school who is an Arizona School Counselors Association member.

[Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards](#)

Deadline: November 1, 2026

Application Grade: Senior

Amount: Varies up to \$4000

Target Student: Be currently enrolled in high school and graduating in the spring of 2026; Must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or 7.5 on a 10.0 scale; Must enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2026-2027; If selected, attendance to virtual awards ceremony is mandatory.

Looking for students who have made remarkable achievements in the classroom, made an impact in their communities, and demonstrated excellence in one or more of our award categories, including Community Service, Engineering, Green Sustainability, and Technology, with additional categories being added throughout the awards season

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program

Deadline: November 11, 2026

Application Grade: Senior

Amount: Up to \$55,000/year

Target Student: Exceptional academic ability and achievement, 3.5+ gpa, financial need, persistence, service to others, and leadership.

Juniors sign up to be notified of next year's application cycle

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Deadline: January 11, 2027

Application Grade: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior

Amount: First place \$10,000, Second Place \$3000, Three finalists \$1000

Target Student: Essay contest describing and analyzing an act of political courage.

VFW Voice of Democracy

Deadline: October 31, 2026

Application Grade: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior

Amount: \$35,000 for winner. \$1,000 - \$21,000 for other places

Target Student: Any audio recording answering a prompt.

Mesa Student Citizen of the Year

Deadline: Jan 13, 2027 4pm

Application Grade: Senior

Amount: \$2500 (Four students)

Target Student: Students may access the application with their MPS account. Students must be qualified for, or be on track to receive, the Mesa Public Schools Honor for Excellence in Service Learning. This award recognizes students with 200 hours or more of service recorded on their transcripts.

Service-learning hours to date will appear on the students' transcripts. Preference given to students involved in community service activities throughout their years of high school. Demonstrate a commitment to lifelong service to the community. Demonstrate the potential to be successful in future life experiences.

Students must be available for in-person interviews after 4:00 PM on Wednesday, January 27, 2027 and if selected as a student citizen of the year be in attendance at the banquet on Tuesday, February 23, 2027.

[Apply here.](#)

National Honor Society Scholarship

Deadline: November 20, 2027 5pm ET

Application Grade: Senior

Amount: 575 awards of \$3,200, 25 awards of \$5,625 and 1 award of \$25,000

Target Student: Active member in good standing of a National Honor Society chapter, meeting all membership requirements and obligations of the local chapter. An NHS student account holder, verified by the NHS chapter adviser. Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. college or university. Each year, scholarship recipients are selected based on their demonstration of the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Phoenix Chinese Week Scholarship

Typical Deadline: December 29

Application Grade: Senior

Amount: Four scholarships of \$1000 each

Target Student: High school senior with a 3.0+ grade point average; Involved in the Chinese community; strong leadership skills; Arizona resident