

How to Apply for 2024-2025 CALES Scholarships

This document will guide you through the process of applying for College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences scholarships. An optional 16.5-minute video walkthrough is available at [this link](#).

☑ Step 1: Prepare

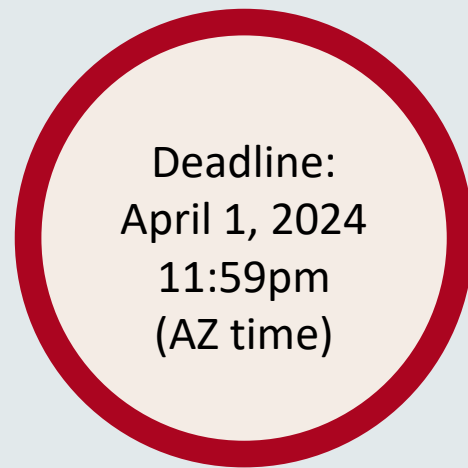
Required: Write your personal statement. Optional: Decide if you want to answer any of our optional, additional essays. More info on pages 2 and 3.

☑ Step 2: Apply

Required: Submit your CALES General Scholarship Application on Scholarship Universe (SU). All scholarships link to this one application. More info on page 4.

☑ Step 3: Matching Q's

Required: Answer questions about yourself. This step lets us link you up to specific scholarships. We consider your eligibility for every CALES scholarship based on this efficient survey. More info on page 5.



Deadline:
April 1, 2024
11:59pm
(AZ time)

**CALES has over \$1.1 million
in scholarships to award
every academic year!**

Who should apply:

- ✓ All academic levels: CALES First-Year (Freshmen), Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Graduate Students
- ✓ All CALES majors and certificates
- ✓ All students with a minor in CALES (even if your major is elsewhere)
- ✓ All campuses: Main, Online, Near You Network (Distance)
- ✓ All new students: First-Year (Freshmen), Transfer, Graduate
- ✓ All GPA Levels



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Step 1: Prepare

☑ Action item: Write your personal statement.

Last year, students took an average of 66 minutes to write their personal statement.

Full essay prompt:

“Include any details about you or your studies that you would like to share with scholarship committees and/or donors. Suggested topics include your background, educational and professional goals, honors or awards, and any school activities, clubs or organizations that you are involved in as well as extraordinary circumstances, family, challenges, personal successes, and obstacles you have overcome. Please limit your entry to 2,500 characters.”

What should you write about?

Topics could include: Your studies, interests, clubs, volunteering, hopes, and goals with your degree. You are diverse, and our reviewers love reading all about you! Stuck on what to write? View examples of excellent personal statements at [this link](#).

Nuts and bolts:

- Write your personal statement in a Word/Google doc. You will copy and paste this info into a text box when you submit the CALES General Scholarship Application in Step 2.
- Length limit: 2,500 characters. This equates to about 400-500 words, or 2-3 paragraphs.



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Step 1: Prepare (Continued)

☑ **Optional action item: Decide if you want to answer any of our optional, additional essays.**

Last year, students took about 10 minutes to write each optional essay.

Why do we have these?

A few of our scholarships require additional essays to be considered for the award.

These optional essays are for specific groups of students. *Skip if any of these categories do not apply to you.*

- Undergraduate Animal Sciences - Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) majors
- Undergraduate incoming CALES First-Year (freshmen) students
- Undergraduate majors in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment
- Undergraduates with a minor in Climate Change and Society (any UArizona major)
- Undergraduate Retailing & Consumer Science majors
- Undergraduate (Junior or Senior only) Personal & Family Financial Planning majors

Nuts and bolts:

See this [link](#) for details on every essay, including the prompt, length and how to submit.



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Step 2: Apply (Required)

☑ Action item: Submit your CALES General Scholarship Application

If you have already written your personal statement, this step will take you 3 minutes to copy/paste that text into the application.

Directions:

The easiest way to get to our application is via the CALES General Scholarship, found at [this link](#). Once there, click on the red Apply button to begin your application. Any CALES scholarship listed on SU will take you to this one, combined application.

If the link above does not take you directly to the "CALES General Scholarship" page, use the search box in the upper right of [Scholarship Universe](#) to search for this listing.



Dual degree, double/triple major and CALES minor students:

You may need to manually add CALES to the matching question "Which University of Arizona (UA) college(s) are you currently admitted to or enrolled in?" that is listed on all CALES scholarships in SU. Click on the pencil icon next to the matching question to do so. You are eligible to apply!

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Step 3: Answer Matching Questions About Yourself (Required)

☑ **Action item: Take this Qualtrics survey.**

Last year, most students took between 5 and 15 minutes to complete this step.

More Information:

This step lets us link you up to specific scholarships. We consider your eligibility for every CALES scholarship (over \$1.1 million in total) based on this short, efficient survey.

Directions:

Answer questions about yourself at [this link](#) (log in using your NETID and password).

- No prep necessary - All of the questions are about you, your studies, and your interests.
- If you want to submit any of our optional essays - This survey is also where you will copy/paste your essay answers.

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**When you have submitted your application (Step 2)
and your matching questions (Step 3), you are done! **Way to go!****



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Good to Know

Other Recommended Next Steps

☒ **Submit your FAFSA for the 2024-2025 academic year.**

- Why? About 12% of CALS scholarships require a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file to be considered for the award. If you are eligible to submit a FAFSA, we urge you to do so.
- When? We recommend submitting your FAFSA by early March 2024. This is only our advice, not a hard deadline. This timeframe will give you a good time cushion to make sure that UArizona receives your FAFSA by the CALES April 1 scholarship application deadline.

☒ **Answer matching questions on Scholarship Universe (SU). As many as possible.**

- Why? There are a lot more scholarships available at UArizona in addition to CALES scholarships. Answering questions on SU could make you eligible for even more scholarships.
- How? Scholarship Universe > Questions (lefthand menu) > Answer More Questions (red button in upper right). SU will keep asking you more and more questions – this is good!

☒ **Make sure your Scholarship Universe (SU) contact preferences allow for email notifications.**

- Why? If you are selected for a CALES scholarship, SU will email you to request a thank you letter to the donor. We want to make sure you receive those emails.
- How? Scholarship Universe > click on your name in the upper right corner > Profile > Communications > Scholarship Universe section

Make sure the Email button is toggled to “On”.

The Text Message option and all other settings on this page are up to your preference. This might be a helpful option to help you stay on top of any outstanding tasks on SU.



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