



2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Andalusia Country Club Education Fund (ACCEF), in partnership with Desert Scholarship Foundation, offers education scholarships to employees, spouses, and children of Andalusia Country Club employees. The purpose of the Fund is to support the pursuit of any type of higher education that results in a diploma. Scholarship awards are to be used for educational expenses such as tuition, books, registration/education fees, and/or living expenses. Scholarship checks are made payable to the educational institution for the benefit of the scholarship recipient.

Andalusia Country Club Education Fund Scholarship applicants:

- Must be a current employee of Andalusia Country Club who works in the Golf Maintenance Department, the Golf shop, the Tennis shop, the Food and Beverage areas, Housekeeping, or Club Administration and who have worked at least 1,000 hours in each of the last two consecutive years.
- Or a child, dependent, spouse or registered domestic partner of such an employee. Children and dependents are defined as biological, grand-, step- or legally adopted children living in the employee's household or being primarily supported by the employee and under the age of 27.
- Attending your final year of high school or a graduate from an accredited high school or received high school equivalency (GED).
- Plans to enroll or has qualified entrance to a part-time or full-time undergraduate study at a college, university, vocational-technical, trade or graduate school.
- Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), or better.
- Post-secondary education students attending a traditional college are *encouraged*, but not required, to maintain a minimum course load of 8 units per term.
- Certificate programs or professional development education or training would not be considered for a scholarship grant. See Certificate Grant Program below.

Annual Scholarship Opportunity:

1. The scholarship is valid only for the academic school year in which the applicant applied, or received an award. No scholarship award holdover for any future academic year.
2. Every person must apply annually for this scholarship opportunity and meet the eligibility requirements at the time of application submission. We encourage previous award recipients to apply annually. No services will be required as a consequence of receiving the grant.
3. If a student's educational plans change from the approved application, or if the student withdraws during the school year that they received a scholarship award, the student must immediately notify Desert Scholarship Foundation and provide reasoning for change or withdrawal. Failure to do so may prevent the student from being eligible for future grant opportunities.

Additional Programs:

1. Certificate Grant Program: Please inquire with Desert Scholarship Foundation to find out more information about Professional Development Grants available through ACCEF. This opportunity focuses on providing funding to advance your career. Workforce training and education is not eligible for the scholarship listed above.
2. Student Technology Expense Reimbursement: Students approved for a scholarship will also be eligible for an additional one-time grant up to \$1,000.00 to purchase a computer, laptop or iPad and related software. Technology funding will be sent to the school in the name of the student. Students will work with the school's Bursar's Office to purchase necessary equipment.



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2024 Certificate Grant Program Information and Criteria

The Andalusia Country Club Education Fund (ACCEF), in partnership with Desert Scholarship Foundation, has established a Certificate Grant Program for the benefit of Andalusia Country Club employees, spouses and dependent children. The purpose is to provide financial assistance for any type of classes, courses or programs that result in a certificate or certification from an educational institution, such as a trade school, vocational school or community college that provides skills to advance your current career or train you for a new career.

Andalusia Country Club Education Fund Certificate Grant Program applicants:

- Must be a current employee of Andalusia Country Club who works in the Golf Maintenance Department, the Golf shop, the Tennis shop, the Food and Beverage areas, Housekeeping, or Club Administration and who have worked at least 1,000 hours in each of the last two consecutive years.
- Or a child, dependent, spouse or registered domestic partner of such an employee. Children and dependents are defined as biological, grand-, step- or legally adopted children living in the employee's household or being primarily supported by the employee and under the age of 27.
- Are **not required** to have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must be enrolled or actively taking career-oriented classes or a certification program. Reimbursements for certification courses already completed will not be considered.

Certificate Grant Program Details:

- Courses for personal growth, entertainment, a hobby, etc. do not qualify.
- Grant amounts will be 80% of the cost of the courses/program up to a maximum amount of \$1,600.
- Each applicant may receive a maximum of 2 grants each year annually (January 1-December 31). Grant recipients must provide proof of successful completion of the first certificate prior to the second application.
- No services will be required as a consequence of receiving a grant.
- Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Desert Scholarship Foundation will notify applicants within 14 days after the receipt of their completed application as to whether or not a grant has been approved. Scholarship checks are made payable to the educational institution for the benefit of the recipient.
- If a student's educational plans change from the approved application, or if the student withdraws, the student must immediately notify Desert Scholarship Foundation and provide reasoning for the change or withdrawal. Failure to do so may prevent the student from being eligible for future grant opportunities.

**Please contact Blair Moss at Desert Scholarship Foundation
to receive the Certificate Grant Program Application and Instructions:**

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