

FREE TUITION FOR PINAL COUNTY RESIDENTS FALL 2021 & SPRING 2022



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does the Free Tuition Program cover?
The Free Tuition Program pays for in-state tuition , up to 20 credits per semester, for Pinal County residents for Fall 2021 & Spring 2022.
When will the Free Tuition waiver be applied to my student account?
After the start of the semester and after all aid has been applied, excluding any student loans, the Free Tuition waiver will be credited to your account.
Do I need to apply for Free Tuition?
Students do not need to apply to receive Free Tuition . Tuition waivers will be automatically applied to accounts that indicate Pinal County residency or, for non-residents, a 3-credit in-state tuition waiver will be applied automatically.
Do I still need to apply for financial aid?
You are encouraged to apply for financial aid as the benefit you receive may be greater than just Free Tuition , but it is not a requirement.
Is there a limit to the number of credits I can take each semester?
Free Tuition is offered for all credit-bearing courses up to 20 credits per semester. If you wish to take 20+ credits must have a Dean's approval.
What if I don't live in Pinal County?
If you do not live in Pinal County you are still eligible for a 3-credit in-state tuition waiver for Fall 2021!
If I already paid how and when do I get a refund?
Student accounts with a credit will be refunded approximately 3-4 weeks following Drop/Add Period and after the Free Tuition has been applied.
I planned to use Pinal Promise (Promise for the Future) funds to pay my tuition. Do I still need to fill out the scholarship application?
Yes. If you graduated in the spring of 2021 and plan to use Pinal Promise (formerly Promise for the Future) you must fill out the CAC Scholarship Application and complete the FAFSA. Applying for Pinal Promise now ensures eligibility for next year pending successful completion of the fall and spring semesters.
Will this cover my books & fees?
No. This only covers in-state tuition, but there is a \$100 bookstore discount at the CAC Bookstore good until the end of October for all CAC students enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester.
How long will this offer last?
Free Tuition is for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters. The Academic Calendar (including last day to register and the drop/add period) can be found HERE .
Will this cover what financial aid does not or will financial aid be awarded separately?
All aid, excluding student loans, will be applied first (if eligible). Free Tuition will cover the remaining tuition balance. Financial aid includes: Federal Pell grant, FSEOG, other institutional and external scholarships.

Is there a GPA requirement?
There is no GPA requirement for Fall 2021.
Can I use this tuition waiver to RETAKE courses that I have already failed or passed? (Example: I earned a C in BIO and want to retake it to improve my Nursing application score.)
Yes
What if I owe more than 200 dollars to CAC? Do I still qualify?
Students who have a previous balance of \$200 or more will not be eligible to register for classes until the balance is paid.
Do I have to live in Pinal County for a certain period of time to qualify?
If your current student account shows that you reside in Pinal County, you will be eligible for free in-state tuition. Arizona residency requirements must still be followed in order to not be considered an out of state resident. The out of state tuition portion is not covered by the Free Tuition Program regardless of whether you live in Pinal County or not.
How does CAC determine Pinal county lines?
A full list of Pinal County zip codes will be provided by the US Postal Service and will be used in determining county residency.