ACCESS <u>EXCELLENCE</u>





Each year, NAU students receive more than \$400 million

in scholarships and financial aid.

NAU students graduate with nearly

30% less debt

than the national average.



Learn more: **nau.edu/A2E**

Want to get a feel for life as a Lumberjack? Discover one of our many ways to visit campus! **nau.edu/visit**

How do I apply for A2E?

There isn't an application specifically for A2E. All you have to do is:

- 1. Apply to NAU: nau.edu/apply
- 2. Fill out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): fafsa.gov

We'll handle the rest!

What's the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is a form all students must fill out to be eligible for most types of financial aid. It's how we determine whether you're eligible for A2E and other assistance in paying for college.

Undocumented students who are ineligible to complete the FAFSA can complete the CSS profile: cssprofile.collegeboard.org

Is A2E a scholarship?

Access2Excellence isn't considered a "scholarship." It's simply an NAU initiative to help break down financial barriers and make higher education accessible to everyone. Therefore, you might not see "Access2Excellence" on your list of scholarships in your Financial Aid Award Letter. But rest assured, if you're eligible for A2E, you'll receive the benefit!

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Northern Arizona University is committed to its mission to become the leading university serving Indigenous Peoples.



Relationships – Inspired by two sacred Native American symbols, this illustration combines the four cardinal directions with traditional feathers to represent the trust, honor, wisdom, and strength necessary to cultivate relationships.



Responsibility – Signifying the beginning of a new day as it rises from the east, this sun represents responsibility as its rays reach over the earth. The sun is both dependable and accountable essential aspects of responsibility.



Respect – Many Native American cultures feature water imagery in jewelry and other designs. This water droplet symbolizes the importance of respect, community approval, and honor.



Resilience – Corn, prominent in many Native American images, is a resilient crop that mirrors the strength of Indigenous Peoples. This cornstalk symbolizes the growth students experience with support in their education.

Land Acknowledgement

Northern Arizona University sits at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on homelands sacred to Native Americans throughout the region. We honor their past, present, and future generations, who have lived here for millennia and will forever call this place home.

Arizona Tribal Nations:

- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe
- Gila River Indian Community
- HavasupaiTribe

- HopiTribe
- HualapaiTribe
- Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians
- Navajo Nation
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe



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For more information on Tribal aid eligibility, visit **nau.edu/tribalaid**.