

# COMMUNITY

## Quinceañera

### SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

#### Community Comadres | 2024 Quinceañera Scholarship

#### Qualifications

- Scholarship is open to all students who are:
  - Between the ages of 14 and 17.
  - Reside in the Phoenix metro area.
  - Plan to enroll in an accredited postsecondary education program (e.g., trade school, community college, four-year university) within the U.S. upon completion of high school.
- Scholarship applicants must have consent from parents or legal guardians to apply.\*
- Scholarship recipients must enroll in a postsecondary education program within 24 months of their high school completion.

#### Commitment to Equity & Inclusivity

Community Comadres is committed to providing opportunities for all students, regardless of their abilities or legal status. We welcome and strongly encourage applications from diverse students who meet the eligibility criteria as we believe that all students have the potential to succeed in their academic pursuits.

#### Timeline

- Application opens: Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 at 12:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time (Arizona)
- Application closes: Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (Arizona)
- Virtual interviews: Friday, Jan. 19, 2024 or Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024\*\*
- Scholarship recipient will be notified on: Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024
- Scholarship recipient will be announced publicly on: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024
- Scholarship recipient will be recognized on: Friday, March 8, 2024\*\*

\*\*Applicants must be available for a virtual interview on Jan. 19 or 21, 2024 and to receive the scholarship in person on Friday, March 8, 2024.

#### Application Review & Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee of select individuals who serve on the Community Comadres Board and will be scored based on a predetermined rubric. Applications will be given a score between 1 and 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest. Each written and verbal response to a question will be scored based on the degree to which the prompt was answered. The total combined score will determine application viability and, subsequently, selection.

Community Comadres will notify applicants who advance to the virtual interview portion of the selection process on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024. Applicants must be available to participate in a virtual interview on Friday, Jan. 19 or Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, to be considered.

Community Comadres will notify the selected scholarship recipient via email and/or voice call on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024. Should the selected scholarship recipient not respond within 48 hours of being notified, the organization may disqualify the recipient and select an alternate recipient. This process will be repeated as time permits, as determined by Community Comadres in its sole discretion.

Community Comadres will announce the selected scholarship recipient on Feb. 6, 2024. However, Community Comadres reserves the right to delay the announcement for creative, technical or other reasons, as deemed necessary by the Board.

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### **Scholarship Amount, Use & Disbursement**

Community Comadres will award one (1) scholarship to the recipient in the amount of \$5,000. The scholarship funds must be used at an accredited postsecondary institution (e.g., trade school, community college, four-year university) in the U.S. within 24 months of their high school completion.

The scholarship funds will be directly disbursed by Community Comadres to the selected institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient. Funds will not be paid directly to the individual and additional information may be requested from the scholarship recipient before funds are disbursed to the institution.

### **Community Quinceañera**

The scholarship recipient will be honored at the Community Comadres 'Community Quinceañera' gala on Friday, March 8, 2024. As the honorary 'Quinceañera' of the event, the recipient will receive:

- Complete attire for the event
- Transportation to and from the event
- Ten (10) tickets for the event to be allocated for family and friends

For more information about the Community Quinceañera, please visit [communitycomadres.org/quince](https://communitycomadres.org/quince).

### **Contact Information**

For more information about the Quinceañera Scholarship or any other related questions, please contact Priscilla Ornelas, Community Comadres Founder, at [Priscilla@communitycomadres.org](mailto:Priscilla@communitycomadres.org).

### **About Community Comadres**

Community Comadres is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by Priscilla Ornelas, Host of 'Priscilla and Joey' on Mix 96.9 FM. Priscilla is a Phoenix native and saw the need to create an organization that focuses on providing support, resources, advocacy and community to women in the Valley. Community Comadres helps organize inclusive, financially accessible workshops, outings, events, fundraisers, and networking opportunities to help women develop professionally and personally. We believe powerful change can happen when women come together to support one another. By bringing together incredible, compassionate women in the Valley, we're creating positive and sustainable change for our community. For more information, please visit [communitycomadres.org](https://communitycomadres.org).

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### **\*\*Additional Information for Parents or Legal Guardians**

**General Release.** Parents or legal guardians of minor applicants release Community Comadres from any liability whatsoever, and waive any and all causes of action, related to any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the scholarship or delivery, mis-delivery, acceptance, possession, use of or inability to use any prize (including, without limitation, claims, costs, injuries, losses and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional), whether under a theory of contract, tort (including negligence), warranty or other theory. Further, you agree to indemnify each of the released parties from any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages described in the preceding paragraph which may be suffered by you.

**Publicity Release.** Parents or legal guardians of minor applicants grant permission for Community Comadres to use the scholarship recipient's name, likeness, prize information, city and state of residence of the entrant, without limitation, for promotional purposes without further permission or compensation.