

AHCCCS has partnered with Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) to increase and enhance career development, education, and training opportunities for the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) workforce. As part of these efforts, MCCCD will create and manage a scholarship and tuition assistance program.

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A1: What is the eligibility criteria to qualify for scholarship and/or tuition assistance funding?

Participating community colleges will provide funding to future or current students currently enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program in a credit or non-credit format and/or current members of the HCBS workforce. Individuals receiving scholarship and/or tuition funds must meet certain eligibility requirements. For more information, visit the Maricopa County AHCCCS scholarships site.

A2: What is the difference between scholarship and tuition assistance?

Scholarship assistance covers tuition fees for qualifying students for credit and non-credit coursework. Tuition assistance can include, but is not limited to, educational expenses deemed necessary by MCCCD including books, electronic equipment, and applicable fees.

A3: Which college are participating?

The following colleges are participating:

- [Eastern Arizona College](#)
- [Maricopa Community College](#)
- [Mohave Community College](#)
- [Coconino Community College](#)
- [Glendale Community College](#)
- [Rio Salado Community College](#)

A4: What courses/programs are included?

Courses and programs in the curriculum include long-term care (LTC) and behavioral health (BH) competencies. See this [flier](#) for a list of eligible Maricopa Community College programs.

A5: Can I get tuition assistance for one course or do I have to be part of a certificate or degree program?

Eligible students do not need to be part of a certificate or degree program. If you are interested in taking a course to continue your career in providing HCBS behavioral health and long-term care services, you may be eligible to receive scholarship and/or tuition assistance

A6: Can I qualify for multiple programs?

Yes, individuals eligible for tuition and scholarship funds can receive funds for multiple programs as long as the program has been identified as an eligible program.

A7: Can this funding be used for continuing education and professional development for someone already in the industry?

Yes, this is designed to support students and members of the HCBS workforce who start and continue their healthcare careers providing HCBS behavioral health and long-term care services.

A8: What are the job requirements for accepting these funds?

All students receiving scholarships or tuition assistance will be asked to attest to their intention to work for an HCBS behavioral health or long-term care provider organization after completing the course and/or degree or certification program.

A9: How much money am I eligible for?

There is not a limit to how much you can receive in scholarship and/or tuition funds; however, the funds will only cover costs approved for the program. Additionally, funds are limited to the 2023-2024 academic school year (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, and Fall 2024). All scholarships must be distributed by September 2024.

A10: Do I have to pay this money back?

Scholarship and tuition assistance funds do not require repayment as long as the student meets all eligibility criteria.

A11: How do I apply for a scholarship and/or tuition assistance?

Applications are available for prospective students on the website of each participating community college:

- [Eastern Arizona College](#)
- [Maricopa College](#)
- [Mohave Community College](#)
- [Coconino Community College](#)
- [Glendale Community College](#)
- [Rio Salado Community College](#)

A12: What happens if I don't complete the course/program or fail a course/program?

Students who fail to meet grade requirements of a "C" or above or do not adhere to the eligibility requirements will be subject to repayment.

A13: Are these funds taxable?

Scholarship and tuition assistance funds are funded by Title XIX (CFDA 93.778) and may be considered taxable income.

A14: What will the money cover? Books, on-line materials?

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A15: When does the program end?

AHCCCS will disperse all scholarship and tuition assistance funds by **September 30, 2024**.

A16: What happens if my degree program ends after September 2024, can I still participate? When will I receive these funds?

Students can still participate in the program if their degree program ends after September 2024. However, scholarship and tuition assistance will only be available between September 2023 and September 2024.

A17: Do the scholarship and tuition assistance count towards my overall cost of attendance?

Yes, all AHCCCS Scholarship funds count towards the recipient's cost of attendance (COA).