



Arizona has everything to gain – in our economy, in our workforce, in our communities and as individuals – when students continue their education after high school.



Research shows that Arizonans who pursue learning after high school experience higher lifetime earnings, better health, and more economic opportunities.

Right now:

- Approximately 25% of high school graduates in Arizona who are eligible do not go to community college or a four-year university.
- Just 48% of working-age Arizonans have a postsecondary certificate, degree or credential.

We can change this with the right investment.

Increasing higher education enrollment by 20% could lead to more than **\$5 billion in economic gains for Arizona.**

More students from all backgrounds completing college would lead to **\$8.69 billion in economic gains.**

Cost is the most significant barrier most students face. Making it possible for more students to continue education after high school will grow Arizona's economy and lift individuals, families and communities.

How do we make gains across Arizona?

- Make college more affordable and expand scholarship programs
- Increase educator pay and retain great teachers
- Offer state-supported full-day Kindergarten and inclusive pre-K
- Recruit and retain a highly-qualified early childhood workforce
- Increase and sustain professional development and coaching for educators
- Create a math equivalent to Read On Arizona
- Start the Education Career Action Plan (ECAP) in 8th grade
- Increase equitable access to dual and concurrent enrollment
- Expand access to school counselors
- Implement a long-term P-20 funding solution

Interested in making this happen for Arizona?
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