



MEMBER MONTHLY

Member Benefits & AzCAN Updates



Have you signed up for CAP training yet?!

Our CAP trainings will help college access professionals develop an understanding of their role in developing a college-going mission for all students, particularly students in poverty or facing other barriers in postsecondary planning. All CAP courses are **free** and this year we are offering new courses as well!

Registration for most modules is now open. [View the schedule and register today.](#)

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



The Education Forward Arizona Scholarship opens Jan. 15!

Since 2005, Education Forward Arizona has worked with students enrolled in postsecondary education across the state of Arizona to provide support services that empower them to persist and thrive through college and beyond.

The 2022/2023 Education Forward Arizona Scholarship Application process will open on Jan. 15, 2022 with the new cohort of Ed Forward AZ Scholars announced in May.

Scholarship Awards

- Student may be eligible to receive up to \$6,000 per year (\$2,000 - \$3,000 per semester) for 4 years
- Intended for students planning to obtain a bachelor's degree within 4 years (Community college for the first 2 years is an option)
- Mentoring and Success Services are included

Eligibility

- Be an active member of, and recommended by, one of our [College Access Partner Organizations](#)
- Demonstrate high potential and motivation to succeed in college

- Have a 3.0 Weighted Cumulative GPA
- Be a graduate of an Arizona high school and entering a college or a university as a first-time enrollee
- Meet the criteria to receive Federal Student Aid, be Pell Grant eligible and able to demonstrate significant financial need as reported on the FAFSA
- DACA recipients are also eligible

The deadline to apply is March 4. [Learn more.](#)



The Thunderbirds Scholars Program

Founded in 2019, the Thunderbirds Scholars Program seeks to provide internship and exposure programs to Arizona's talented youth.

To qualify for the four-year, full ride scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Graduate from an Arizona high school or equivalent
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Be prepared to provide letters of recommendation -- academic and personal
- Attend or plan to attend Arizona State University, University of Arizona or Northern Arizona University
- Must not combine the scholarship with other funds except need-based federal financial aid

Learn more at azfoundation.org/scholarships or email scholarship@azfoundation.org.



Summer may feel far away, but the deadline is fast approaching for Phoenix high school juniors and seniors to apply for Bank of America's Student Leaders program. Through paid summer internships at local nonprofits, community-minded young students gain skills to be successful in the workforce. The [2022 application](#) is open now through Jan. 28.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Webinar: How You Can Make a Difference on Big Education Issues

The biggest education issues facing our schools and students often require systemwide changes. Systemic changes can take a while and require a lot of broad support. But once accomplished, the impact can be vast and lasting. Every change starts with small actions that each of us can take in support of students, teachers and education as a whole.

Join us on Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. to learn more about the power you have to impact education policy, how to use it, and ways to get engaged. From voting to contacting policymakers, you will walk away with easy things you can do right now to be an advocate for all students in Arizona. Additionally, you will gain insight into the big topics in education during the 2022 legislative session and beyond.

[Sign up here.](#)

The Rural College Access and Success Summit

One of the few national convenings to focus on rural America, the Summit brings together teachers, principals, superintendents, higher education leaders, legislators, and nonprofit leaders to share ideas and strategies for ensuring that rural youth have the opportunity to successfully transition from high school to college and career.

It will feature keynote speakers Geoff Canada, founder of the Harlem Children's Zone, and Jimmy Wayne, a former foster kid turned award-winning country recording artist. **This event will be held from April 24 - 26, 2022.**

[Early bird registration is now open.](#)



Webinar: Where Do Students Go? How Do You Know? Options for Data-Starved Districts



Students' pathways after high school have never been more important for not only students themselves but also their families, communities, states, and our nation overall. Despite that, accessing and measuring students' postsecondary outcomes continues to be both tricky and highly varied across states.

Districts, schools, and community organizations are in wildly different places in their willingness and capacity to measure these outcomes. But what are some of the strategies and options available, no matter where an organization is?

In this webinar, we will walk through different approaches, both homegrown and external, for better understanding students' postsecondary pathways, before and after they graduate from high school. Attendees should bring their own questions as well as their successes and struggles as we explore various options on this critical topic.

In this webinar you will learn:

- Options to access data that shows where students go after high school

- How to leverage this data to better understand students' postsecondary choices and how that differs from their intentions
- How to use the data to update strategies in college and career advising

[Register for the Jan. 27 webinar today.](#)

JOB OPENINGS



Access ASU is currently hiring an [Educational Outreach Specialist - Glendale](#).



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