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2021

ARIZONA ASSURANCE PROGRAM

COHORT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

STUDENTS ENTERING THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR FALL 2020

The Arizona Assurance Program (AZA) at the University of Arizona is a financial aid program for low-income students in the state of Arizona. The program is designed to assist students in attaining a bachelor's degree by providing financial aid and support services. The Arizona Assurance Program partners with colleges and departments on campus to provide scholars with comprehensive programming from their freshman year through their senior year. The mission of Arizona Assurance is achieved through academic programming, mentoring, career development, and graduate/professional school preparation.

ELIGIBILITY

This is an invitation-only program. If you meet all the stated eligibility requirements below, you will be invited to submit a Resource Evaluation. Based on the information provided on the University of Arizona Admissions application, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Resource Evaluation, students will be selected to receive Arizona Assurance funding. You will be conditionally selected using self-reported grades, and even if you have been asked to verify student and/or parent tax information but have not submitted yet. This conditional selection will be revoked if you (A) are no longer meeting minimum GPA and high school graduation requirements originally evaluated based on self-reported grades, or (B) if tax verification changes to your 2020-2021 FAFSA cause you to lose Arizona Assurance eligibility. Final selection for AZA is based on a thorough review of all documents submitted.

- » Submit your FAFSA and a completed Arizona Admissions application (application, transcripts and application fee) by January 31 of your senior year in high school. There are no exceptions to this date. Admission to Arizona does not guarantee eligibility for the Arizona Assurance Program.
- » Earn a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 in required core academic courses from the first six semesters of high school. Semesters seven and eight (your senior year) will not be considered in the GPA requirement for the Arizona Assurance Program.
- » Be admitted to the University of Arizona Main campus.
- » Be a confirmed Resident of the state of Arizona for tuition purposes no later than January 31 of your senior year in high school.
- » Enroll in courses at the University of Arizona as a first-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshman (i.e. students who did not attend any higher education institution including Community Colleges, Universities, or International post-secondary education schools after high school graduation).
- » Demonstrate a total annual family income of \$60,000 or less on the FAFSA, have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC), as calculated by the FAFSA, of 4000 or less AND be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. The total annual family income, EFC and Federal Pell Grant eligibility must be based on actual 2018 tax information. Income adjustments based on an approved Special Circumstances Form will not be considered for AZA consideration.

- » The FAFSA must be official and free of errors by January 31 of your senior year in high school.
- » Submit all requested documents for financial aid verification. Submit all requested documents early to resolve any errors or issues. All requests from OSFA will appear in your UAccess Student Center To Do List.

*There are no exceptions to the dates listed above unless you are specifically notified by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA) in an email stating the due date exception.

FUNDING DURATION

Arizona Assurance funding is stackable with any merit, Pell Grant, University Grant and other gift aid awarded. This total amount of gift aid can be used toward the cost of tuition and housing for four years, provided all renewal requirements are met each year.

YEAR IN SCHOOL	ARIZONA ASSURANCE FUNDING AMOUNT	USE THIS FUNDING TOWARDS
First Year Fall 2020/Spring 2021	Up to \$10,000	Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Housing
Second Year Fall 2021/Spring 2022	Up to \$9,000	Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Housing*
Third Year Fall 2022/Spring 2023	Up to \$9,000	Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Housing*
Fourth Year Fall 2023/Spring 2024	Up to \$9,000	Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Housing*



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ARIZONA ASSURANCE PROGRAM FUNDING LIMITATIONS

- » You must enroll in at least 12 University of Arizona credit hours each semester (fall & spring). Classes and costs associated with enrollment at any other institution are not covered by Arizona Assurance funding.
- » Summer/winter tuition/fees will not be covered by Arizona Assurance funding.
- » Program eligibility will expire after four consecutive academic years from the time you enter the University of Arizona as a freshman.
- » You may choose to spend one or two semesters in a study abroad program only after completion of your first year in the Arizona Assurance Program.
- » Please review the chart below regarding the use of Arizona Assurance funding for Study Abroad:

NOTE: Only students in a UA-Sponsored study abroad program and National Student Exchange (NSE) Plan B may use Arizona Assurance funding toward their tuition charges through the Bursar account.

PROGRAM	USE ARIZONA ASSURANCE FUNDING?	ARIZONA ASSURANCE DEFERMENT REQUEST FORM REQUIRED?
UA-Sponsored Study Abroad Programs	Yes	No
National Student Exchange (NSE) – Students who choose Plan B	Yes	No
National Student Exchange (NSE) – Students who choose Plan A	No	No, automatic funding deferment will be given if student is on track for Arizona Assurance renewal. Students on these programs will be notified by email of their funding deferment status prior to the start of the semester they plan to be away.
Non-UA Sponsored Study Abroad	No	Yes, students participating in a non-UA-sponsored study abroad program must submit an approved Arizona Assurance Deferment Request for the term(s) for which the student will not be attending the UA.

ARIZONA ASSURANCE PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

- » In order to maintain funding eligibility, you will be expected to participate in the Arizona Assurance Program. The program is designed to connect you with resources and services to ease your transition to and enhance your success at the University of Arizona. A complete description of the Arizona Assurance Program will be sent to selected students.
- » Each subsequent year you will be expected to participate in program requirements. Please see the Renewal Section of this document.

ARIZONA ASSURANCE RENEWAL CRITERIA AND PROCESS

- » You must file a FAFSA by March 1 of each year. The FAFSA must be official and free of errors by May 1. Apply early to resolve any errors prior to the May 1 deadline.

- » You must remain eligible for the Federal Pell Grant each year based on tax information provided on the FAFSA.
- » You must enroll in a minimum of 12 University of Arizona credit hours each semester (fall and spring).
- » You are required to successfully pass a minimum of 24 University of Arizona credit hours each academic year.
- » You are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- » You must complete all program expectations for each year. Information about all program requirements will be provided to you by the Arizona Assurance Office each year you receive funding. You can also review program requirements at <https://assurance.arizona.edu/>. Requirements are subject to change from year to year.

There are no exceptions to the dates listed in this section.

OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS NOT MEETING RENEWAL CRITERIA

- » If you do not meet the renewal criteria, you may file an appeal for reinstatement of Arizona Assurance Program funding provided you experienced significant, extenuating circumstances beyond your control. Completed appeals must be submitted to OSFA by the deadlines published on the OSFA website.
- » If you experience other challenges throughout the year, such as difficulty with classes, time management, work or family responsibilities or other co-curricular commitments, consult your academic advisor. There are many University of Arizona resources to ensure that you receive the guidance and assistance necessary to remain on track and continue to meet renewal criteria for the Arizona Assurance Program and graduation.



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