

Program Director

Our Foundation

Helios Education Foundation believes every individual in Arizona and Florida should have the opportunity to attend and be prepared to succeed in postsecondary education. In order to create those opportunities, the Foundation strategically partners with organizations and institutions to improve student academic preparedness across the education continuum and to foster a high expectation, college-going culture for all students.

The Foundation views its role as much more than a grant-making organization, but as an actively engaged partner, working in communities across Arizona and Florida contributing its expertise and resources to improve education systems and set more students on a path to completing a postsecondary license, certificate or degree.

Partnerships are cultivated and strategically aligned to advance the Foundation's priorities in Early Grade Success, College and Career Readiness and Postsecondary Completion.

The Position

The successful candidate for our Program Director position must have a deep commitment to the overall mission of the Foundation, its programs, and an approach consistent with the Foundation's guiding values. This position will contribute to the Foundation's goals by serving as the lead in specific community investment and engagement activities aligned with the Foundation's Arizona Latino Student Success Initiatives. The position is responsible for assisting in the development of strategic goals and objectives aligned to this initiative with the Foundation. These initiatives will focus primarily on aligning high-quality early learning for Arizona youth to rigorous K-12 educational experiences that provide academic support and clear pathways to postsecondary education preparedness and success. Duties include prioritizing the improvement of academic preparedness and fostering college-going and completing cultures in high-poverty, Latino communities. This position is part of a cross-functional team leveraging the Foundation's engagement, policy, research, evaluation and communication opportunities. This position is located in the Phoenix, Arizona office.

The Candidate

Candidates for this position must have a Bachelor's degree and at least five (5) years direct experience in the fields of education or education policy. Additional experience in strategic philanthropic grantmaking is highly desirable. An advanced degree in education and evidence of coursework related to curriculum, teacher education, or education and leadership is preferred. Proficiency in written and spoken Spanish is preferred. The ideal candidate will be a skilled communicator who speaks persuasively in public settings to advocate and generate interest in the Foundation's initiatives. This candidate will have a passion for education equity and elimination of student achievement/degree completion gaps.

To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Ms. Noel McClain, Human Capital & Workplace Operations Director, at hr@helios.org (subject line "Program Director – Phoenix Search"); or Helios Education Foundation, 2415 East Camelback Road, Suite 500, Phoenix, Arizona 85016. Credentials will be accepted until a sufficient number of competitive candidates has been received. First review of candidates will occur no later than August 10, 2018. Candidate credentials will be reviewed as they are received. Only candidates selected for an interview for this position will be contacted by the Foundation. For more information, visit: www.helios.org.