



# The Flinn Scholars Program

## Overview:

The Flinn Scholarship, awarded annually to 20 Arizona high-school seniors, is one of the most prestigious merit-based scholarships in the United States. It provides four years of study at an Arizona public university, study abroad, a funded internship, personal mentorship by faculty and alumni Scholars, and many other benefits.

The Flinn Scholars Program ([www.flinnscholars.org](http://www.flinnscholars.org)) has awarded the scholarship since 1986. The program is operated by the Flinn Foundation Scholarship Program LLC and supported by the Flinn Foundation. The total package, provided through a partnership with Arizona's public universities, is valued at more than \$115,000.

## Benefits:

Each recipient of the Flinn Scholarship receives the following benefits and opportunities:

- The full cost of tuition and mandatory fees, plus room and board;
- Funding for a three-week summer seminar after the Scholar's freshman year in China and for at least one additional study-abroad experience;
- Funded participation in an internship program exclusively for Flinn Scholars;
- Fellowship in an extraordinary community of about 80 current and 500 alumni Scholars;
- Mentorship from top faculty and exposure to Arizona and global leaders in business, government, science, and the arts;
- Membership in a university honors college/program, with amenities including small classes, guest lectures, and research experiences;
- Intellectual, cultural, and social activities developed exclusively for Flinn Scholars by both the Foundation and the universities.

## Eligibility:

More than 700 applications are typically reviewed after the October application deadline, followed by two rounds of interviews. Requirements include: U.S. citizen and Arizona resident for at least two years. Qualifying candidates typically have at least a 3.5 GPA; rank in the top 5 percent of their graduating class; score at least 1300 on the old SAT, 1360 on the new SAT, or 29 on the ACT; and demonstrate leadership in extracurricular activities.

## The Scholars:

The Flinn Foundation envisions Flinn Scholars as outstanding future leaders for Arizona in both public and private life—as business executives, researchers, artists, educators, and more. More than 80 percent of Scholars continue to graduate school, often at the world's most competitive universities. Numerous Scholars have received post-graduate awards such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, and Gates Cambridge Scholarships.

Scholar alumni include nurses, diplomats, field scientists, software engineers, filmmakers, and entrepreneurs. More than 30 percent of Scholar alumni have returned to Arizona to pursue their careers and raise their families.

**The Flinn Foundation** ([www.flinn.org](http://www.flinn.org)) is a Phoenix-based, private, nonprofit philanthropic endowment established in 1965 by the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Flinn with the mission of improving the quality of life in Arizona. In addition to the Flinn Scholars program, the Foundation supports the advancement of the biosciences in Arizona, arts and culture, and the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership, an initiative to develop future state-level leaders.

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