

PARADISE VALLEY

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Please ensure all documents and information is complete before accepting and signing off on the packet.

PUMA EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

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NEW STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Puma Early College Program Application**
 - Student Information
 - Parent/Guardian Information
 - Student & Parent/Guardian Signature Agreement
- Two (2) Recommendation Forms** *(see attached recommendation forms and submit in a sealed envelope)*
- Unofficial High School Transcript**
- Typed Short Personal Essay** *(see essay requirements on Part Three)*
- Maricopa Grant Application and Supportive Document(s)** *(optional)*
 - Copy of Recent Federal Income Tax Return
 - OR**
 - Copy of SSS, Food Stamp, Free/Reduce Lunch, TANF, WIC.
- Required Documentation** *(please provide two forms of identification, proof of identification)*
 - U.S. Birth Certificate and Photo ID *(current high school photo ID, Arizona State ID, or Arizona Driver's License/Permit)*
 - OR**
 - U.S. Passport, Foreign Passport with United States Visa, Permanent Residency.

Please contact the Early College Programs with any questions or concerns.



Part One - Student and Parent/Guardian Information

Please print legibly and complete all information on this application.

Student Information

Student's Full Name <small>(First, M.I. and Last)</small>			
Student's Preferred Name			
Student's Maricopa Enterprise ID <small>(if applicable)</small>		MCCCD Student ID # <small>(if applicable)</small>	
Date of Birth <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>		Gender	Male Female Other _____
Student's Phone Number <small>(###) ### - ####</small>		Alternative Number <small>(###) ### - ####</small>	
Student's Email Address <small>(personal or high school)</small>			
Home Address		Arizona	
Street	Apartment # / Lot Space #	City / Town	State Zip Code
Is your Home Address the same as your Mailing Address? Yes No <i>If no, please print your current Mailing Address below</i>			
Mailing Address		Arizona	
P.O. Box / Street	Apartment # / Lot Space #	City / Town	State Zip Code
High School Currently Attending:			
"Unweighted" GPA Score _____	Current Grade Level	9th Grade	10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade Homeschool
High School Counselor's Name:			
Has anyone attended college in your immediate family? <small>(i.e. mom, dad, siblings)</small>			
Have you ever earned college credit? Yes No <i>If yes, where?</i>			

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name <small>(First, M.I. and Last)</small>			
Home Address <small>(if different from student's home address)</small>		Arizona	
Street	Apartment # / Lot Space #	City / Town	State Zip Code
Parent/Guardian's Phone Number <small>(###) ### - ####</small>		Alternative Number <small>(###) ### - ####</small>	
Parent/Guardian Email Address <small>(personal or work)</small>			

Student and Parent/Guardian Signature Agreement [Please print application and sign below]

AS A SELECTED PARTICIPANT OF THE PUMA EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM, I COMMIT TO THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM AND WILL FULLY PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM. I AM OPEN TO LEARNING, GROWING, AND CONTRIBUTING TO MY ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL GROWTH.

Student's Signature

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUMA EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN MANDATORY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS, ENROLL, AND COMPLETE ALL PREREQUISITE AND/OR REQUIRED COURSES. AS THE PARENT/GUARDIAN, I COMMIT TO PROVIDING THE NEEDED SUPPORT SYSTEM TO ENSURE SUCCESS.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Part Two - Required Documentation

Please include the following documentation with this application

* Copy of student's U.S. Birth Certificate and Photo ID

<i>Acceptable Photo IDs</i>		Current High School ID <small>(Academic Year 2022-2023)</small>
		Arizona State ID
		Arizona Driver's Permit/License
		U.S. Passport ID

* Copy of High School Unofficial Transcript (showing current grade and GPA standing)

* Two (2) Recommendation Forms (see attached recommendation forms & submit in sealed envelope)

* TYPED Short Personal Essay (Doubled-Space, a minimum of 2 pages) (see part 3 to view essay requirements)

Part Three - Short Personal Essay Requirements

Required - Your essay must be TYPED on a separate sheet of paper (double-spaced and a minimum of 2 pages) and included with your application packet.

Essay Question: How will participating in the Puma Early College Program help you reach the goal you have set for yourself?

Tell us about yourself, your reasons for wanting to go to college and/or university, and how the Puma Early College Program might help you with your educational plans.

Consider Following when crafting your Personal Essay:		Future career goals
		What is college/university is important to you
		Personal goals and motivation to complete them
		Obstacles that may hinder you or slow you down from reaching your goals
		Person, event, or endeavor that has significantly influenced your life while in high school
		Challenges you have overcome
		Personal achievements

Submit all documentation and essay in this application packet to your high school guidance counselor or adviser. Or, turn in application packet to Paradise Valley Community College, Early College Programs Office at Union Hills, Office room KSC 1200.

Contact the Early College Programs Office with any questions via email at earlycollege@paradisevalley.edu or call us at (602) 787-7170

**PUMA EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM
TEACHER/COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION**

RECOMMENDATION FOR _____

This student is applying to the Puma Early College Program. The Puma Early College Program allows motivated high school students to attend classes at Paradise Valley Community College in the afternoons during their Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years. The program is intended to help students get an early start on completing the requirements towards an AGECE credit completion or Associate's Degree.

This form is CONFIDENTIAL; no student or parent will have access to this form at any time.

***Please place this form in an envelope, seal it and sign over the seal. You can then give it to the student or place it in the counselor's mailbox.**

Please circle the response that best describes this student using the following qualifiers:

- (0) Not Observed
- (1) Below Average
- (2) Good
- (3) Excellent
- (4) Outstanding (Top 5% of Students Encountered)

	Not Observed	Below Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Academic Motivation	0	1	2	3	4
Academic Creativity	0	1	2	3	4
Academic Self-Discipline	0	1	2	3	4
Academic Growth Potential	0	1	2	3	4
Leadership	0	1	2	3	4
Self-Confidence	0	1	2	3	4
Sense of Humor	0	1	2	3	4
Concern for Others	0	1	2	3	4
Energy	0	1	2	3	4
Emotional Maturity	0	1	2	3	4
Personal Initiative	0	1	2	3	4
Reaction to Setbacks	0	1	2	3	4
Pursuit of Independent Studies	0	1	2	3	4
Critical Thinking	0	1	2	3	4

Please choose 3 adjectives that best describe this student:

COMMENTS:

Teacher/Counselor Print Name: _____

Teacher/Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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COMMENTS:

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Maricopa Community Colleges
MARICOPA GRANT APPLICATION FOR PUMA EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM
2022-2023 Academic Year

The MARICOPA Grant program is offered to eligible Arizona high school students attending Maricopa Community Colleges in Concurrent Enrollment (Puma Early College) Programs.

Only for student recipients providing documentation of household income using the 2021 Federal Income Tax Return, or copy of the Tax Return Transcript from the parent or guardians. Financial need will be indicated if household income falls below 200% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services 2022 Poverty Guidelines
Financial Need Indicated at 200% of Guideline

Persons in Family	Poverty Guideline	200%
1	\$13,590	\$27,180
2	\$18,310	\$36,620
3	\$23,030	\$46,060
4	\$27,750	\$55,500
5	\$32,470	\$64,940
6	\$37,190	\$74,380
7	\$41,910	\$83,820
8	\$46,630	\$93,260
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each additional person.		

- Under Arizona state law, a person who is not a United States citizen or who is without lawful immigration status may not receive tuition assistance through the Maricopa Grant Program. Only those with a lawful presence in the US may qualify for Maricopa County Community College District scholarships or federal financial aid. Any information you provide about your legal status when you apply for financial aid or scholarships may be subject to mandatory reporting to federal immigration authorities under AZ law.
- The Maricopa Grant may be applied toward resident tuition and registration fees in dual enrollment courses only. Students are responsible for all other fees and charges.
- The Maricopa Grant may cover a maximum of twelve credit hours per student per year for all Maricopa Community College dual enrollment courses (number of credits depends on college budget and funding).
- Students must complete the first semester in which they enroll with a grade of A, B, or C in order to be eligible to receive the Maricopa Grant for the following semester.
- Withdrawal from a course funded by the Maricopa Grant program after the last date for Official Course Withdrawal will disqualify a student for any future tuition assistance while in high school. A disqualified student may request reconsideration based on extenuating circumstances. The awarding of aid will be at the college's discretion.



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**Puma Early College Program Maricopa Grant Application
Office of Student Financial Assistance**

Only those with a lawful presence in the US may qualify for MCCCCD scholarships or federal financial aid. Any information you provide about your legal status when you apply for financial aid or scholarships may be subject to mandatory reporting to federal immigration authorities under AZ law.

The Puma Early College Grant program is available to eligible high school students participating in the Puma Early College Program at Paradise Valley Community College. Completed applications are to be submitted to the high school counselor as part of the program application packet. All grant applications with income documentation will be forwarded to the Office of Student Financial Assistance at Paradise Valley Community College to be evaluated. Upon completion of the eligibility evaluation, a letter of award or denial will be sent to the student's home. High school counselors will be notified of grant eligibility results.

Please note that ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED in order for this application to be processed.

Student Name:	SS# or College Student ID:
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	Email:
Home/Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Parent Contact Name:	
Parent Email:	Parent Phone:

Academic Year: 2022 - 2023	Term: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Select Only One: <input type="checkbox"/> First Year Early College Student <input type="checkbox"/> Second Year Early College Student	
Name of High School:	

Household Information: Please attach a copy of the most recent signed federal income tax return to this application prior to submission.
Number of family members (including yourself) living in your household:
Parents' and students' combined gross household income this past year: \$

If you are not required to file a federal tax return, please provide documentation of household members' participation in any of the following federal benefits programs (check all that apply):

Supplemental Social Security Food Stamps Free/Reduced Lunch TANF WIC

Required Documentation: Students must provide evidence of lawful presence in the US by providing one of the following types of documentation. Please attach a copy of one of the forms of documentation listed below to this application prior to submission.

1. An Arizona driver license issued after 1996 or an Arizona non-operating identification license.
2. A birth certificate or delayed birth certificate issued in any state, territory or possession of the United States.
3. A United States certificate of birth abroad.
4. A United States passport.
5. A foreign passport with a United States visa.
6. An I-94 form with a photograph.
7. A United States citizenship and immigration services employment authorization document or refugee travel document.
8. A United States certificate of naturalization.
9. A United States certificate of citizenship.
10. A tribal certificate of Indian blood.
11. A tribal or bureau of Indian affairs affidavit of birth.
12. Tribal members, the elderly and "persons with disabilities or incapacity of the mind or body," may submit certain types of documentation under Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act (42 United States Code §1396b, as amended by Section 6036 of the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005)

By signing this application, I swear under penalty of perjury that the document(s) that I have submitted to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States are true. (This does not apply to applications for the private scholarship funds held in and distributed by the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation.)

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Approve _____ Approved SC _____ Denied _____ Reason _____

App. Document _____ AGI _____ Family Size _____ Exemptions _____

AWD. AMOUNTS FALL:\$ _____ SPRING:\$ _____ SUM. I:\$ _____ SUM. II:\$ _____

Staff Member Signature _____ Date _____
