

Friends of Agua Caliente, Inc. Scholarship

FOAC Scholarship Committee
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The Friends of Agua Caliente, Inc. Scholarship is offered to graduating high school seniors to provide financial assistance toward their first year of college, or any institution of higher learning. The scholarship, up to \$10,000, may be awarded to one student or allocated among several students (minimum award of \$1000). Recipient selection and amount of award(s) will be made at the discretion of the Friends of Agua Caliente (FOAC) Board of Directors. The scholarship is available to students electing to pursue study in a variety of subjects including, but not limited to: Education, Natural and Environmental Sciences, Health Sciences, Engineering, Social Sciences (Anthropology, Archaeology, Geography, History), Business Administration, Public Administration, and Communications (Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations, Journalism). While furthering the mission and goals of FOAC, allowing for a variety of pursuits is intended to attract the best students.

FOAC Mission

Support the preservation of the historic, natural site and buildings at the Roy P. Drachman Agua Caliente Park through advocacy, education, and community involvement, and in partnership with Pima County Natural Resources Parks and Recreation.

FOAC Goals

Maintain and preserve Agua Caliente Park and associated buildings as designated on the National Register of Historic Places

Maintain membership and donor support to ensure sufficient funding for FOAC operations and park sustainment and an adequate volunteer pool for projects as required.

Create a comprehensive multi-year fundraising strategy that includes social media, direct mailing, events, and planned giving.

Maintain a successful relationship with Pima County NRPR and Pima County representatives.

Maintain an informational relationship with the Tanque Verde community, other neighborhood communities, and the greater Tucson region.

Application Procedures

The applicant must be a graduating high school senior in good academic standing (GPA 2.0 or higher) planning to attend an institution of higher learning (college, trade, or vocational school) for the academic school year beginning in 2026.

1. Complete the application form and essay (described below) and send it to the address or email below. All applications and essays must be received by **March 20, 2026**.

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2. Include two letters of recommendation/reference describing your academic qualifications, educational experiences, and personal qualities. These can be from a teacher, advisor, coach, mentor, or employer. No family members.
3. Submit a transcript or letter from your advisor verifying your current GPA.
4. Write an essay, not to exceed 1000 words, describing the following:
 - Brief autobiographical sketch of your high school experience including clubs, sports, community involvement, extracurricular activities, work experience.
 - Your interest in your planned field of study. This might include past experiences that may relate to the field you've chosen.
 - Describe your reasons for your interest in the FOAC scholarship.
 - Describe how your chosen field of study and interests might support the mission and goals of FOAC.

Selection of Recipients

Our goal is to award this scholarship to highly motivated, qualified high school seniors.

All applicants will be notified by mail and/or email of success or denial. Scholarship recipients and families will be invited to the Friends of Agua Caliente Board of Directors meeting in May (date to be announced) for formal announcement.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to award as many or as few scholarships during any scholarship review cycle, with a minimum award of \$1000.

Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities

The recipient is encouraged to keep the Scholarship Committee informed of any changes during the school year that may affect their academic standing prior to graduation. This also includes changes to planned major, change of college, or a change in their plans.

*** To receive the award by mid-August 2026, scholarship recipient(s) must submit proof of registration or enrollment for their college or program via mail or email.**

Friends of Agua Caliente, Inc. Scholarship Guidelines for Selection

All information about the candidates, including names, will be held in strict confidentiality.

1. Selection will be made from high school seniors in good academic standing.
2. Gender, race, ethnic origin, or religion will not be considered in the selection process.
3. Applications that **are not received by the deadline** will not be considered.
4. The Scholarship Committee, which is limited to the board members of FOAC, will evaluate applicants and provide its award recommendation(s) to the full board for approval.
5. Award of the scholarship will be based on the following:
 - a. Academic record in high school (min. GPA 2.0)
 - b. Two letters of recommendation from counselors, advisors, teachers, mentors, or employers who know the student. Letters from family members will not be considered.
 - c. Essay as described in the Application Procedures section (all points addressed).
6. Although it would NOT be considered standard, if deemed appropriate, an in-person interview may be considered.

Timeline for Friends of Agua Caliente, Inc. Scholarship Application and Award

March 20, 2026 – *Deadline for all applications to be in the hands of the FOAC Scholarship Committee*

April 17, 2026 – Scholarship Recipient Selection and Notification Completed.

August 17, 2026 – Funds for scholarship award will be distributed by this date or earlier, depending on receipt of proof of student enrollment and/or registration for classes. This may be sent to the address or email below:

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Friends of Agua Caliente, Inc. Scholarship Application

(please type or print)

Name:

Last First Middle

Address:

Number Street City Zip

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Have you ever been to Agua Caliente Park? **Yes** **No**

Have you participated in any events or programs at the park? **Yes** **No**

What is your high school graduation date? _____

What school, college, or university are you planning to attend after graduation?

Name State

Will you attend full- or part-time? Full-time Part-time

If you will be attending school part-time, please give the reasons:

Are you receiving or applying for any other aid or scholarships? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please provide the name and amount of scholarship you think you may or hope to be receiving:

Friends of Agua Caliente, Inc. Scholarship Application (cont.)

Certification:

I certify that all the information included in this application is true and complete.

Signature

Date