



**Maricopa Community Colleges**  
**MARICOPA GRANT APPLICATION FOR PUMA EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM**  
**2025-2026 Academic Year**

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

Only for student recipients providing documentation of household income using the 2024 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 2024 Poverty Guidelines**  
**Financial Need Indicated at 200% of Guideline**

Persons in Family	Poverty Guideline	200%
1	\$15,650	\$31,300
2	\$21,150	\$42,300
3	\$26,650	\$53,300
4	\$32,150	\$64,300
5	\$37,650	\$75,300
6	\$43,150	\$86,300
7	\$48,650	\$97,300
8	\$54,150	\$108,300
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,500 for each additional person.		

- As of a 2023 change in Arizona state law, students, regardless of their immigration status, are eligible for tuition assistance through the Maricopa Grant Program, provided they meet the assistance qualification requirements. Please ensure you review all qualifications for the tuition assistance program for which you seek funds. High School students pursuing Maricopa Grant Funds, to assist in the cost of the Puma Program, must still provide documentation demonstrating residency in the State of Arizona.
- The Maricopa Grant may be applied toward resident tuition and registration fees in Puma Program 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 Puma Program courses (number of credits depends on college budget and funding).
- Students must earn a grade of A, B, or C in all classes in order to be eligible for the Maricopa Grant in a future 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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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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**ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED 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: 20	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 \_\_\_\_\_

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