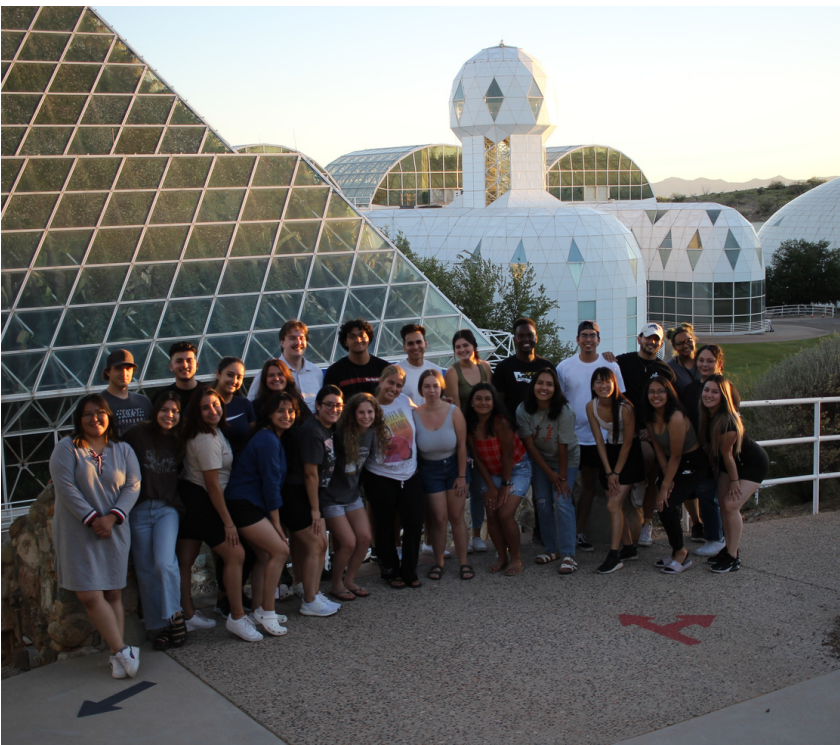




# DORRANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

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This Handbook provides an overview of the Dorrance Scholarship Programs and will be reviewed at the Program orientation in Tempe. The Program is constantly being evaluated and changed. Specific details, including but not limited to dates, deadlines, destinations, sequence of programs, number of meetings and events, and costs incurred by scholarship recipients, are subject to change without notice and cannot be accurately forecasted or included in the Handbook. The most current information will be discussed with recipients during the academic year in which they participate in any program, event, meeting, or activity.

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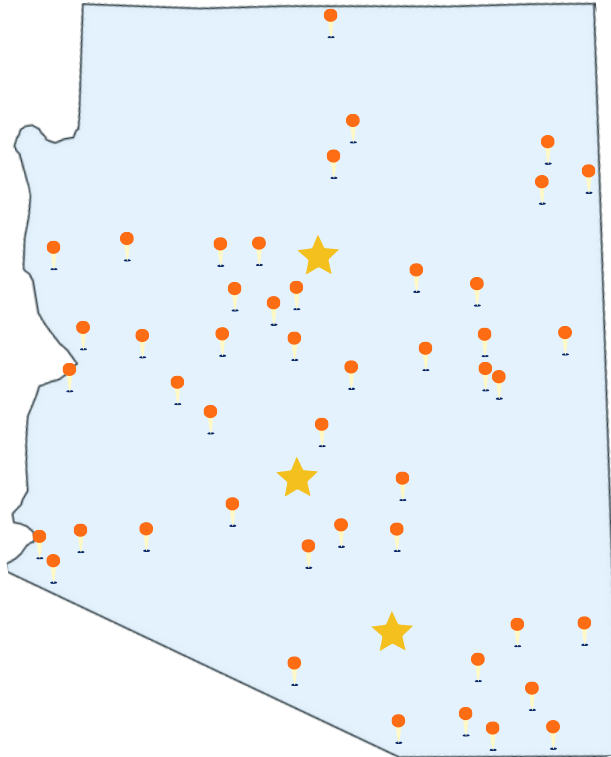


# THE PROCESS



## ➤ SERVING ARIZONA

Up to 60 Scholars are selected each year as recipients. Each class of Dorrance Scholars come from diverse backgrounds representing the state of Arizona. Twenty Scholars are selected at each of the three universities: ASU - Tempe, NAU - Flagstaff, and UA - Tucson. As of 2022, over 650 Scholars have been selected from 191 Arizona schools.



AAEC - Prescott | Academy of Tucson | Agua Fria | Alhambra | Amphitheater | Andrada Polytechnic | Antelope Union | Apache Junction | Apollo | Arcadia | Arete Preparatory | Arizona College Prep Academy-Erie Campus | Arizona Lutheran Academy | Arizona School for the Arts | Ash Fork | ASU Preparatory - Polytechnic | ASU Preparatory - South Phoenix | Baboquivari | Bagdad | Barry Goldwater | Basha | Berean Academy | Betty H. Fairfax | Bioscience | Blue Ridge | Bourgade Catholic | Bradshaw Mountain | Brophy College Preparatory | Buckeye Union | Buena | Cactus | Cactus Shadows | Camelback | Casteel | Camp Verde | Campo Verde | Canyon del Oro | Carl Hayden | Catalina | Central | Cesar Chavez | Chandler | Chandler Preparatory | Chino Valley | Cholla | Cibola | Cicero Preparatory | Cienega | Coconino | Coolidge | Copper Canyon | Corona Del Sol | Coronado | Cortez | Deer Valley | Desert Mountain | Desert Ridge | Desert View | Desert Vista | Dobson | Douglas | Dysart | Empire | Estrella Foothills | Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy | Flagstaff | Florence | Flowing Wells | Fountain Hills | Ganado | Gateway Early College High School | Gila Ridge | Glendale | Globe | Greenway | Hamilton | Heritage Academy - Mesa | Highland | Holbrook | Independence | Ironwood | Ironwood Ridge | Kingman | Kofa | La Joya | Lake Havasu | Leading Edge Academy | Liberty - Peoria | Miami | Madison Highland Prep | Marcos De Niza | Maricopa | Maryvale | McClintock | Mesa | Mesquite | Metro Tech | Metropolitan Arts | Millennium | Mingus Union | Mogollon | Mohave | Moon Valley | Mountain Pointe | Mountain Ridge | Mountain View - Mesa | Mountain View - Tucson | NFL YET College Preparatory | Nogales | North Canyon | North | Northland Preparatory | Page | Palo Verde | Paradise Valley | Parker | Payson | Peoria | Perry | Phoenix Christian | Pinnacle | Poston Butte | Prescott | Presidio | Pueblo | Pusch Ridge Christian Academy | Ray | Raymond S. Kellis | Red Mountain | Rincon | Rio Rico | River Valley | Sabino | Saguaro | Sahuarita | Sahuaro | Salpointe Catholic | San Luis | San Manuel | San Miguel | San Simon | Sandra Day O'Connor | Santa Rita | Sedona Red Rock | Sequoia Pathway Academy | Seton Catholic | Shadow Mountain | Shadow Ridge | Show Low | Sinagua | Skyline | Snowflake | South Mountain | St. David's | St. John's | St. Mary's | St. Michael's | Sunnyside | Sunnyslope | Sunrise Mountain | Tempe | Tempe Preparatory | Thunderbird | Tolleson Union | Tonopah Valley | Trevor G. Browne | Trivium Preparatory | Tuba City | Tucson International Academy | Tucson Magnet | University - Tolleson | University - Tucson | Valley Union | Valley Vista | Verrado | Veritas Christian Community | Vista Grande | Washington | Westview | Westwood | Wickenburg | Willcox | Williams Field | Williams | Willow Canyon | Winslow | Xavier College Preparatory | Youngker | Yuma Catholic | Yuma

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## ➤ THE AWARD & FINANCIAL NEED

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Program includes a \$12,000 scholarship per academic year, renewable for four years (\$6,000 each semester). The total program is valued at over \$100,000.

Scholarship funds are paid directly to the university to cover direct educational costs such as tuition, room & board, university fees, parking passes, textbooks, etc. Once all university-related costs are paid, any remaining funds will be released to Scholars to cover other reasonable indirect costs of attendance.

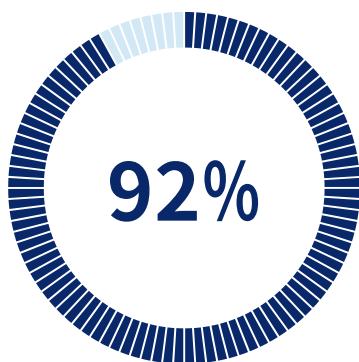
### DEMONSTRATING FINANCIAL NEED

The Dorrance Scholarship is a Need-Based Award, and will not be awarded to students who do not demonstrate need or who are over-awarded. Over-award status is determined by the sum of grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, and waivers.

Applicants and current Scholars must demonstrate financial need each year by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial need is NOT determined by Pell Grant or free and reduced lunch eligibility. Financial need is calculated by each university using the following formula:

$$\text{NEED} = \text{UNIVERSITY COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA)} - \text{FAFSA STUDENT AID INDEX (SAI)}$$

If the SAI is greater than the **COA**, there is no demonstrated **need**. The SAI can be located in the Student Aid Report (SAR) upon the completion and processing of the FAFSA. Please note further action may be required or FAFSA may request signatures to be submitted by standard mail, which will require extra processing time. The Program recommends submitting the FAFSA as soon as possible. Any FAFSA's submitted after January 14th may not be processed in time and no exceptions will be made for the Phase I deadline.



of high school seniors that complete the FAFSA enroll in college by November, following graduation.

\*Source: National College Attainment Network



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## ➤ APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process includes three phases over the course of the academic year. The application platform is SurveyMonkey Apply. All communication between applicants and Dorrance staff will be done via email or phone. All times are in Arizona Standard Time. Please note that specific dates and deadlines may change each academic year.



### APPLICATION OPENS

The application can be accessed at [www.DorranceScholarship.org/application](http://www.DorranceScholarship.org/application)



### EXTERNAL DEADLINES

To become eligible in time for the Phase I deadline, the ACT or SAT must be taken by the end of the fall semester and the FAFSA must be submitted as early as possible.



### PHASE I DEADLINE - APPLICANTS

Applicants will submit an online application and upload their transcript, test scores, and Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA. Semi-finalists will be selected and announced via email.



### PHASE II DEADLINE - SEMI-FINALISTS

Semi-finalists will submit writing samples and ensure their teacher and counselor recommenders have submitted a recommendation form. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted, only the requested form. Finalists will be selected and announced via email.



### PHASE III - FINALISTS

Finalists will be interviewed in person by a committee comprised of Dorrance family members, alumni, and community members. Recipients will be notified via email by late April.



### PHASE IV - RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients must attend a day-long orientation and the five-week Dorrance Summer Bridge Program before the fall semester to receive the award. Dates are specific to each university and will be shared with recipients.

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## RESOURCES

All resources below can be found on our website at: [www.DorranceScholarship.org/recommenders](http://www.DorranceScholarship.org/recommenders). Additional resources for students can be found at: [www.DorranceScholarship.org/applicants](http://www.DorranceScholarship.org/applicants).

### Information Sessions

Virtual information sessions are available to counselors, students, and parents who would like to learn more about the program. Information sessions occur between October and January each year. Register for a session on our website.

### Request a Scholarship Officer Visit

Scholarship Officers visit Arizona schools for college fairs, counselor or student informational sessions, private consultations, and workshops. For underclassmen, workshops are available for learning about higher education and what it means to be a first-generation college student. For seniors, Scholarship Officers will help in filling out and submitting the application. Request a visit on our website.

### Program Information Videos

Testimonials from current scholars and alumni about each Dorrance Scholarship summer program are available on the website. Applicants will learn more about what to expect from each opportunity.

### Media Kit

Approved icons and images are available to share on your school or organization's website and social media pages. Access the Dorrance Scholarship Programs media kit on our website.

### Sample Application

Students can preview the application and prepare using the sample application. View or print the sample application on our website.

### Interest & Eligibility Form

Students of any year can take this survey to determine if they are/could become eligible and connect with our staff about the next steps! Visit our website to access and complete the interest form.

### FAFSA

As students complete the FAFSA, Ask Benji can help answer questions. Find resources here to support students and their families in completing the FAFSA: <https://fafsachallenge.az.gov/fafsa-toolkit/counselors>.



# THE PROGRAM



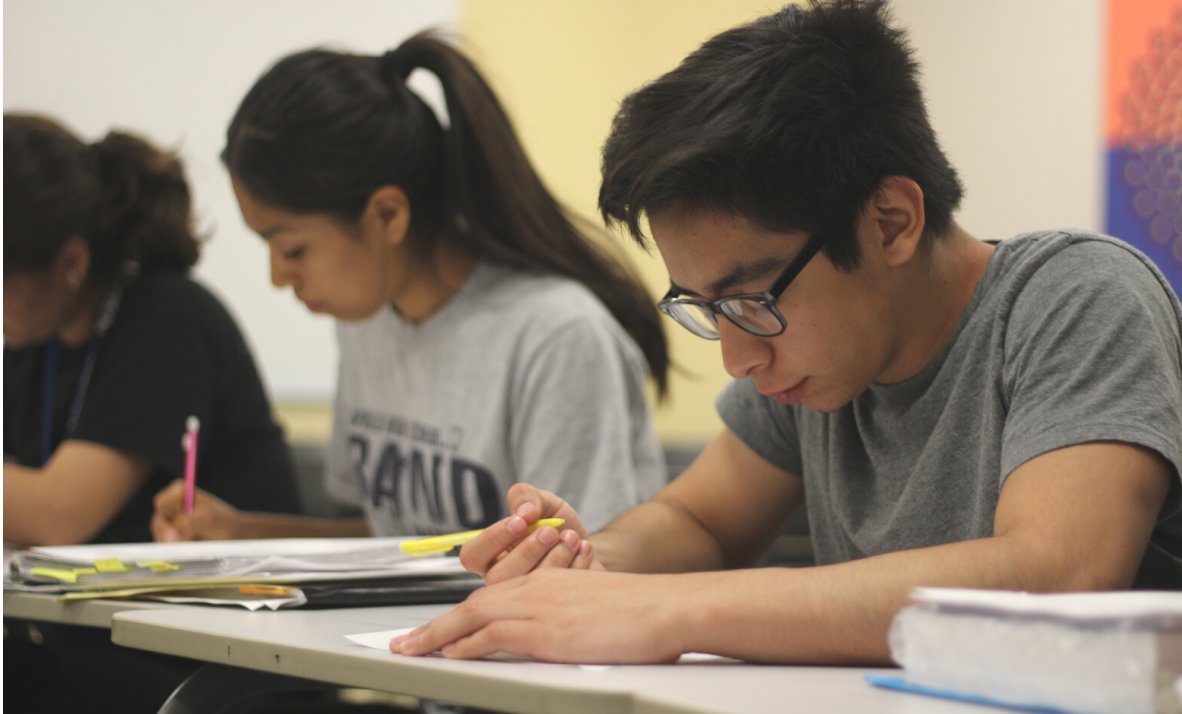
The operational and participation costs for each program are covered by the Dorrance Scholarship Programs.



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# SUMMER ONE: RISING FRESHMEN

## SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM



This five-week program is an introduction to learning processes, campus resources, and academic expectations that assist recipients in becoming successful Dorrance Scholars and university students.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Earn college credit;
- Join a network of Dorrance Scholars, including mentors, and professional staff;
- Adjust to living and eating on campus while navigating available resources;
- Meet with a Dorrance advisor for one-on-one coaching to develop a strategic academic and personal plan.



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# SUMMER TWO: RISING SOPHOMORES

## HUMANITIES PROGRAM



In addition to professional knowledge and skills, a college-educated person should be able to write and speak clearly and persuasively, analyze data effectively, and work in diverse groups in an increasingly interdependent (global) world. These characteristics - skills that employers desire - are nurtured in the Humanities. The summer program will immerse Scholars in the Humanities and prepare them for the academic and logistical challenges of global travel.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Earn college credit;
- Gain a foundational, interdisciplinary experience in the Humanities essential for all majors and career paths;
- Complete five weeks of instruction, materials, site visits, and colloquia led by Program staff and faculty;
- Build camaraderie with other scholars;
- Deepen understanding of what it means to be human (the human condition);
- Prepare scholars for international travel.

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# YEAR TWO: FALL OR SPRING

## STUDY ABROAD - ORVIETO



This semester long experience builds on the skills and knowledge gained through the Summer Bridge and Summer Humanities to further scholars' personal and academic development. The courses offer Scholars many opportunities to analyze cultural artifacts and foster an appreciation for some of the great western artistic works and sites in Europe, tracing their influence to the United States. While abroad, Scholars will have the chance to live among locals as they gain a global perspective.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Earn college credit;
- Discover different cultures and perspectives;
- Gain an appreciation for some of the great Western artistic and literary movements and monuments in Europe;
- Understand the foundations of American institutions, values, and aesthetics;
- Learn to travel independently with curiosity and purpose;
- Skills and experiences that will differentiate their resume for future internships and employment.

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# SUMMER THREE: RISING JUNIORS

## INNOVATION PROGRAM



During the summer following sophomore year, Scholars participate in a program at their university that explores innovative thinking, calculated risk-taking, and problem solving. The course will equip students with the skills to identify and pursue strategic responses to opportunities for innovation in the human condition. This immersive experience into the world of innovation culminates with live presentations about the ventures Scholars have created.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Earn college credit;
- Evaluate the quality of ideas and social and commercial entrepreneurial opportunities;
- Participate in guided site visits and colloquia;
- Experience weekend field trips in local and surrounding areas;
- Receive a cost of living stipend;



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# SUMMER FOUR: RISING SENIORS

## INTERNSHIP



Internships offer Scholars a hands-on opportunity to work in their desired field. They learn how their course of study applies to the real world and build a valuable experience that makes them a stronger candidate for graduate school or career opportunities.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Gain experience in their area of study;
- Network with individuals that are in their career field;
- Add defining experiences to their resume/CV;
- Acquire the skills to apply knowledge in real-world settings.

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# ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

## TUTORING

Tutoring works best when Scholars take advantage of it sooner rather than later. If free tutoring services are insufficient to meet their needs, Program Advisors can find provide support for private tutoring paid by the Program.

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## MENTORING AND ADVOCACY

Scholars are matched with an upperclassman mentor. Scholars also have access to Program alumni that are happy to connect and answer questions about their degree, graduate school, and their career field.

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## INTERSHIPS

Scholars may apply for summer internship funding if they are participating in a credit-bearing internship to cover the cost of living, transportation expenses, and tuition fees.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Scholars may apply for funding to enhance their learning and marketability for graduate admissions and professional opportunities. Common uses of this funding include expenses to attend a conference, course material and exams for professional certifications.

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPENSES

Scholars may request reimbursement for testing fees, such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT; one preparation course; up to two campus visits, and up to four admissions application fees.

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# POST-GRADUATION ALUMNI NETWORK



Involvement with the Program community does not end upon graduation. Alumni are able to continue engaging through mentorship to current Scholars, running workshops, and paneling events. With hundreds of alumni, Scholars continue to be apart of a close-knit professional community with opportunities for group retreats, volunteering, networking events, and serving on Program committees.



of Dorrance Scholars who complete the program graduate in 6 years or less. Nationally, just 21% of low-income, first-generation students complete a degree in six years or less.

\*Source: Pell Institute, May 2019



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How does the Dorrance Scholarship Program determine if a student is a first-generation college student?

The Dorrance Scholarship Program considers applicants a first-generation college student if neither parent, stepparent, or legal guardian holds a four-year degree from any country. If a sibling holds a four-year degree, the applicant is still considered a first-generation college student.

### Can a student attend community college first, then apply for the Dorrance Scholarship?

The selection committee will only consider applicants applying during their senior year in high school and will only make awards to students going directly from high school to one of Arizona's three public universities' main residential campuses (Arizona State University-Tempe, Northern Arizona University-Flagstaff, University of Arizona-Tucson).

### What if a parent is currently in college and attains their degree after the student is awarded a Dorrance Scholarship?

If an applicant's parent is currently attending college but does not have a four-year bachelor's degree or equivalent yet, they are still considered a first-generation college student. If they do not receive a degree before the student is awarded the Dorrance Scholarship he/she would still be eligible.

### Is the Dorrance Scholarship stackable with other financial aid?

The scholarship is stackable, which means the student can add it to other types of aid they receive, but only up to the total Cost of Attendance as set by the university. A student may not be over-awarded.

### Where does the counselor/teacher send their recommendation?

The application requires two recommendations: one from a teacher of an academic course (english, math, science, history, or a foreign language) and another from the school counselor. Once a student inputs their recommenders' names and email addresses into the application, the recommender will receive an email with instructions to submit their recommendation form via the online portal. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted, only the requested form.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What if the student is unsure which university they will attend?

The applicant must select their top choice of university on the application. If the student changes their preference, they may change their selection up until the Phase II deadline by phone or email. If the student makes a final decision about going out of state or to a different Arizona school that is not ASU – Tempe, NAU – Flagstaff, or UA -Tucson, staff will remove the application from the selection process.

### What if the student is not able to attend the New Scholar Orientation or the Dorrance Summer Bridge Program the summer before freshman year?

Recipients must attend and participate fully in the New Scholar Orientation and Dorrance Summer Bridge Program at their awarded university. Final dates will be shared with applicants throughout the application process.

### When are Dorrance Scholarship recipients announced?

Dorrance Scholars are selected and notified by April 30th each year. If a student is offered the Dorrance Scholarship and does not wish to accept it, they may decline. Staff will share a deadline with applicants during the selection process and ask that they share their intent to decline so that we may notify an alternate.

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