



ACHIEVING A COLLEGE EDUCATION

Application Year: _____

Application Due: _____

Please check one box next to your college of interest.

Chandler-Gilbert Community College

Paradise Valley Community College

Estrella Mountain Community College

Phoenix College

GateWay Community College

Rio Salado College (online only)

Glendale Community College

Scottsdale Community College

Mesa Community College

South Mountain Community College

Completed Application must have the following:

- Completed ACE Application
- Two (2) completed Recommendation Forms
- Typed Essay
- Education & Record Release/Statement of Commitment
- Unofficial high school transcript

Return application one of the following ways:

1. Return it to your high school Counselor
2. Email the application to ace@southmountaincc.edu
3. Mail to: *(It must be postmarked by December 15th)*
 - a. ACE Office
South Mountain Community College
7050 S. 24th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85042

ACE PROGRAMS APPLICATION

Use black/blue ink to fill out application form completely. Please print legibly.

Student Information

1. Legal Name (last name, first name, middle name)

Preferred Name

2. Date of Birth (month, day, year)

3. Mailing Address (street, city, state, and zip code)

Address:

Apt. #

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Student Email Address:

4. Additional Information

High School ACE

a. Career Goal:

b. High School Attending:

Current Grade:

c. High School ID #:

c. Do you already have a Maricopa MEID/SID? (If so, please list)

d. Junior High/Middle School Attended:

Please check those that apply. I live with...

Mother and Father One Parent Step Parent

e. Have you ever earned college credit? If yes, where?

Guardian Foster/Group Home Other: _____

5. First Generation College Student? Yes No

You are a first generation student if both parents or guardians (parent or guardian if only living with one) did not complete a bachelor's degree.

a. Highest school your father completed:

Middle School/Junior High High School College or beyond Other/Unknown

b. Highest school your mother completed:

Middle School/Junior High High School College or beyond Other/Unknown

6. Gender*

Male Female

7. Ethnicity*

African American

Asian/Pacific Islander

Hispanic/Latino

Native American/Alaskan
Tribal Affiliation:*

White

Other _____

_____ *Optional

ACE PROGRAMS APPLICATION

Use black/blue ink to fill out application form completely. Please print legibly.

Student Information

8. Out of School Activities

a. Are you currently working?	Hours per week?	Where?
b. Are you involved in other activities?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service hours per week? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Music hours per week? _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports hours per week? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Hours per week? _____	

9. Have any family members participated in an ACE Program? If yes, please list them.

Name	Relationship	ACE Start Year	ACE College

Family Information

1. Parent/Guardian(s)

Name(s):	
Home Address if different: (street, city, state, and zip code)	Apt. #
Home Phone:	Email Address:

2. I live with: (Please check those that apply)

Mother and Father
 One Parent
 Step Parent
 Guardian
 Foster/Group Home
 Other

3. What is your household annual income?

4. List ALL family members living in your home

Name	Age	Relationship	Highest Grade Completed	Occupation

Student Statement of Commitment

If I am accepted into the ACE Program, I commit to:

- Attending all classes as designated by my ACE Program
- Fulfilling all requirements as outlined in each class syllabus
- Being responsible for paying fees and purchasing required course textbooks each semester
- Being responsible for transportation to and from the college
- Taking, completing, and passing the mandatory courses
- Meeting with the ACE staff at least once a month
- Attending all ACE enrichment activities
- Consulting with the ACE staff regarding all schedule adjustments, absences, and withdrawals
- Enrolling and attending a Maricopa Community College upon graduation from high school
- Sharing information regarding my progress and activities within the ACE Program with my parents/guardians (minors only)

I understand that I will be taking classes at the college while attending high school and that the first session is mandatory for new students. I will officially be a college student with all of the privileges and obligations of any other student at the college. Classes taken at the college will become a part of my permanent academic transcript with the college. If accepted, I agree to fully participate in all aspects of the ACE Program. I consent to participate in studies and surveys to help improve the program and agree to the exchange of academic information between participating institutions. I understand institutions will collect different types of information from my transcripts and related student educational records. The student data from ACE will be reported as a group and my information will not be identifiable. I also understand that I may decline to give consent without penalty to my status as an ACE Program candidate.

The benefit associated with ACE Program studies is that schools and colleges will have a better understanding of the impact of the ACE Program. There are no known risks associated with the studies.

My ACE scholarship will end once I have graduated from high school or if I am withdrawn from the ACE Program for any reason.

Student Signature _____

Printed Name of Student _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Statement of Commitment

If my high school son or daughter is accepted into the ACE Program, I agree that he/she will:

- Take courses with college level competencies and content
- Learn the importance of declaring a major or degree/transfer pathway
- Be an official college student with all of the privileges and obligations of any other student enrolled at the college
- Be responsible for requesting information regarding his/her academic progress and participating in ACE activities with family members
- Be allowed to use college computers and internet services including email, which may permit my son or daughter to have greater access to internet sites than that authorized by the parent or guardian on their personal computers

I also understand that:

- A parent or guardian must attend the initial ACE parent orientation as a condition of awarding the ACE tuition scholarship
- Transportation to and from the college is the responsibility of my ACE son/daughter and family
- The family will cover expenses (books, fees, supplies, etc) not covered by the ACE scholarship for my son/daughter's college classes each semester
- I must attend information sessions and other ACE events connected with the program
- The ACE scholarship will end for my son or daughter upon graduation from high school or if they are withdrawn from the program for any reason
- I agree to the exchange of academic information between the participating institutions and partners of the ACE Program
- My son/daughter is expected to enroll and attend a Maricopa Community College upon graduation from high school
- I agree that my son or daughter may use college computers and internet services including email, which may permit my son or daughter to have greater access to internet sites than that which I authorize on their personal computers
- All of the college credits taken in this program will count towards a degree at the Maricopa Community Colleges. Credits earned while in ACE will be evaluated by the transferring university for application to the selected degree. Some of these courses may be counted as electives.

My son/daughter has my permission to attend _____ College and take up to 6 credit hours (2 classes) during the summer and 3 credit hours (1 class) during the fall and spring semesters while he/she is completing his/her junior and senior years in high school.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



Please read and sign both sides of this form.

Education and Record Information Release

In order for the **Maricopa ACE Programs** to meet the specific needs of our communities and to enhance their program elements, comprehensive student data needs to be collected and analyzed regularly. The compiled information is used for program evaluation, statistical reports required for funding proposals, and statistical analysis only. Individual student names, grades, test scores or other personal information *WILL NOT BE* disclosed to any party unassociated with the Maricopa ACE Programs, or not designated by the Maricopa ACE Programs management. Designated or associated parties include the Maricopa County Community College District ACE Programs, _____ Community College ACE PROGRAM, and potential program donors or other financial supporting/contributing organizations.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), also known as the Buckley Amendment of 1974, allows students attending an educational institution to control outside access to their education records. This federal law protects the privacy of student education records, both financial and academic. For the student's protection, FERPA limits the release of student education record information without explicit written consent from the student and/or a parent/guardian. All employees of the Maricopa ACE Program who work with student information receive FERPA training.

Below is a list of the variety of education records that the Maricopa ACE Programs may need to obtain or view for statistical, educational verification, and/or program evaluation purposes. The verification includes, but is not limited to, requests of the following:

- Official high school and/or college transcripts
- Proficiency test information
- Special education record
- Withdrawal grades and hours (if student withdrew before the end of the term)
- Test scores
- Attendance
- Related educational student records
- High school student file

In signing this form I have been informed of my rights in reference to the disclosure of education records and agree to the following:

- I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this statement, and hereby authorize _____ **Community College's ACE Program**, or any of its representatives, to obtain the information as described above.
- I acknowledge that I may submit a subsequent notification in writing, directing my high school or college of past or present attendance to no longer release information to any or all of the individuals/agencies noted.

Printed Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____ High School ID Number _____

In signing this form I have been informed of my rights in reference to the disclosure of education records and agree to the following:

- I give permission for the exchange of my son's/daughter's education record including information between the participating institutions such as the current high school and/or former high school if the student transfers, Maricopa County Community Colleges and other officially designated partners or representatives of the Maricopa ACE Programs, or organizations conducting approved studies for or on behalf of the college district.
- I acknowledge that I may submit a subsequent notification in writing directing my student's high school or college of past or present attendance to no longer release information to any or all of the individuals/agencies noted.

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

ESSAY SECTION

Essay Section

Tell us about yourself, your reasons for wanting to go to college, and how the ACE Program might help you with your plans. The answers you give in this section will help the selection committee decide who might benefit most from the college preparation activities of the ACE Program. Please make sure that you follow the instructions for answering the questions.

Your essay must be TYPED on a separate sheet of paper, a minimum of 300 words, and included in your application packet.

Essay Question: How will participating in the ACE Program help you reach the goal you have set for yourself?

Be specific in your answer and take the time to read through this section. *Include* the following when crafting your essay:

- Your future career, education, and personal goals, and why you are motivated to accomplish them.
- Any obstacle that may slow you down in reaching your goals.
- Why you believe that college is important to you.
- Your personal achievements
- Challenges that you have overcome.
- A person, event, or endeavor that has significantly influenced your life while attending high school.
- How attending a Maricopa Community College would help you reach your dream.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

**SMCC ACE PROGRAM, 7050 S. 24th Street • 602.243.8163 • ace@southmountaincc.edu
www.southmountaincc.edu/become-student/early-college/ace**



MARICOPA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) is an EEO/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or national origin. A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education programs of the District.

The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For Title IX/504 concerns, call the following number to reach the appointed coordinator: (480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit <http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination>.

El distrito de Los Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa (cuyas siglas en inglés son MCCCD) es una institución EEO/AA y un empleador con igualdad de oportunidades para veteranos protegidos y personas con discapacidades. Todos los solicitantes calificados recibirán consideración para empleo sin considerar raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad de género, u origen nacional.

La falta de destrezas del idioma inglés no es un impedimento para admisión y participación en programas de educación Técnica del distrito. El distrito de Los Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa no discriminan con base a raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad o edad en sus programas o actividades. Si tiene preguntas sobre título IX/504, llama al siguiente número para comunicarse con el coordinador designado: (480) 731-8499. Para obtener información adicional, así como una lista de todos los coordinadores dentro del sistema de Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa, visite: <http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination>.

THE MARICOPA ACE PROGRAMS

ACE Description

The Maricopa ACE (Achieving a College Education) Program is nationally recognized for its proven success in motivating underrepresented students to complete high school and continue on to complete a college degree by helping students make smooth transitions between three facets of the educational pathway: high school, community college, and university.

About the ACE Program

ACE is designed to help students make a smooth transition from high school through the community colleges on to a university and completion of a bachelor's degree.

ACE recruits high school students in their sophomore year to participate in the program during their high school junior and senior years.

ACE students are enrolled in concurrent college courses as high school juniors and seniors.

Students may attend college classes during the summer, on Saturdays during the fall and spring semesters, or online.

Students can earn up to 24 college credits by the time they graduate from high school.

Maricopa ACE now serves over 90 high schools.

From 1994 (when tracking began) through the 2014 student cohort, ACE has served over 14,500 students.

The Application Process

1. Submit a complete application to your college of choice consisting of:
 - Completed Application Form
 - Two (2) completed Recommendation Forms
 - Personal Essay
 - Education and Record Information Release form/Statement of Commitment
 - Unofficial high school transcripts
2. Your completed application will be evaluated per the selection criteria listed below.
3. You will be notified by letter/email on the status of your application:
 - Accepted
 - Not Accepted
 - Alternate list
 - Incomplete application
4. If you are accepted into the ACE Program, you will receive a scholarship offer.
5. You will need to contact the college ACE Office to accept the scholarship.

Program Selection Criteria

The ACE program is recruiting high school sophomores who have taken at least six (6) high school credits at the time of the application submission and who meet two or more of the following criteria:

- First generation to attend college
- Single parent home
- Underrepresented group
- Economic hardship
- Foster care/temporary housing
- Teen Parent

10 ACE PROGRAMS AT MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Chandler-Gilbert Community College

2626 E. Pecos Rd.
(Pecos Rd. & Gilbert Ave.), Chandler
Contact: ACE office, 480.857.5142
myaceadvisor@cgcc.edu

Estrella Mountain Community College

3000 N. Dysart Rd.
(Dysart Rd. & Thomas Ave.), Avondale
Contact: ACE office, 623.935.8900
aceprogram@estrellamountain.edu

GateWay Community College

108 N. 40th Street, MA1372
(40th St. & Washington Ave.), Phoenix
Contact: ACE office, 602.286.8195
ace@gatewaycc.edu

Glendale Community College

6000 W. Olive Ave.
(59th Ave. & Glendale Ave.), Glendale
Contact: ACE office, 623.845.3132
ACEPlus@gccaz.edu

Mesa Community College

1833 W. Southern Ave.
(Southern Ave. & Dobson Rd.), Mesa
Contact: ACE office, 480.461.7927
dl-mc-ace@mccmail.maricopa.edu

Paradise Valley Community College 18401

N. 32nd St. (32nd St. & Union Hills Ave.),
Phoenix 85032
Contact: ACE office, 602.787.7163
ace@paradisevalley.edu

Phoenix College

1202 W. Thomas Rd.
(15th Ave. & Thomas Rd.), Phoenix
Contact: ACE office, 602.285.7743
ecp@phoenixcollege.edu

Rio Salado College

2323 W. 14th St. (14th St. & 52nd St.), Tempe
ACE for high school students
Contact: ACE, 480.517.8080
ace.puente@riosalado.edu

Scottsdale Community College

9000 E. Chaparral Rd.
(Chaparral Rd. & Loop 101)
Contact: ACE office, 480.423.6450
ace.program@scottsdalecc.edu

South Mountain Community College

7050 S. 24th St. (24th St. & Baseline Rd.), Phoenix
Contact: ACE office: 602.243.8163
ace@southmountaincc.edu

District Office

Maricopa ACE Programs

2411 W. 14th St.
Tempe, AZ 85281
Contact: 480.731.8625
ace.corp@domail.maricopa.edu

SMCC ACE PROGRAM, 7050 S. 24th Street • 602.243.8163 • ace@southmountaincc.edu
www.southmountaincc.edu/become-student/early-college/ace



MARICOPA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) is an EEO/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or national origin. A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education programs of the District.

The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For Title IX/504 concerns, call the following number to reach the appointed coordinator: (480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit <http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination>.

El distrito de Los Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa (cuyas siglas en inglés son MCCCD) es una institución EEO/AA y un empleador con igualdad de oportunidades para veteranos protegidos y personas con discapacidades. Todos los solicitantes calificados recibirán consideración para empleo sin considerar raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad de género, u origen nacional.

La falta de destrezas del idioma inglés no es un impedimento para admisión y participación en programas de educación Técnica del distrito. El distrito de Los Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa no discriminan con base a raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad o edad en sus programas o actividades. Si tiene preguntas sobre título IX/504, llama al siguiente número para comunicarse con el coordinador designado: (480) 731-8499. Para obtener información adicional, así como una lista de todos los coordinadores dentro del sistema de Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa, visite: <http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination>.

THE MARICOPA ACE PROGRAMS

PATHWAY

South Mountain Community Colleges

High School

SOPHOMORE

Students are recruited for ACE in the sophomore year.

JUNIOR

Earn college credits on an MCCCDCampus on Saturdays or online during junior year.

SENIOR

Earn college credits on an MCCCDCampus on Saturdays or online during senior year.

The first summer students earn college credits at an MCCCDCampus.

The second summer students earn college credits at an MCCCDCampus.

Students focus on
Associate's Degrees
certificates,
and/or transfer
pathway to a
four-year institution.

University

SOPHOMORE

Students complete community college work and transfer.

JUNIOR

Students work toward their degree.

SENIOR

Students complete their Bachelor's Degree

Parent Involvement

Parent workshops are provided during the two years of the program.



ACE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student: Last Name _____
 First Name _____
 Middle Initial _____
 High School Name _____

Check One:

____ High School ACE Program

ACE Candidate Instructions: This form is to be completed by an adult not related to the ACE Program candidate such as a high school counselor, teacher, employer, coach, or pastor (at least one must be a current teacher).

- Allow your recommender at least one week to complete the form.
- Ask your recommender to place the form in a sealed envelope.
- **Submit the sealed recommendation envelope with all other application documents by your specified deadline.**

Recommender: The student listed above is in the process of applying to one of the Maricopa County Community College District Achieving a College Education (ACE) Programs. ACE is designed to help underrepresented students in their transition from high school/GED to community college and university.

The student's present grades may not reflect his or her potential. Your feedback will help us determine whether this candidate has the potential to benefit from the ACE Programs.

Recommender Name: _____
 Professional Title (subject taught, if applicable): _____
 School/Community Organization: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Contact Number: _____

How long have you known the candidate? ____ Months ____ Year(s)

Please rate the student on the following factors, from **1 (low)** to **5 (high)**.

Character and Personality	Not Applicable	Low				High
1. Shows respect towards adults	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
2. Respects other students	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
3. Respected by others	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
4. Politeness and manners	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
5. Leadership traits	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
6. Personal initiative	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
7. Organization/time management	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
8. Accepts constructive criticism	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
9. Positive attitude	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
10. Accountability	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
11. Dependability	n/a	1	2	3	4	5

ACE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Academics

Not Applicable

High

1. Motivation to learn	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
2. Self-discipline in the classroom	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
3. Completes assignments on time	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
4. Neatness of assignments	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
5. Punctuality	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
6. Overall attendance	n/a	1	2	3	4	5

1. Please comment on the student's potential and personal characteristics.

2. What else should the selection committee take into consideration when assessing this candidate's application packet (strengths, challenges, extra curricular activities that may impact quality of work)?

Recommendation: Do you recommend this student for enrollment in our Maricopa Community College ACE Program while attending high school or a GED program? *Circle one below.*

Yes

Some Concerns

No

Please provide a brief comment below if **Some Concerns** or **No** is circled.

Recommender Signature _____ **Date** _____

Place the Recommendation Form in an envelope, seal, sign across the seal, and return to the student when filled out.



**SOUTH MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACE Programs

ACE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student: Last Name _____
 First Name _____
 Middle Initial _____
 High School Name _____

Check One:

____ High School ACE Program

ACE Candidate Instructions: This form is to be completed by an adult not related to the ACE Program candidate such as a high school counselor, teacher, employer, coach, or pastor (at least one must be a current teacher).

- Allow your recommender at least one week to complete the form.
- Ask your recommender to place the form in a sealed envelope.
- **Submit the sealed recommendation envelope with all other application documents by your specified deadline.**

Recommender: The student listed above is in the process of applying to one of the Maricopa County Community College District Achieving a College Education (ACE) Programs. ACE is designed to help underrepresented students in their transition from high school/GED to community college and university.

The student's present grades may not reflect his or her potential. Your feedback will help us determine whether this candidate has the potential to benefit from the ACE Programs.

Recommender Name: _____
 Professional Title (subject taught, if applicable): _____
 School/Community Organization: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Contact Number: _____

How long have you known the candidate? _____ Months _____ Year(s)

Please rate the student on the following factors, from **1 (low)** to **5 (high)**.

Character and Personality	Not Applicable	Low					High
1. Shows respect towards adults	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Respects other students	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Respected by others	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Politeness and manners	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Leadership traits	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Personal initiative	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
7. Organization/time management	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
8. Accepts constructive criticism	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
9. Positive attitude	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
10. Accountability	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	
11. Dependability	n/a	1	2	3	4	5	

ACE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Academics

Not Applicable

Low

High

1. Motivation to learn	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
2. Self-discipline in the classroom	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
3. Completes assignments on time	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
4. Neatness of assignments	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
5. Punctuality	n/a	1	2	3	4	5
6. Overall attendance	n/a	1	2	3	4	5

1. Please comment on the student's potential and personal characteristics.

2. What else should the selection committee take into consideration when assessing this candidate's application packet (strengths, challenges, extra curricular activities that may impact quality of work)?

Recommendation: Do you recommend this student for enrollment in our Maricopa Community College ACE Program while attending high school or a GED program? *Circle one below.*

Yes

Some Concerns

No

Please provide a brief comment below if **Some Concerns** or **No** is circled.

Recommender Signature _____ **Date** _____

Place the Recommendation Form in an envelope, seal, sign across the seal, and return to the student when filled out.



