

# 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.

## The Application Process

1. Submit a complete application to your college of choice consisting of:
  - Student Admission Application
  - 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 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