



SCHOLARSHIPS

2025



Education

Arizona Culinary Institute Scholarships

Arizona Culinary Institute (ACI) offers a variety of scholarships to support students who:

- Demonstrate academic excellence
- Have prior culinary achievements
- Are passionate about beginning a culinary career
- In addition to ACI's in-house scholarships, students are encouraged to explore **external scholarship opportunities** to help fund their education.



Elizabeth S. Leite Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for students receiving **partial tuition assistance from outside sources** such as:

- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and GI Bill®

Key Details:

- Written essay
- Award amounts vary based on third-party funding
- Applications are available through the **Financial Aid Office**
- Must be **enrolled** and have all outside funding processed
- Non-cash tuition reduction
- Must maintain a **minimum GPA of 2.0**
- If the program is not completed, the scholarship will be **forfeited**

Culinary Merit Scholarship

Awarded to students who show **strong academic performance** in high school or college.

Application Requirements:

- Written essay
- High school or college transcripts or certificates of achievement for culinary workshops, seminars, or courses

Key Details:

- Awards for up to **\$5,000**
- Applications available in the **Financial Aid Office**
- Must be **enrolled** to receive the scholarship
- Maintain a **minimum GPA of 2.0** during Basics I and II
- If the program is not completed, the scholarship will be **forfeited**

Arizona Culinary Institute Scholarships/Grant Continued

Professional Culinary Scholarship

Designed for individuals looking to **change careers** and enter the culinary field.

Application Requirements:

- Written essay or a written narrative outlining culinary career goals, explanation of how ACI supports those goals

Key Details:

- Tuition reduction up to **\$2,000**
- Non-cash scholarship
- Applications available through the **Financial Aid Office**
- Must be **enrolled** to receive the award
- Maintain a **minimum GPA of 2.0** during Basics I and II
- If the program is not completed, the scholarship will be **forfeited**

Freedom Grant

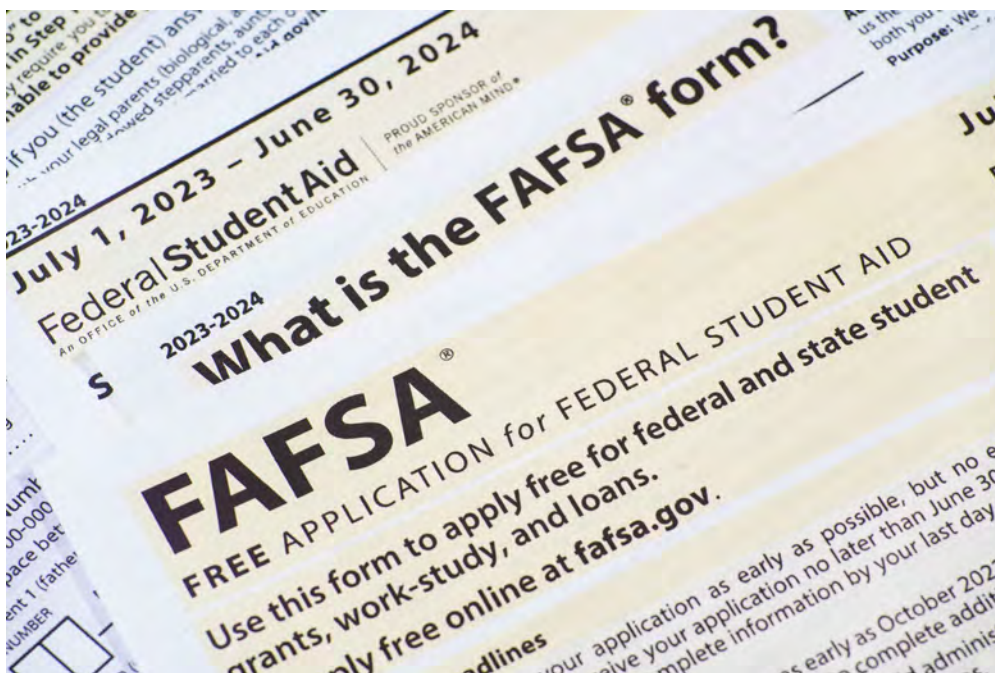
Available to applicants with **prior military service** or a **direct family member who has served**.

Application Requirements:

- Military ID, DD214, or family member's service documentation submitted at **time of enrollment**

Key Details:

- Non-cash tuition reduction
- Maintain a **minimum GPA of 2.0**
- If the program is not completed, the grant is **prorated** based on time attended



Applicants Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Program Enrolled: _____ **AM Diploma Program** _____ **PM Diploma Program**

Anticipated Start Date: _____ / _____ / _____



Scholarship Applying for: Please Check One

(see pages 1 & 2 for full scholarship description)

Note: Arizona Culinary Institute Scholarships cannot be combined.

_____ **Elizabeth S. Leite Scholarship ****

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**** Requires Essay Submission (Instructions)**

Attach a typed essay (200-400 words) that addresses **at least one** of the following

- Your academic or professional achievements
- Your culinary accomplishments
- Your culinary experiences and how they have shaped your passion for the culinary arts

Essay Attached: ___ Yes ___ No

Scholarships issued by Arizona Culinary Institute cover tuition only. Scholarships have no cash value and will be awarded after completion of Block 1 (Basic Culinary Arts I & II) provided a minimum grade point average of 2.0 has been maintained

Note: Please initial that you have read the above statement

Initial _____

Declaration:

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information may disqualify me from receiving the scholarship.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____



Scholarship and Grant Application Checklist

Step 1: Select the Scholarship You Are Applying For (check one):

- Elizabeth S. Leite Scholarship
- Culinary Merit Scholarship
- Professional Scholarship

Step 2: Complete the Following Requirements (check all that apply):

- FAFSA completed (*if applicable*)
- Scholarship application filled out, initialed, and signed
- Essay submitted (describing academic, culinary, or professional accomplishments/experiences)
- Supporting documents included (as applicable):
 - Educational transcripts
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Culinary-related awards

Freedom Grant

Required Items – Please check each as completed:

- FAFSA – completed (*if applicable*)
- Grant Application – Fully filled out, initialed, and signed
- Proof of Military Service – Submit one of the following:
 - Military Identification
 - DD214
 - Documentation of direct family member’s military service
- Supporting Documents (*if applicable*):
 - Educational transcripts
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Culinary-related awards

Date documents Received ACI ____/____/____
Date documents Submitted for Approval ____/____/____
Date documents Approved ____/____/____

Approved by _____

Date ____/____/____