

Statewide CCR Support



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

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FAFSA UPDATES & PROPOSED TRAINING & EVENTS

FAFSA UPDATES

- Parents without a SSN will be able to create an FSA ID-
Dec 2023
- EFC formula changes and re-naming EFC as SAI (Student Aid Index)
- Add up to 20 colleges on the FAFSA
- Eliminate consideration for more than 1 in college
- Role-based form
- Pell Eligibility- SAI or Min/Max Pell Measures

Additional information to come!

FAFSA TRAINING



Train the Trainer: August 17th & 24th

- Format: Virtual (record session)
- **Audience: College Access Professionals**

FAFSA Updates Training: Sept 7th and 14th

- Format: Virtual (record session)
- Audience: high school counselors, administrators, college and career specialists

FAFSA Bootcamp Series

- **Oct 26th** Preparing for the FAFSA: Creating an FSA ID
- **Nov 2nd** FAFSA 101: FAFSA application overview – new features and helping students and families with the form.
- **Nov 9th** FAFSA 201 and verification: advanced topics: special populations/circumstances, and verification
- **Nov 16th** FAFSA Data: Using student-level FAFSA data

Events

- FAFSA Kick-off and AzCAN Launch –**December 1st 2023 @ ASU West**
- 2024-25 FAFSA debut- December 2023

FAFSA TRAINING REGISTRATION

UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE READY ARIZONA EVENTS & RESOURCES

- Join ABOR, ADE and EdForwardAZ for an interactive and informative webinar where we will unveil our comprehensive Arizona College Application Campaign Toolkit designed to empower educators with essential resources and strategies to help students navigate the college application process successfully. We will also cover how your school can help increase FAFSA completion rates among your students with the Arizona FAFSA Challenge and Arizona College Connect. Lastly, we will discuss how to enhance these events, as well as Arizona Decision Day, with the support of professional development and volunteers!
- Register for **either** of the live opportunities below:
- Wednesday, August 16 from 9am-10am: <https://asu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMldeCprzgoEtT7h1dmX1YBg6inlCmeOHfT>
- Thursday, August 24 from 12pm-1pm: <https://asu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vfuggqDojG9liH0rLYKDjtqMChMsKnGqL>
- Direct Link to School Partner Tri University Updates
- <https://visit.asu.edu/tri-university/counselors>
- Direct Link to HS Student Tri University Updates
- <https://visit.asu.edu/tri-university/high-school-student-programming>

VALLEY
LEADERSHIP &
COX CHARITIES
FAFSA
EDUCATION
OUTREACH

- FAFSA commercial spotlights during televised high school football season
- Sonoran Living, YurView- FAFSA segments
- Social Media Promotion
- [AZFAFSA.ORG Website with Resources](http://AZFAFSA.ORG)
 - *Ask Benji*
 - *FAFSA Hotline*
 - *FAFSA Virtual Assistance*
 - *Community FAFSA workshops and events*
- Paid Search

MENU OF FAFSA TECHNICAL SUPPORT STATEWIDE

- [CAP - College Access Professionals - 2023-2024 Course Schedule](#) (Education Forward Arizona)
 - [Click here to register](#)
- [Ask Benji FAFSA Chat Bot](#) (Education Forward Arizona)
- [Statewide FAFSA Kick Off 2022](#)
- [Register for the AZ Counselor Spring Training-April 19, 2023](#)
- [Counselor Toolkit with Resource Links](#)
- [One-on-One Virtually Appts with a FAFSA Expert](#)

- AZ FAFSA Boot Camp 2023 Training Coming Soon...

BECOME AN AZCAN MEMBER

Free to join!

[Click here to become an AzCAN Member!](#)

Financial Aid & FAFSA

Introduction to Financial Aid

Each student and family is unique and so are their financial aid options. Learn about financial aid types, forms and formulas, cost of attendance, and how a student's financial need is determined.

Financial Aid Programs

Dig deeper into financial aid programs and information, including federal student aid, loan options, loan repayment, and additional aid opportunities for special population students.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Learn about the critical role of the FAFSA, how to help students and families prepare materials, get started with the FSA ID, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, how to complete the FAFSA step by step, and how to support special population students.

FAFSA Events, Comparing Offers, and Making Appeals

Learn about the FAFSA Completion Initiative and what it means for your school or organization and the students you serve. Help your students understand FAFSA verification, compare financial aid offers, and make financial aid appeals.



BENEFITS

Impactful, job-relevant training.

Earn recertification hours and get more Arizona students on the path to postsecondary education—especially low-income and first-generation students.

Proven community learning approach.

Join other school counselors, educators and college access professionals for online discussions around critical topics in postsecondary exploration and planning.

Perfect for busy schedules.

Complete a course in just a few hours per week over 4-5 weeks.

LEARN MORE

Learn more about AzCAN membership and register for CAP courses at educationforwardarizona.org/azcan.



COLLEGE ACCESS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

For counselors, educators and college access professionals.

Gain the critical knowledge and skills needed to support postsecondary exploration and planning so that Arizona students and families have the necessary information to make informed postsecondary decisions.



CAP TRAINING COURSES – FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID



- **CAP Training Courses - FAFSA and Financial Aid Series**
 - Maximum of 15 seat hours
 - 4-week courses
 - Scholarship application built into the registration process
- **Arizona Financial Aid Specialist Certificate**
 - Participants who complete the four financial aid courses will receive an Arizona Financial Aid Specialist certificate signifying that they have a mastery of knowledge and key strategies to support students and families with identifying/securing financial aid resources and with FAFSA completion. The four courses include:
 - Financial Aid I: Introduction to Financial Aid
 - Financial Aid II: Financial Aid Programs
 - Financial Aid III: The FAFSA Step-By-Step
 - Financial Aid IV: FAFSA Events, Comparing Offers, and Making Appeals

ARIZONA CACTUS LEAGUE PARTNERSHIP

- The Arizona Cactus League, the Arizona Board of Regents, and Ask Benji teamed up to encourage college-bound Arizona high school seniors to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students had to complete their FAFSA, and they could score (4) free Arizona Cactus League spring training tickets to a baseball game this season!
- **829** Arizona high school seniors have received tickets to attend a 2023 spring training game season for completing their FAFSA
- **400** entries submitted in the first week
- **2%** FAFSA Completion Rate increase in the overall statewide rate



FAFSA PEER COACH PROGRAM

- In Fall 2022, the Arizona Board of Regents recruited, trained, and deployed **108** FAFSA Peer Coaches to work with high school students in **24** high schools.
- ABOR's FAFSA Peer Coaches are current high school Seniors who support college application and FAFSA completion through positive influence and peer assistance.
- FAFSA Peer Coaches help at large-scale FAFSA events and provide 1:1 support for students and families.

What do you believe you have added to the Peer Coach team? What are you most proud of?

"I believe I have added a sense of enthusiasm to the team. I'm most proud of our ability to express how important all of this really is for our futures. We are really getting that message across to the students in a manner where they are understanding its importance."

- Eryn J.

What do you believe is the most beneficial thing about having peer coaches on campus? What are you most proud of?

"The best part about having peer coaches is that students can come to us with questions, and we can provide relatable advice and important information. It makes the FAFSA process more accessible! I am most proud of how committed our Peer Coach team is. The team has a lot of fun working with individual students during classroom visits."

- Emily S.

ARIZONA COLLEGE CONNECT

An Innovative FAFSA database that provides authorized high school and district personnel with their student-level FAFSA information and other college attainment data.



The new data portal is funded by Helios Education Foundation and developed through a data partnership with the Arizona Department of Education.

ARIZONA COLLEGE CONNECT ANALYTICS

251

Active Data-Sharing Agreements

351

Individual Users
Set-up Since
Launch (Oct 2022)

79%

Usage Rate

Over 14,000 site visits
Over the Last 90 Days

286

Unique views



#AZDecisionDay
@AZRegents



Brent Payne

Brent plans to attend Cochise College to study Animation and Game Design



CLASS OF 2023



ARIZONA DECISION DAY 2023

- Governor Hobbs declared May 1, 2023, as Arizona Decision Day. Additionally, ABOR created a toolkit to be used by educators that provided ideas to celebrate Arizona High School Senior's college-going plans. High Schools from Cochise County to Coconino County took time to recognize the big decisions AZ students made.



Arizona College Application Campaign

The Arizona College Application Campaign (AzCAC) is a statewide effort to increase the number of first-generation college students and students from low-income families pursuing a college degree or other higher education credential. Through this program, high schools are stepping up to advise and guide seniors and their families through their college application journey.

AzCAC is designed to encourage schools to support graduating seniors navigate the admissions process and provide students the opportunity to complete at least one college application during the school year. AzCAC can open the door for students by encouraging them to take significant steps toward college in their senior year and ultimately ensure that every student has a chance to reach their potential and bring Arizona closer to 60% postsecondary attainment by 2030.

AzCAC is an initiative of the [Arizona Board of Regents](#) and is part of the [American College Application Campaign](#).

APPLICATION SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS

The videos below are designed to help school counselors and AzCAC volunteers support students in completing college applications at Arizona's public universities.



ASU Arizona State University



NAU NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

JOIN US!

The first 100 schools that register to participate in the Arizona College Application Campaign and the Arizona FAFSA Challenge will receive a College Ready AZ toolkit that includes campaign posters, stickers, folders, and pins.

Register your school today! The priority deadline for registration is August 31, 2023.

[SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE](#)

AZCAC EVENT PLANNING

1

Register your school for the Arizona College Application Campaign

2

Encourage students to begin college research. Talk to students about match, fit, cost and applying to a variety of colleges.

3

Host a school-wide College Application Campaign event

4

Ensure eligible students have submitted fee waivers, transcripts, test scores, etc.

5

Submit your event data to the Arizona College Application Campaign

TOOLKIT

Schools can customize the timing and number of events to meet the needs of their campus and students. Download the Site Coordinator Toolkit to help kickstart and plan a school-based AzCAC program. You can also find more resources on the American College Application Campaign's website [here](#).

[DOWNLOAD THE TOOLKIT](#)

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

PUBLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

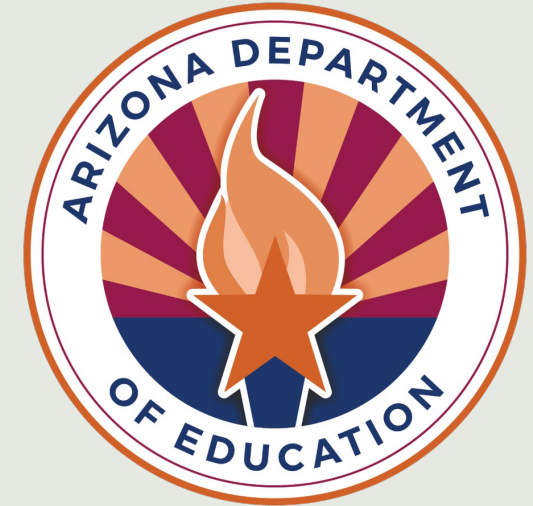
Arizona Western College
Central Arizona College
Cochise College
Coconino Community College
Eastern Arizona College

Maricopa Community Colleges
Mohave Community College
Northland Pioneer College
Pima Community College
Yavapai College

TRIBAL COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

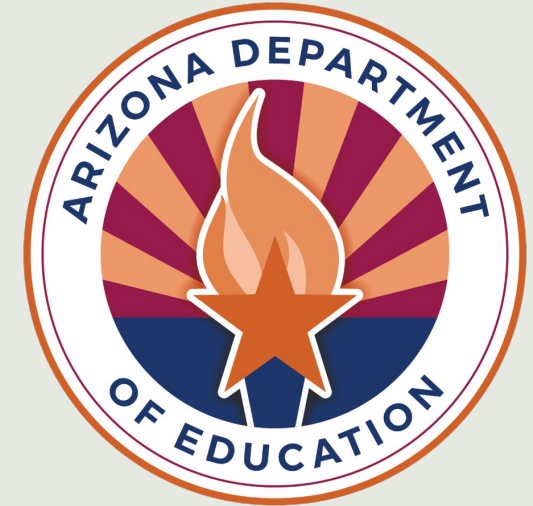
ECAP Updates

- ✓ ECAP Implementation Plans and Student Sample Plans must be uploaded into the EMAC system by **April 26, 2024**
- ✓ Student Sample Plan **not needed** if using My Future AZ
- ✓ Please visit **ECAP website** for more resources on uploading guidance and state board requirements
- ✓ <https://www.azed.gov/ecap> or follow QR code



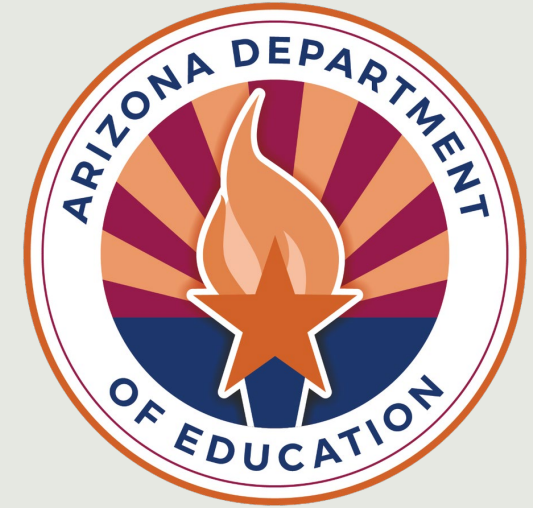
My Future AZ Updates

- ✓ Back to School and Fall 2023 **training dates and registration links** are posted on the ECAP website
- ✓ The ADE and Pipeline AZ team will be providing **in person trainings** for back to school, please email us to get scheduled
- ✓ We have 300 schools registered already, if your school is looking for a **free and easy** to use platform, please use the QR code to get your account set up



School Counselor Connection Newsletter

- ✓ To stay up to date on our professional development opportunities and conferences, please **sign up** to receive our monthly newsletter by following the QR code



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