
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX® VALLEY FORWARD ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Phoenix is excited to partner with Valley Forward Association to offer a scholarship program to Arizona K-12 teachers. Founded in 1969, Valley Forward Association brings business and civic leaders together to improve the environment and sustainability of Phoenix Valley communities. The Association convenes thoughtful public dialogue on regional issues and fosters collaboration among large and small businesses, government agencies, the non-profit sector and education community to create a balance between economic development and environmental quality.

University of Phoenix understands the importance of making higher education highly accessible for students of all ages and backgrounds. As the largest private university in North America, we take very seriously our social responsibility to our students and the communities we serve. University of Phoenix is particularly adept at aiding non-traditional students complete their education by designing programs around their busy lives.

Through this scholarship program, one (1) full-tuition scholarship will be offered. Each scholarship will allow a prospective student the opportunity to complete a Master's of Arts in Education (MAED) degree program at University of Phoenix. Recipients may choose to attend a University of Phoenix on-ground campus or may attend University of Phoenix online.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements: be a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services.
2. Applicants must be currently employed as a teacher in Arizona.
3. Applicants, once enrolled, must not receive a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s) including but not limited to: corporate reimbursement, other scholarships and/or private grants with the exception of Veteran's Administration GI benefits or Veteran's Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits and Title IV financial aid funding.
4. Applicants must not be currently enrolled nor in the process of enrolling at any University of Phoenix campus or in any online program at any time prior to the scholarship award date. Applicants who enroll after submitting an application or before the scholarship award date are not eligible to be a recipient of this scholarship.
5. Applicants must meet all [admissions requirements of University of Phoenix](#) and MAED program.
6. Applicants must not be an employee or family member of an employee of Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
7. Applicants must submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation by the deadline date listed under the Selection Process section. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.

8. Applicants must submit completed essays as described in the Essay section. High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their impact in the community in which they reside.
9. Applicants must submit one (1) letter of recommendation as described in the Letter of Recommendation section.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. This scholarship opportunity is in partnership with Valley Forward Association, a non-profit organization, and the scholarship process is managed by a staff member at Valley Forward Association. The process includes, but is not limited to, application creation, scholarship promotion, selection committee formation and recipient list finalization. The application and any additional information submitted by eligible applicants will be subject to the Valley Forward Association privacy and confidentiality policies, if any.
2. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the scholarship selection committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix and/or Valley Forward Association. Non-staff members may assist in the selection committee process.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application along with all the supporting documentation, which must be received on or before the deadline specified below. The scholarship selection committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
4. The scholarship award will be based on the committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.
5. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to age, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or disability.
6. The decision of the scholarship selection committee is final and not subject to a review process.

Deadline:

A complete application and supporting documentation must be received on or before **November 29, 2011**. Applications received after the designated deadline will not be considered. No exceptions.

Award Date:

The scholarship committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by the award date of **December 29, 2011**. You will be notified via email by award date regarding the status of the scholarship. You will receive a notification email regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not.



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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All materials must be mailed to the following address and received on or before the deadline of 11/29/2011.

University of Phoenix
Attn: Center for Scholarship Excellence CF-K901
4025 S. Riverpoint Parkway
Phoenix, AZ 85040

For any additional information about the scholarship, please email scholarships@phoenix.edu. For all other inquiries, please contact Danielle Giannetti by phone at (602) 240-2408 or by email at dgiannetti@valleyforward.org.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name of applicant: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone number: _____ Evening: _____

Email address: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION/EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Highest level of school completed:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree |

Current standing (as of the date of this application):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Not enrolled | <input type="checkbox"/> High school senior (graduated by award date) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate student | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate student |

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

School teaching at: _____

Grade(s) currently teaching: _____

Subject(s) currently teaching: _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

One letter of recommendation must be included with the completed application. The letter must be written by your current supervisor. It should be written on a separate sheet of paper (preferably letterhead). Letters should be signed and include the recommender's contact information. Only .doc, .docx, and .pdf files will be accepted through the online application.

The recommender's letter should include the following (500 words maximum):

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. What skills or abilities does the applicant have that will support him/her in completing a degree?
3. What other information about the applicant should be taken into consideration?

ESSAY

Compose three essays in response to the questions below. Each essay should be on a separate page. Label each essay accordingly (e.g., Essay 1 or Educational Goals) in a header at the top of each page. Your responses should be in paragraph format and adhere to the maximum word requirements indicated. Only .doc, .docx, and .pdf files will be accepted through the online application.

ESSAY 1: Educational Goals (300 word maximum)

What degree program are you interested in pursuing at University of Phoenix? How will a University of Phoenix education help you reach your professional and/or personal goals?

ESSAY 2: Sustainability (400 word maximum)

How you have demonstrated sustainability in the classroom at your school and/or in the community?

ESSAY 3: Community (400 word maximum)

If you had the authority to change your community in a positive way, what specific change(s) would you make?

CHECK LIST

- _____ University of Phoenix Valley Forward Association Scholarship application completed
- _____ University of Phoenix Terms and Conditions signed
- _____ Apollo Group, Inc., Consent and Release signed
- _____ Essays
- _____ Letter of recommendation
- _____ Keep a copy of entire packet for your records

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: TERMS & CONDITIONS

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant and/or recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions. Failure to abide by any of the following terms and conditions shall result in either disqualification of the scholarship award or termination of the scholarship award.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. as the parent company of University of Phoenix, a wholly owned subsidiary, regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, applicant agrees to execute an Apollo Group, Inc. Consent and Release Form and further agrees that Apollo Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries may release the application and the information contained therein to its agents, contractors and related third parties for the purposes set forth below.

Upon the submission of the application by applicant or the award of the scholarship and recipient's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc., including its subsidiaries as well as its agents, and others working for it on its behalf or at its direction and their respective licensees, successors, and assigns, shall have the right to use and republish the submitted application or any of its content; it may reference and acknowledge recipient's name and authorship of the application; and may use recipient's name, image and likeness, for any purpose relating to the scholarship, including but not limited to, any promotional materials, internal sites, www.phoenix.edu, external company sites, press releases and social media.

2. Scholarship award is a non-cash award to recipient's University of Phoenix account as outlined on the scholarship application. No check or other cash monies will be disbursed at any time. No exceptions.

The University treats this tuition scholarship, in the form of a non-cash award, as non-taxable income. However, the recipient is encouraged to seek independent counsel from a certified tax consultant as recipient is responsible for all other costs, liabilities, and obligations including any applicable taxes from the award of this scholarship as Federal laws may change and laws vary from state to state. The University makes no representations with respect to the taxability of this award and the University may change its treatment of the scholarship for tax purposes in its sole discretion.

3. Scholarship will be applied only to tuition and the following fees, as specified on the scholarship application, when applicable: application, electronic course materials, Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credits, directed study and additional classes for intended program licensure. PLA submission fees, educational supplies, living expenses, physical textbooks and other fees not listed are not included.
4. Whether recipient is or is not currently an enrolled student, he/she is not receiving a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s) including but not limited to: corporate reimbursement, other scholarships and/or private grants with the exception of Veteran's Administration GI benefits or Veteran's Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits and Title IV financial aid funding.
5. Recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Recipient enrolling in an undergraduate degree may be required to complete the University Orientation Workshop (UNIV) requirement as part of the admissions process. Information regarding admissions is available in the University of Phoenix Academic Catalog. Scholarship may only be used toward degrees that are specified on the scholarship application; non-degree single courses, certificate programs and doctoral degrees are not covered by the scholarship.
6. Recipient must complete all admission and enrollment requirements for his/her chosen degree program (degree program must be currently available) at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date. Applicant who enrolls during the scholarship process or before the award date is not eligible for the scholarship.
7. Recipient must have successfully completed his/her first credit-bearing course within the required number of days following the scholarship award date. Recipient, who is enrolled in an associate's program at University of Phoenix, is given one hundred and eighty (180) days. Recipient, who is enrolled in a bachelor's or master's program at University of Phoenix, is given one hundred and twenty (120) days.
8. If recipient is receiving Title IV financial aid funding in addition to this scholarship, recipient must stay in attendance as a full-time student with no more than a fourteen (14) day break and/or must qualify for a leave of absence in order to maintain his/her financial aid status. Recipient is required to abide by all state and federal

financial aid policies and procedures and all University of Phoenix financial policies and procedures as set forth in the University of Phoenix Academic Catalog, including remaining in good financial standing with University of Phoenix.

9. Recipient who falls out of attendance for more than ninety (90) days from the last date of academic activity will forfeit his/her scholarship. Recipient who returns from an approved absence will be subject to version and program updates per the University of Phoenix Academic Catalog.
10. Recipient may only fall into academic probation (AP) and provisionally admitted (PV) once and must raise his/her academic status within four (4) consecutive classes. Recipients may not be placed on academic disqualification (AD) or denied admissions (DA).
11. Recipient acknowledges that at no time can he/she become an employee of Apollo Group, Inc., or any of its affiliates, including University of Phoenix and retain this scholarship.
12. Recipient agrees to complete his/her degree program in the time set forth in the University of Phoenix Academic Catalog. Switching degree programs, whether by choice or due to a version and/or program update, may result in a loss of credits that this scholarship will not cover. If recipient changes degree programs and/or versions, which result in a loss of credits, the scholarship will cover up to six (6) credits that do not transfer to the new degree program. Payment for any credits not covered will be required for future courses. The scholarship will be placed on hold until all lost credits are covered in full at which time the scholarship will resume.
13. Should recipient drop, receive a W-grade or otherwise fail to complete a course for which the scholarship, or a portion of the scholarship, has been used to pay the tuition, in no event will any cash refund be given at any time. Recipient is only permitted a predetermined number of dropped courses, or W-grades, based on his/her degree program. Recipient who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program is permitted a total of five (5) dropped courses, or W-grades, for the entire degree program. If recipient begins an associate's degree and advances into a bachelor's degree, the associate's and bachelor's degree are considered as part of one undergraduate degree program for the purposes of this scholarship award. The five (5) dropped courses will be covered by the scholarship. Recipient who is enrolled in a master's degree program at University of Phoenix is permitted a total of three (3) dropped courses, or W-grades, for the entire degree program. The three (3) dropped courses will be covered by the scholarship.
14. Recipient is only permitted a predetermined number of failed courses based on his/her degree program. Recipient who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program is permitted a total of three (3) failed courses. If recipient begins an associate's degree and advances into a bachelor's degree, the associate's and bachelor's degree are considered as part of one undergraduate degree program for the purposes of this scholarship award. The three (3) failed courses will be covered by the scholarship. Recipient who is enrolled in a master's degree program is permitted a total of two (2) failed courses. The two (2) failed courses will be covered by the scholarship. Recipient acknowledges that said scholarship shall not pay tuition and fees for any courses, in which a letter grade of A-D was earned, that recipient chooses to retake in order to earn a better grade.
15. During the term of the scholarship, recipient shall notify University of Phoenix immediately if he/she is convicted of a crime, excluding traffic offenses. Recipient acknowledges that said conviction may impact this scholarship in University of Phoenix's sole discretion.
16. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that he/she will not portray Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix or any affiliates in a negative, harmful, disparaging, offensive or otherwise inappropriate manner as determined in the University of Phoenix's sole discretion. Nor will recipient associate Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix or any affiliates in any way with content related to tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or sexually explicit material or engage in conduct that is immoral or illegal that results in a criminal conviction.
17. Recipient agrees to abide by the University of Phoenix Academic Catalog, including, but not limited to, the Student Code of Conduct.
18. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination, or clarification, as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the University of Phoenix Center for Scholarship Excellence officials in their sole discretion. *Furthermore, University of Phoenix reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or*

modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.

19. There will be no exceptions to these terms and conditions unless otherwise approved in writing by the University of Phoenix Center for Scholarship Excellence officials in their sole discretion.
20. Any violation of these scholarship terms and conditions, as determined in University of Phoenix's sole discretion, will result in disqualification of the scholarship and/or termination of the scholarship award. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that he/she shall have no right to appeal or contest the decision of University of Phoenix to terminate the scholarship as set forth herein. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to University of Phoenix and is non-transferable.
21. In the event that any provision of the scholarship terms and conditions shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
22. **APPLICANT/RECIPIENT HEREBY AGREES TO RELEASE THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, APOLLO GROUP, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES, AS WELL AS EACH OF THEIR OFFICER, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SHAREHOLDERS, SERVANTS, DIRECTORS ("THE RELEASED PARTIES") , FROM DAMAGES, LOSSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF EARNINGS, LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF BUSINESS, LOSS OF WAGES), COSTS, EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DAMAGES OR INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, AND WHETHER OR NOT CONCEALED OR HIDDEN, WHICH I MAY NOW HAVE OR MAY HEREAFTER HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES RESULTING FROM, OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS BY VALLEY FORWARD ASSOCIATION.**
23. **APPLICANT/RECIPIENT HEREBY AGREES TO RELEASE VALLEY FORWARD ASSOCIATION AND ITS AFFILIATES, AS WELL AS EACH OF THEIR OFFICER, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SHAREHOLDERS, SERVANTS, DIRECTORS ("THE RELEASED PARTIES") , FROM DAMAGES, LOSSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF EARNINGS, LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF BUSINESS, LOSS OF WAGES), COSTS, EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DAMAGES OR INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, AND WHETHER OR NOT CONCEALED OR HIDDEN, WHICH I MAY NOW HAVE OR MAY HEREAFTER HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES RESULTING FROM, OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements made in the scholarship application are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This scholarship application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.
4. This University of Phoenix Terms and Conditions form may be executed electronically or by mail. An electronic copy of the agreement will be valid and given full force and effect and considered an original and will be denied legal effect because it was executed electronically.

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in the scholarship application are true and correct.

Printed signature of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____ **Date:** _____

Address (if different from applicant): _____

Daytime phone number: _____ **Evening:** _____

APOLLO GROUP, INC., CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

1. For valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby grant to Apollo Group, Inc., its subsidiaries, agents, and others working for it on its behalf or at its direction and their respective licensees, successors, and assigns (herein collectively called the "Licensed Parties") the absolute right and permission to use, exhibit, exploit, record, publish, broadcast, and copyright, in whole or in part, in all countries in the world, my: voice, biographical information, academic or promotional submissions (including scholarship application information), educational record information, endorsement/testimonial, picture and likeness, or any material based upon or derived therefrom, or to refrain from so doing, in any manner or media whatsoever (whether now existing or hereafter created, including without limitation, television, radio, and other electronic and computer marketing, print media, and direct mail marketing), without geographical or other limitation, for any educational, advertising or promotional purpose.
2. I further agree that any such use, recording, publication, or broadcast of my: voice, academic or promotional submissions, endorsement/testimonial, picture or likeness of me, and any material based upon or derived therefrom, in any manner or media, is owned by Licensed Parties. If I should receive any print, negative, or other copy, I shall not authorize its use by anyone else.
3. I represent and warrant that I own all intellectual property rights (including but not limited to copyright and trademark rights) in any picture(s) or material(s) that I submit to the Licensed Parties and that no other third party releases are necessary. In the event I submit a picture(s) or other material(s) owned by a third party to the Licensed Parties, I shall provide all necessary third-party releases to the Licensed Parties. Said third-party releases shall grant to the Licensed Parties all rights set forth in this agreement. The Licensed Parties shall have the right in its sole discretion to deny any publication of said picture or materials. Furthermore, I acknowledge that any picture or materials submitted are not guaranteed for use by the Licensed Parties.
4. I shall have no right of approval, no claim to additional compensation, and no claim (including without limitation, claims based upon invasion of privacy, defamation, or right of publicity and claims arising out of equity) arising out of any use, alteration, distortion, or illusionary effect, or use in any composite form. In no event shall I have the right to enjoin the Licensed Parties use, broadcast, copyright, publication, exhibition, or exploitation in any other manner, as specified in this Consent and Release Form.
5. I agree that this release does not in any way conflict with any existing commitment on my part. I have not heretofore authorized (which authority is still in effect), nor will I authorize or permit without the Licensed Parties express written permission the use of my: voice, biographical information, academic or promotional submissions, endorsement/testimonial, picture, or likeness in connection with the advertising or promotion of any other educational service if such authorization or permission is in conflict or inconsistent with the terms of this Consent and Release Form.
6. If I have given any endorsement/testimonial, it represents my current honest opinions, findings, or experience. To the extent that I suggest I have used the educational services of a particular entity, I have in fact so used them. To the extent that I suggest I express a preference over other similar educational services, I do in fact prefer them. I agree to immediately notify you of any change in my expressed views or preferences, or if I cease to be able to endorse.
7. I agree to defend and hold the Licensed Parties harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, losses, liabilities, judgments, costs, expenses (including without limitation court costs, litigation expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees), and causes of action of any kind against the Licensed Parties as a result of any material breach of any representation made herein in this Consent and Release Form and/or resulting from any intellectual property violation including but not limited to any copyright infringement or alleged copyright infringement regarding pictures and materials that I have provided to the Licensed Parties.
8. This Apollo Group, Inc. Consent and Release form may be executed electronically or by mail. An electronic copy of the agreement will be valid and given full force and effect and considered an original and will be denied legal effect because it was executed electronically.

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9. This Consent and Release Form shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona and the United States of America without reference to conflict of laws principles. The Superior Court of Maricopa County and/or the United States District Court for the District of Arizona shall have exclusive jurisdiction and venue over all controversies in connection with this Consent, and each party irrevocably consents to such exclusive and personal jurisdiction and venue.
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Printed name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

GUARDIAN'S CONSENT

If signatory is under 21, the parent or legal guardian must also sign below to signify agreement:

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Address (if different from applicant): _____

Phone number: _____