



The Flinn Scholars Program

Overview:

The Flinn Scholarship, awarded annually to approximately 20 Arizona high-school seniors, is one of the most prestigious merit-based scholarships in the United States. It supports four years of study at an Arizona public university, study abroad, personal mentorship by faculty and alumni Scholars, and many other benefits.

The first Flinn Scholarship were awarded in 1986. The [Flinn Scholars Program](#), operated by the Flinn Foundation Scholarship Program LLC, is supported by the Flinn Foundation. The total award, provided via a partnership with Arizona's public universities, is valued at more than \$130,000.

Benefits:

Each recipient of the Flinn Scholarship receives the following benefits and opportunities:

- The full cost of tuition and mandatory fees, plus room and board;
- Funding for a three-week seminar after the Scholar's freshman year and at least one more study-abroad experience;
- Membership in a university honors college, with amenities including small classes, guest lectures, and research experiences;
- Mentorship from top faculty and exposure to Arizona and global leaders in business, government, science, and the arts;
- Intellectual, cultural, and social activities developed exclusively for Flinn Scholars by both the Foundation and the universities;
- Fellowship in an amazing community of nearly 700 current and alumni Flinn Scholars.

Eligibility:

More than 1,000 applications are typically reviewed after the October application deadline, followed by two rounds of interviews. Requirements include: U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, and Arizona resident for at least two years. Qualifying candidates typically have at least a 3.5 GPA; rank in the top 5 percent of their graduating class; and demonstrate leadership in extracurricular activities.

The Scholars:

The Flinn Foundation envisions Flinn Scholars as future leaders for Arizona in public and private life—as executives, researchers, artists, educators, and more. More than 80 percent of Scholars continue to graduate school, often at the world's most competitive universities. Numerous Scholars receive post-graduate awards such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, and Gates Cambridge Scholarships.

Scholar alumni include diplomats, entrepreneurs, field scientists, software engineers, filmmakers, and more. Approximately 35% of alumni call Arizona home.

The Flinn Foundation is a Phoenix-based, private, nonprofit philanthropic endowment established in 1965 to improve the quality of life in Arizona to benefit future generations. In addition to the Flinn Scholars, the Foundation supports the advancement of the biosciences in Arizona, arts and culture, and the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership.

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