

Mesa expands free college program to adult learners; here's how to apply



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MESA, AZ (3TV/CBS 5) — The City of Mesa is expanding their Mesa College Promise to learners aged 24 and older for the first three years.

The [city offered free tuition to new high school graduates](#). According to Mesa's website, The [Mesa College Promise](#) provides financial support to students with demonstrated financial needs but who have not received enough federal student aid ([FAFSA](#)) funds or other scholarship resources to completely cover the cost of tuition at Mesa Community College.

It's paid for by a [public-private](#) partnership, money coming from the City, grants and big businesses like Google who want need skilled workers for their facilities. So far, businesses have contributed the lion share of funds with more than \$700,000. City of Mesa said the program is an investment not only into their residents but the city at large to attract the businesses.

"Educational attainment is a solution to [economic development](#) in our city, we want to be apart of that, we want to be moving barriers for residents so that they can be part of that too," said Sarah Tolar, [City of Mesa's Education and Workforce Administrator](#).

The deadline for next semester is fast-approaching. For more information, [click/tap here](#).

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