

Arizona's 2025 IDEA Conference

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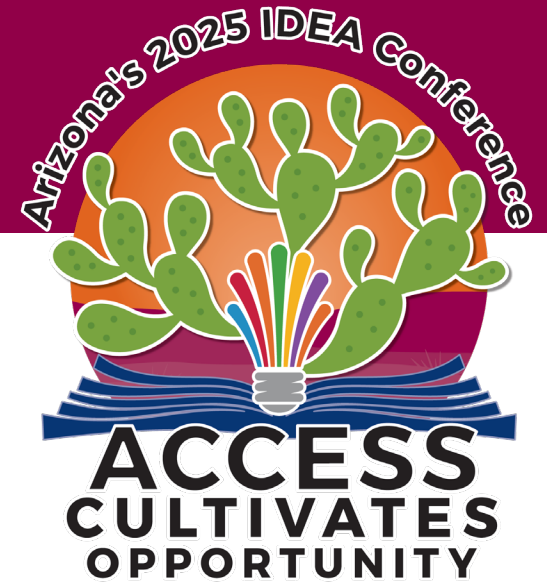
Arizona's 2025 IDEA Conference: *Access Cultivates Opportunity*

**August 21–22, 2025 at the JW Marriott
Desert Ridge in Phoenix**

The conference includes:

- Professional learning opportunities for special education stakeholders as well as youth/young adults with disabilities and their family members
- Youth/Family Scholarship Opportunity
- Student Artwork
- Transition Services Awards
- Evening Events

For more information, scan the QR code or [visit the IDEA Conference web page](#).



What's New in 2025

Schedule

Conference Dates:

- Thursday, August 21, 2025
- Friday, August 22, 2025

Pre-Conference (Invite Only):

- Wednesday, August 20, 2025
- Groups: Special Education Leadership, Youth, and Families

Registration

Process: Two-step process to ensure a smooth experience for participants

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Registration & Lodging Now Open!

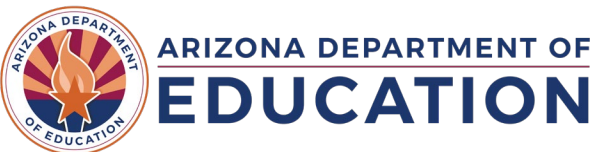
Registration

Professionals is **\$400 per person**.

Payable by credit card, check, or purchase order. Act soon, as spots are expected to fill.

Process:

1. **Request a Seat:** [Submit your seat request](#) by **July 25, 2025**.
2. **Submit Payment:** Once your seat request is approved, you will receive payment instructions to complete your registration through the Arizona Professional Learning & Development (APLD) application.



Lodging

Conference Room Block Rate: \$199/night (excluding taxes and fees)

Room Block Dates: Wednesday, August 21, 2025 – Thursday, August 22, 2025. Note: Rooms are not available Friday, August 22, 2025

[Make your reservation at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort's conference website](#) or call the Reservations Center at 1-888-236-2427. The last day to book at the conference rate is **July 30, 2025**.

The room rate for Arizona's 2025 IDEA Conference is \$199/night, which exceeds the State rate. Participants should check their lodging reimbursement policies and request exceptions if needed. [Please use this document to support an exception.](#)

Celebrations and Opportunities

Youth and Family Scholarship

Youth/Young adults between the ages of 14 and 22 who have a documented disability, **family members** of a student with an IEP or 504 Plan, and **Providers** who attend with a student or family member are eligible to apply for a scholarship to attend this year's conference.

Call for Student Artwork

Any student (current or recent) up to 22 years of age with a disability is eligible to submit a digital copy of their artwork to be considered for display at the 2025 IDEA Conference.

Secondary Transition Services Awards

Nominate **educators and community members who provide exceptional transition services** or **students who have successfully navigated through the transition planning process**. Award winners will be recognized at the 2025 IDEA Conference.



Arizona's IDEA Conference Youth and Family Scholarship

In partnership with [the Arizona Department of Health Services, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program](#), ADE/ESS is excited to offer scholarships for Arizona youth and their families to attend this year's conference.

Who can apply:

- **Youth/Young adults between the ages of 14 and 22** who have a documented disability
- **Family members** of a student with an IEP or 504 Plan
- **Providers** who attend with a student or family member



For more information and to apply, scan the QR code or [visit the Youth and Family Scholarship web page](#). Applications will be accepted through May 27 2025. For questions, please [email the IDEA Conference Inbox](#).

Call for Student Artwork

Who can submit artwork?

- Any student (current or recent) up to 22 years of age with a disability is eligible to submit artwork.

What form of artwork is accepted?

- ***A digital copy of the artwork must be submitted.***
- Artwork entries must be created by the student.
- Please [view the Artwork Entry Form](#) for comprehensive details regarding accepted artwork.

For more information and to submit art, scan the QR code.

Applications will be accepted through June 16, 2025. For questions, please [email the IDEA Conference Inbox](#).



Baylee R, 17 yrs (2024 Artwork Submission)



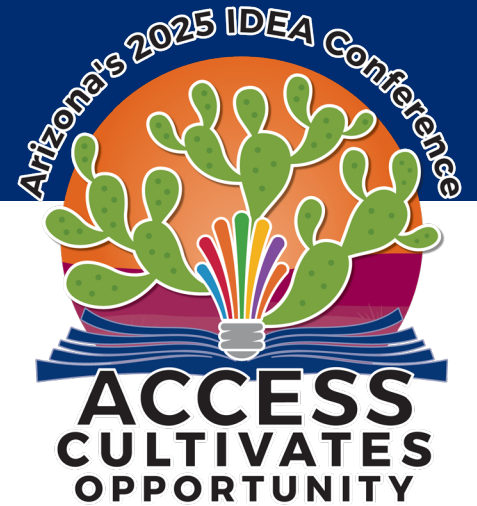
Arizona's Secondary Transition Services Awards

Make a nomination today to recognize individuals who provide exceptional transition services, or who have successfully navigated through the transition planning process. Award winners will be recognized at the 2025 IDEA Conference.

Who can be nominated?

- Youth/Young Adults
- Community Members
- Educators

For more information and to make a nomination, scan the QR code or [visit the Secondary Transition Services Awards web page](#). Nominations will be accepted through May 27, 2025. For questions, please [email the IDEA Conference Inbox](#).



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