

PARTNERS IN BUILDING A COLLEGE GOING CULTURE

Arizona College Application Campaign (AzCAC)

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The goal of the *Arizona College Application Campaign* is to ensure every high school senior completes at least one application. A special focus is placed on students who would be the first of their families to attend, low-income students, and students who may not have otherwise considered applying.

Nearly 93% of high school students say they plan to go to college. Yet, just over one quarter (26%) of Arizonans over the age of 25 have obtained a bachelor's degree. For many reasons, by senior year many students believe they are unprepared or unable to achieve the college dream. The *Arizona College Application Campaign* encourages students to take a significant step toward college by providing assistance and creating enthusiasm during the application process.

- High school host sites set a goal that 100% of their seniors complete at least one application to a postsecondary institution by the end of November.
- Host sites help students complete preparatory steps in the application process, including selecting a college, examining admission criteria, and gathering necessary information.
- Host sites set aside time and space during the school day with computer and Internet access.
- Trained volunteers help students complete at least one application.
- Host sites celebrate their students' successes and guide students toward the next step in the process, including completing the FAFSA in February.
- Host sites share data with College Application Campaign staff.

Steps to Completing an Admission Application

- Identify career path and educational requirements
- Identify postsecondary institutions that offer education for your career
- Identify elements required for application (i.e. deadlines, fees, essays, resume, letter of recommendation, etc.)
- Complete and bring with you the College Application Preparation Worksheet
- Obtain a copy of your high school transcripts
- Begin to prepare essays, personal statements and resumes
- Make sure to have your complete home address and social security number with you when completing an application.

I applied! Now what?

- Submit your application fee (or fee waiver form)
- Ask your high school counselor to send your transcript to the institution
- Submit any additional documentation required by the institution
- Send all required test scores (SAT, ACT, AP or IB)

Congratulations! The next step is to apply for funds to fulfill your postsecondary education dream.

- Begin researching about financial aid. Identify potential scholarships and sources of aid. Determine if you will live on campus, off campus, or at home as this will effect the amount of funds you will need. Visit the following websites to get started:

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.collegegoalsunday.com

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