



Scholarship Program

2017-2018 Academic Year

The Positive Paths Scholarship Program assists East Valley women who are returning to school to improve their lives and enhance their career opportunities by way of obtaining appropriate education and training. Many of the recipients will have overcome major obstacles including poverty, domestic violence, death of a spouse, loss of a job, illness of family members, issues with children, or other challenges. Recipients can use the award to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain a post-secondary credential that leads to stable employment opportunities, including tuition, fees, books, gas, childcare, and other expenses. Scholarship amounts will vary based on individual needs, up to a maximum of \$1000 per semester, and can be given for a maximum of eight semesters, for women who meet the renewal criteria.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be female.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be a resident of an East Valley community at time of application and continuously while funded. For the purposes of this program the East Valley consists of Tempe, Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek, Apache Junction, and unincorporated areas within these community boundaries.
- Be enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a vocational/skills training program, a community college associate's degree program, or a bachelor's degree program at an Arizona public university.
 - Awards will be given for use at public institutions such as the community colleges, the state universities, and adult education programs offered through public school districts. Positive Paths is currently not funding students who wish to pursue their work at private institutions or for-profit institutions.
 - Awards will be made only to students seeking certificates or degrees. This program does not pertain to those who wish to take special interest courses or coursework not related to certificate or degree completion.
 - Awards may also be given to students who do not yet have a high school diploma and wish to pursue their GED. Note that not having a high school diploma or GED will prohibit an applicant from receiving federal financial aid, but we still ask those applicants to demonstrate financial need via completion of the FAFSA form.
- Show aptitude or the promise for success. Recipients may plan to attend school full-time or part-time, but, if selected for an award, must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Positive Paths Scholarship Committee that they have a viable plan for certificate or degree completion.

Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, disability, or national origin.

Priority Areas for Funding

Current areas of priority for funding include:

1. Short-term technical training certificates and associate degrees in fields such as healthcare, manufacturing, computers and information technology, and other areas.
2. STEM scholarships for students willing to pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
3. Health care scholarships for students willing to pursue degrees in health care including nursing, nutrition/dietetics, exercise/wellness, health sciences, and health administration.
4. Business/entrepreneurship scholarships for students who wish to pursue business degrees or degrees in related areas that would advance the applicant's entrepreneurial activities.
5. Scholarships for those pursuing careers in public service careers such as becoming a teacher, a police officer, or a fire fighter.

Submission of Materials

Submit completed materials:

- by 4:00pm on May 19, 2017
- via email to maria.hesse@asu.edu
- or have materials postmarked by May 19, 2017, and sent via the U.S. Postal Service to Positive Paths, Scholarship Committee, c/o Maria Hesse, 102 S. Diamond Key Court, Gilbert, AZ 85233.

A completed packet will include the following items:

1. The scholarship application form. All items on the application form must be completed. The form is available at this website: <http://positivepathsaz.org/scholarships/>
2. One letter of recommendation from a neighbor, family friend, employer, clergy member, etc.
3. Printout of completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) page to demonstrate need.
4. Copy of educational transcripts from any previous colleges or universities. If you have not attended a college or university, please include a copy of your high school transcript. These need not be official copies.

Important Information

- All Positive Paths monies will be paid directly to the institution or college, for the specific purpose of helping to address expenses associated with obtaining a degree or certificate.
- Falsification of information or submission of a late or incomplete application disqualifies the applicant.
- Submission of a completed application does not guarantee an award.
- All applications will remain confidential and become the property of Positive Paths. Please do not submit any materials which need to be returned.
- Applicants may be asked to participate in a phone or in-person interview, as part of the selection process.
- Applicants must live in the identified East Valley communities both at the time of application and thereafter to be eligible for scholarship renewal.
- Positive Paths board members and employees are not eligible for this scholarship program.

*For questions related to the scholarship program,
please call Maria Hesse at (602) 496-1180.*



Scholarship Application 2017-2018 Academic Year

NOTE: You can type right into this form.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Mobile (____) _____

Email Address _____

1. Do you have a high school diploma or GED? ____ Yes ____ No

College or universities previously attended by applicant. Please list all of them.

2. Arizona public institution in which you are currently enrolled or have been accepted to, for which the scholarship pertains. _____

Student ID number at this institution _____

3. What program or degree will you complete? What is your planned field of study or major?

For the next several questions, you may need more space to fully answer the questions, so please feel free to type longer answers or attach additional sheets of paper, as needed.

4. Tell us something about you and your background.

5. What are your career goals and professional aspirations?

6. Please explain how you fit the criteria for the Positive Paths scholarship?

7. How will receiving this scholarship help you achieve your education and career goals?

8. Do you have a personal or professional relationship with any member of the Positive Paths Board or staff? If so, please identify the person and the relationship?

Signature _____ Date _____

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4. Copy of educational transcripts from any previous colleges or universities. If you have not attended a college or university, please include a copy of your high school transcript. These need not be official copies.

Before sending in your materials make certain:

- You filled in all the blanks on the application. You can contact the Positive Paths Scholarship Committee by calling Maria Hesse at (602) 496-1180 if you are not sure how to fill out part of the application.

- Make sure your answers are readable. You can type directly into the form or print/write neatly. You may attach additional sheets of paper, as needed, but please make sure you indicate what question number you are addressing on attached pages.
- Proofread your application.
- Sign and date the application.
- Make yourself a copy of your materials.
- Keep a copy of the email showing you submitted the application by the deadline or keep a copy of your U.S. Postal Service receipt showing that you postmarked the application by the deadline.

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