



# Scholarship and Mentoring Program Application 2020-2021 Academic Year

*NOTE: You can type right into this form.*

**Before beginning to complete this application, please affirm that you meet the eligibility criteria, as stated in the Positive Paths Scholarship and Mentoring Program Description.**

- Be female.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be a resident of an East Valley community at time of application and continuously while funded. For the purposes of this program the East Valley consists of Tempe, Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek, San Tan Valley, Apache Junction, and unincorporated areas within these community boundaries.
- Be enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a vocational/skills training program, a community college certificate or associate's degree program, or a bachelor's degree program at an Arizona public university.
  - Awards will be given for use at public institutions such as the community colleges, the state universities, and adult education programs offered through public school districts. Positive Paths is currently not funding students who wish to pursue their work at private institutions or for-profit institutions.
  - Awards will be made only to students seeking certificates or degrees. This program does not pertain to those who wish to take special interest courses or coursework not related to certificate or degree completion.
  - Awards may also be given to students who do not yet have a high school diploma and wish to pursue their GED. Note that not having a high school diploma or GED will prohibit an applicant from receiving federal financial aid, but we still ask those applicants to demonstrate financial need via completion of the FAFSA form.
- Show aptitude or the promise for success. Recipients may plan to attend school full-time or part-time, but, if selected for an award, must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Positive Paths Scholarship Committee that they have a viable plan for certificate or degree completion.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have a high school diploma or GED? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No (*Not required for eligibility.*)
2. College or universities previously attended by applicant. Please list all of them (and remember to submit your transcripts).

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3. List the Arizona public institution in which you are currently enrolled, or have been accepted to attend, for which the scholarship pertains.

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What is your Student ID number at this institution? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What program, certificate, or degree will you complete? Please name the specific certificate, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree that you are trying to achieve.

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5. What is your planned field of study or major or area of emphasis? What are your career and professional goals? How will achievement of this education or training help you advance in your career and professional goals?

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***For the next several questions, you may need more space to fully answer the questions, so please feel free to type longer answers or attach additional sheets of paper, as needed.***

The Positive Paths Scholarship and Mentoring Program assists East Valley women who are returning to school to improve their lives and enhance their career opportunities by way of obtaining appropriate education/training and mentorship. Many of the recipients will have overcome major obstacles including poverty, domestic violence, death of a spouse, loss of a job, illness of family members, issues with children, or other challenges.

6. Please tell us something about you – your story and your background – and how you see yourself fitting the criteria for the Positive Paths Scholarship and Mentoring program.

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7. How will taking part in this scholarship and mentoring program help you achieve your education and career goals?

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8. Do you have a personal or professional relationship with any member of the Positive Paths Board or staff? If so, please identify the person and the relationship?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Submit completed materials:

- by 4:00pm on May 15, 2020
- via email to maria.hesse@asu.edu
- or have materials postmarked by May 15, 2020, and sent via the U.S. Postal Service to Positive Paths Scholarship Committee, c/o Maria Hesse, 102 S. Diamond Key Ct, Gilbert, AZ 85233

A completed packet will include the following items:

1. The scholarship and mentoring program application form. All items on the application form must be completed. The form is available at: <https://positivepathsaz.org/programs/#scholarship>
2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, an employer, or someone with whom you have worked closely in an academic or employment setting.
3. Printout of completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) page to demonstrate need.
4. Copy of educational transcripts from any previous colleges or universities. If you have not attended a college or university, please include a copy of your high school transcripts. These need not be official copies.

Before sending in your materials make certain:

- You filled in all the blanks on the application. You can contact the Positive Paths Scholarship Committee by calling Maria Hesse at (480) 221-4707 if you are not sure how to fill out any part of the application.
- Make sure your answers are readable. You can type directly into the form or print/write neatly. You may attach additional sheets of paper, as needed, but please make sure you indicate what question number you are addressing on attached pages.
- Proofread your application.
- Sign and date the application.
- Make yourself a copy of your materials.
- Keep a copy of the email showing you submitted the application by the deadline or keep a copy of your U.S. Postal Service receipt showing that you postmarked the application by the deadline.

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