

# Staying in Arizona for college?

## Get **F R E E** in state tuition

### Requirements:

- Take AIMS test and “exceed all” or “exceed 2” and “meet 1” with 2 AP or IB exam scores
- 3.5 GPA
- Have B or better in following courses:
  - ü 4 units English
  - ü 4 units Math
  - ü 3 units Lab Science
  - ü 2 units Social Science
  - ü 2 units Foreign Language
  - ü 1 unit Fine Arts

How do you take the AIMS tests?

DCHS does not offer the AIMS test. Call your local public high school and ask to arrange to take the test. Often the school counselor is in charge of testing. To take the Fall test, call by August.

Testing takes three days and is offered at two times during the year: Fall and Spring. To miss school you must get a pre-approved absence from DCHS.

*You may take the tests spring of sophomore year through junior year and may retake them if needed to “exceed” the standards. Starting with the class of 2009 you may only retake to “exceed” through your junior year.*

The tests have three sections: reading, writing, and math. A science test is also offered but at this point it doesn't affect the tuition waiver.

Test dates 2007-2008:

Writing 10/30/07 or 2/26/08

Reading 10/31/07 or 2/27/08

Math 11/1/07 or 3/8/08

(These dates are tentative, based on the TUSD calendar. Your local high school may have different dates)

For complete listing of dates see

<http://www.azed.gov/standards/downloads/FiveYearTestingCalendar.pdf>

AIMS information (including study guides):

<http://www.ade.state.az.us/aims/>

### What do I do after taking the test?

If you have exceeded the standards in all three areas, make sure you keep your grades up (all B's or better) in the 16 core classes and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA. These grades must be maintained through the end of your senior year.

At the beginning of your Senior year, let the guidance office know you have earned the AIMS test scores you need. We will inform the Arizona Department of Education.

In the Fall apply to U of A, NAU, or ASU. Fill out the FAFSA in January of your senior year and apply for any other scholarships. Let the university know of your intention to get the tuition waiver.

**\*\* The university may offer you a scholarship that offers more money than the tuition waiver. If so, take it! Just, be aware, you can't have both.**

Check in with the guidance office at the end of the year. After graduation, the guidance office will send in all the necessary paperwork to the Arizona Department of Education to ensure you get the waiver.

The tuition waiver may be renewed for four years, but you will have to follow the university's requirements. If you don't, you lose that money.

For more info:

[www.ade.az.gov/asd/tuitionwaiver](http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/tuitionwaiver)