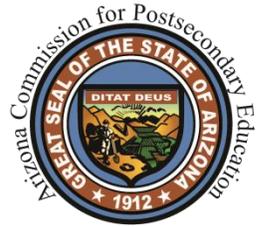


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Arizona College Application Campaign: what to expect

The Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education thanks you for volunteering for the Arizona College Application Campaign (AzCAC). There are a few things you should know about your volunteer experience to make it successful. If there is ever an issue or question at the event that you do not feel confident answering, ask a member of the school counseling or teaching staff for the best solution.

What you will be doing

First you will need to check in with the front or main office to receive directions.

At the event site, introduce yourself to the site coordinator, who will give you your work assignments. Ask the site coordinator what he or she expects you to do during the event. This might include greeting and directing students to the event, giving out tickets and wristbands, guiding students to websites, making sure students complete the AzCAC online exit report, and helping them with their applications. Sometimes the site coordinator may not have a specific work assignment for you, but will ask you to do whatever is needed.

College applications

Students will need some or all of the following to fill out an application:

- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- SAT/ACT scores
- Class ranking
- Parent information (email, basic tax information)
- High school transcripts
- Social Security number.

Some students may not have all this information at hand. Counselors may be able to supply some pieces (like a transcript), but for others students may need to call home.

Some college applications have steps requiring a lot of patience, such as questions about a student's highschool coursework. Encourage the student to take the time to accurately enter their courses and grades as they appear on their transcript.

Most college applications ask students to choose a major. This part can be difficult for students who may not have a certain direction in mind. Many schools offer "Exploratory" majors that may be a good option for the student. If a student is having a lot of difficulty, ask school staff or faculty for help.

At the end of the application, most colleges and universities need the student to pay a fee. Some students may qualify for a fee waiver, so be sure to ask the site coordinator about the school's policy on this.

Challenges you may encounter

Despite the best efforts of the school, you might encounter certain problems at the event.

If there are not enough volunteers, you will have to use your time effectively to make sure everything gets done and all students get the help they need. Rely on school faculty and staff for assistance if you feel overwhelmed.

Students may not know all the postsecondary options available to them. Let these students know that postsecondary education is not limited to just 2- and 4-year degree programs, but also includes options such as one-year vocational or technical programs and the military. Other students may have already completed a college application, and can use their time in other ways by working on FAFSA or scholarship applications and other projects.

For other issues and questions, talk to the school's staff and faculty in attendance at the event.

Other resources

For more help, including a volunteer training webinar and guides to the Arizona public university applications, use the links on the [College Goal Arizona website](#).

For questions, contact Zach Bartell (zbartell@azhighered.gov; 602-258-2435 x 105) at the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Good luck, and have fun at the event!