

State Scholarship Rules & Regulations

1. **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REIMBURSEMENT.** Awards must be for accredited educational institution expenses (tuition, books, approved campus housing, etc.), or for educational loans received for same. A Request for Reimbursement form shall be submitted to the Arizona Volunteer Scholarship foundation. Additional information will need to be provided including educational institution or lending institution, receipts or loan payment information, student ID number, and other information as needed to process the award payment. If you are unsure of accreditation status of your educational institution, please reach out to the Arizona Volunteer Scholarship Foundation, or its designee (State Director) for confirmation.
2. **GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING.** Scholarships will be paid for tuition for credit courses only to those students in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater). Any scholarship recipient must be able to prove their academic standing through an Official Transcript from the accredited college/university, may not have an Academic Warning, be on Academic Probation, be in Academic Recovery or have been granted Academic Dismissal Status for scholarship awards to be sent on the recipient's behalf.
3. **TUITION BILL.** All monies will be paid by check directly to the accredited college, university, or school upon receipt of a tuition bill emailed by the Contestant to the State Director. The tuition bill must bear the name of the accredited college or university in letterhead or logo form, the amount owed, as well as the student's name or student ID number. **Miss Arizona Scholarship cannot and will not reimburse Contestants for expenses that have already been paid to the college or university.**
4. **STUDENT LOANS.** Scholarship recipients who have completed their education or training may use their Scholarship awards for outstanding student loan obligations, provided the loan is not in default, the recipient is the primary or secondary named on the loan, and provided the student has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. **Requires an itemized statement from the educational lending institution with letterhead or logo included, along with documentation that shows the Scholarship Recipient as the primary or secondary payer of the loan obligation.**
5. **PAYMENT.** Requests for scholarships are processed by the Arizona Volunteer Scholarship foundation and upon approval a letter and accompanying check will be sent to the Contestant. It is the Contestant's responsibility to ensure the check is presented to the appropriate college, university, lending institution, etc. for processing.
6. **EXPIRATION.** Use of the scholarship award must begin within twelve months from the date of the scholarship awarded, must be continuous and completed within two years. ***An exception will be made for the winner of Miss Arizona Volunteer who is eligible to apply for scholarship funds once her year of service has been completed and will have three years from the date of winning the state title to use the scholarship awards won.***
7. **UNUSED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.** All cancelled, unrequested, forfeited or unused portions of scholarships will revert to the Arizona Volunteer Scholarship foundation for redistribution.
8. **TIMELINE.** Scholarship monies are paid immediately upon receipt of statements from accredited colleges, universities, or schools; however, **this process may take up to three (3) weeks, depending upon the date and time the request is submitted, as well as processing by the college or university.**
9. Final interpretation of all rules and regulations listed above will be made by the Board of Directors of the Arizona Volunteer Scholarship foundation.
10. In the event that the Winner of the State Competition or one of its Runners Up relinquishes their title, the organization will not succeed the scholarships and awards which are applicable to the vacated positions.
11. By signing below, Contestant and/or Scholarship Recipient accepts these rules and regulations.

Confirm with State/Local Organizations proper address and method for submission of scholarship requests.

I, _____, have read and understand the State Scholarship Rules and Regulations.

Contestant Name:

Contestant Signature:

Date: