

Astronomy Scholarships

Academic Year: 2025-2026

Applications Open: Friday, February 7,2025

Closing Deadline Monday, April 7, 2025, at 11:59 pm Arizona time

How to apply for all the scholarships listed below:

Login to **Scholarship Universe (SU)** https://arizona.scholarshipuniverse.com with your NETID and password. If you have not created a profile, click on *Questions* in the left-hand navigation bar, then click on Answer More Questions, etc. If you have already created a profile, make sure your answers are all up-to-date pertaining to the Fall 2025 semester.

Scholarship Information: Lea Booher Memorial Scholarship

Open: 2/07/2025 Deadline: 4/07/2025

Estimated Total Award Amount: \$750.00

Number of Awards: 1

Description: The *Lea Booher Memorial Scholarship* is to assist students in the Department of Astronomy and Steward Observatory.

Eligibility for Applicants:

- Upper division majoring in Astronomy
- Candidates will demonstrate proven scholastic ability
- Unmarried
- Full time

For this Scholarship – you will need to complete the following application items.

Questions

- Describe your academic and career interests. You may include facts about your current educational experience, educational and career goals and how you plan to utilize your major after graduation.
- What is your current marital status?

Upload

- Your most current resume or CV
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Matching Questions:

These are questions SU will automatically match to this scholarship based on your profile answers.		Matching Value
Which University of Arizona (UA) college(s) are you currently admitted to or enrolled in?	Equal to	College of Science
What major(s) are you currently admitted to or enrolled in at the University of Arizona (UA)	Equal to	Astronomy (BS)
What is your expected academic level next academic year	Any of These	Undergraduate Junior or Undergraduate Senior
What is your current or intended enrollment status for the academic year?	Equal to	Full time

Evelyn O. Bychinsky Promising Astronomer Award

Open: 2/07/2025 Deadline: 4/07/2025

Estimated Total Award Amount: \$3,800 Number of Awards: 2-3

Description: To encourage and reward emerging talent, merit, and promise rather than need. Accomplishment in this field need be made only through regular course curriculum, but may be achieved through participation in extra-curricular, civic, or charitable activities.

Eligibility for Applicants:

- Sophomore, Junior, Senior
- Astronomy Major
- Full time

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What is your current or intended enrollment status for the academic year?	Equal to	Full time

William Scott and Elizabeth P. Jenkins Astronomy Scholarship

Open: 2/07/2025 Deadline: 4/07/2025

Estimated Total Award Amount: \$1000 Number of Awards: 1

Description: Preference will be given to applicants with a demonstrated interest in astrophotography, or other methods of sharing the wonders of the Universe with the public.

Eligibility for Applicants:

- Full-time
- Astronomy Major
- Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior
- 3.0 minimum GPA

For this Scholarship – you will need to complete the following application items.

Questions

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- Your most current resume or CV
 - Describe your interest/experience in astrophotography, or other methods of sharing the wonders of the Universe with the public.
- Your most current UA unofficial transcript



• A head shot image, which is high quality and appropriate to share with a donor.

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What is your expected academic level next academic year	Any of These	Undergraduate Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior
What is your current or intended enrollment status for the academic year?	Equal to	Full time
What is your cumulative GPA	Great than Or Equal To	3.0

Angelos C. Langadas Fund in Astronomy

Open: 2/07/2025 Deadline: 4/07/2025

Estimated Total Award Amount: \$5000 Number of Awards: 3-4

Description: Successful undergraduate candidate(s) should be a junior or senior and have a declared major in Astronomy. Candidate(s) will be maintaining a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better and be in a good standing with the University. Candidate(s) should have a strong commitment to pursue a career in Astronomy.

Eligibility for Applicants:

- Full-time
- Astronomy Major
- Junior, Senior
- 3.0 minimum GPA

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What is your expected academic level next academic year	Any of These	Undergraduate Junior, or Senior
What is your cumulative GPA	Great than Or Equal To	3.0
What is your current or intended enrollment status for the academic year?	Equal to	Full time

William F. Lucas Astronomy Scholarship

Open: 2/07/2025 Deadline: 4/07/2025

Estimated Total Award Amount: \$3000 Number of Awards: 2-3

Description: Undergraduate candidate(s) Junior or Senior that have declared major in Astronomy. Candidate(s) will be maintaining a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better and be in good standing with the University. Candidate(s) should have a strong commitment to pursue a career in Astronomy.

Eligibility for Applicants:

- Full-time
- Astronomy Major
- Junior, Senior
- 3.0 minimum GPA

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What is your expected academic level next academic year	Any of These	Undergraduate Junior, or Senior
What is your cumulative GPA	Great than Or Equal To	3.0
What is your current or intended enrollment status for the academic year?	Equal to	Full time

Glen C. Purviance Scholarship in Astronomy

Open: 2/07/2025 Deadline: 4/07/2025

Estimated Total Award Amount: \$6,000 Number of Awards: 3

Description: Outstanding juniors in Astronomy at the conclusion of their junior year. Scholarships are to be used during the student's senior year.

Eligibility for Applicants:



- Full-time
- Astronomy Major
- Junior

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What is your expected academic level next academic year	Equal to	Undergraduate Junior
What is your current or intended enrollment status for the academic year?	Equal to	Full time

Bill and Cindy Rainey Astronomy Scholarship

Open: 2/07/2025 Deadline: 4/07/2025

Estimated Total Award Amount: \$18,000 Number of Awards: 3-4

Description: Students must be full-time majors in Astronomy. Students must demonstrate academic promise (GPA of 3.2 or more). Students must have financial need as determined by FAFSA.



Eligibility for Applicants:

- Full-time
- Astronomy Major
- Cumulative GPA 3.2+
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) for the next academic year and qualify.

For this Scholarship – you will need to complete the following application items.

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What is your expected academic level next academic year	Any of These	Undergraduate Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior
Have you completed thee Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the NEXT academic year?	Equal to	Yes
What is your current or intended enrollment status for the next academic year	Equal to	Full time
What is your cumulative GPA?	Greater Than or Equal to	3.2



Franklin E. Roach Memorial Scholarship Fund

Open: 2/07/2025 Deadline: 4/07/2025

Estimated Award Amount: \$1,000 Number of Awards: 1

Description: Undergraduate students studying astronomy with financial need. Preference to federally recognized Native American, Native Hawaiians or Alaskan Native American Tribe. Award recipients are eligible for renewal consideration if they continue to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

Eligibility for Applicants:

- Full-time
- Astronomy Major
- Undergraduate Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior
- Complete and qualify for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) for the **next** academic year.

For this Scholarship – you will need to complete the following application items.

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What is your current or intended	Equal to	Full time
enrollment status for the next academic		
year		

All items must be submitted by the deadline date of Monday, April 7, 2025 11:59 pm Arizona time to be considered for these scholarship.

Academic Integrity Notice:

When writing your response statement, it is essential that your words genuinely reflect who you are. While using Artificial Intelligence (AI) please note it cannot capture your unique voice, experiences, or passions. Scholarship committees want to hear your story—not a computer-generated version of it. Take the time to think deeply about what makes you special and write from the heart. Your authenticity and originality are what will make your statement truly stand out.

By moving forward and submitting this application, I confirm that all written responses are my own original work. I understand that AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT) are not permitted to draft or fully compose my responses. AI tools may only be used for minor corrections, such as sentence revisions or edits to punctuation and spelling, after my responses are complete. My application may be checked for plagiarism using tools like Turn It In, and any violation of this policy could result in disqualification from the scholarship. If awarded the scholarship, I understand it may be revoked if I am found to have violated these terms.

By submitting this scholarship application, I confirm that all written responses are my own original work. I understand that the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, such as ChatGPT, is limited to minor corrections—such as revising sentence structure or fixing punctuation and spelling—after my responses are complete. AI tools must not be used to draft, compose, or rewrite any part of my responses.

If you have any questions or concerns about these policies or how to comply with them, please contact Cathi Duncan, Development and Stewardship Manager cduncanf@arizona.edu | 520-621-1320 | Room N205F

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