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Mesa pursues digital equity and literacy

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The City of Mesa's strong commitment to digital equity played a key role in Google Fiber coming to town. The city is working towards connecting their residents to quality internet and the digital skills they need to navigate the world we live in, and their efforts are garnering national attention. Mesa was recently named a [BroadLAND City USA](#) by INCOMPAS. The award recognizes cities dedicated to speeding up deployment of new broadband networks in their local community. The city aims to create opportunities and promote competition- which bridges the digital divide for families and businesses in the community.

This commitment is exactly why GFiber recently invested in furthering these goals with a
[$25,000 donation to the Mesa College Promise program](). The money will go to students
working to obtain an associate's degree in the STEM field of their choice from [Mesa
Community College]() (MCC). Graduates from eligible schools can go to MCC for two years
with Arizona resident tuition and fees fully funded.The program supports students who have
not received enough financial aid or other scholarships to completely cover the cost of
college.

Nearly 600 Mesa high school students have benefited from the Mesa College Promise program since its inception in 2021. College Promise students also receive a stipend each semester for up to two years to use for books, transportation or other educational expenses and have a dedicated MCC advisor to provide academic and personal support. Those wanting to learn more about the Mesa College Promise can visit mesacc.edu/mesa-promise.

GFiber is intentional in making investments that positively impact the communities we serve- supporting STEM, digital equity and digital literacy programs and initiatives. Find out more information about the local alliances and partnerships we have and projects we support here

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