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Scholarship Fund

A Non-Traditional Scholarship for
Arizona Residents age 25 and older

GK Legacy Foundation is awarding scholarships
ranging from **\$500-\$5,000** based on individual need and merit.



Does your road lead to success?



Apply Online

The Foundation has two main scholarship cycles
each year, February 1st and September 1st.

Applications are accepted online only



Eligibility Requirements

- Arizona resident
- Adults 25 years or older
- High school diploma or GED
- No prior BA degree (AA is permitted)
- Proof of financial need
- Proof of school enrollment (must be provided prior to award distribution)
- Arizona Driver's license or other Arizona issued ID
- Completed application and all required documents
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.gklegacyfoundation.org

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The Keep Your Chin Up Scholarship Fund was created to assist Arizona residents age 25 years or older who are interested in attending college, or any accredited vocational or certificate program that will improve their workforce skills.

What can you do between now and our next scholarship cycle?

Begin preparing!

You will need the following items:



- Arizona driver's license
- Letter of recommendation
- Most recent tax return
- Job History
- College transcripts (if applicable)
- Copy of FAFSA application (if applicable)

Begin working on your essay (up to 750 words)



- Your essay should address your college goals, what you intend to do with your education, and why a scholarship is important to you and your family. Include any personal characteristics, or experiences that make you uniquely worthy of scholarship consideration as well as any information that might help us understand your request for financial assistance.



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GK Legacy Foundation

THE WHAT AND THE WHY



GK Legacy Foundation, created in honor of George Keown (GK), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to help Arizona residents age 25 and older better their lives through education.

When the Keown family lost George to cancer in 2018, they found themselves wondering how they could honor him in a way that would live up to the great man he was, and make sure his legacy lived on in others. George valued action. He taught his children that they could accomplish anything, regardless of obstacles. He believed in perseverance and determination. That is the legacy he would want to share with others and that is the reason GK Legacy Foundation and the Keep Your Chin Up Scholarship Fund was born.

With our first round of scholarships in September 2019, we awarded over \$25,000 to Arizona residents over the age of 25. These applicants have overcome so many obstacles, and their stories are amazing. One applicant is a domestic violence survivor with two children and her dream is to become a nurse. She wants to show her kids that her past does not have to define her future. We also had an applicant 50 years old who lost her only two children to disease when they were 24 and 27, and she wants to become a nurse so she can help other grieving families. We had someone who had her entire support system, mother, father, and brothers go to prison, and yet somehow she was able to escape that world and is now working hard to change her own circumstances. Another is a survivor of rape and studying forensic science in hopes to streamline the process of testing rape kits which sometimes go untested for months or even years. These individuals have brought themselves out of some of the darkest situations and instead of giving up, they want to go to school. This is the epitome of perseverance and determination.

We hope these stories inspire you to follow GK Legacy's journey and spread the word about our Keep Your Chin Up Scholarship program. Please visit www.gklegacyfoundation.org for more information and tips for applying.

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I am extremely motivated to complete my bachelor's degree and be able to lead by example.

I know it is never too late and wish to make this goal a reality and have my children witness the power of perseverance.”



Cindy Carrillo
Grand Canyon University
Scholarship Award: \$5,000

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My passion to help end homelessness, coupled with my personal experience suffering through it, made me realize what I wanted to do in my life.

It is my deepest concern for those who are suffering through homelessness to know that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

This August I was accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Public Service & Public Policy program at Arizona State University. I chose the major of Public Policy because I am eager to use my own experience through homelessness to make some changes in the current policies.”



Renee Williams
Arizona State University
Scholarship Award: \$5,000