

# College Admission in Colorado



The Colorado Commission on Higher Education oversees admission standards for Colorado's public four-year colleges and universities. For students who are considering attending one of Colorado's public four-year colleges and universities, a student's academic record and profile is used to determine if they are likely to succeed at the institution. A host of factors are considered when making admission decisions including high school grade point average (GPA), tests scores (SAT or ACT), academic course mix and rigor, and school and community involvement. Colorado Department of Higher Education provides helpful resources for students and families to determine potential eligibility including the GPA and test score ranges of admitted first-time freshmen.

<https://highered.colorado.gov>

## Helpful College Planning Tools

College Search/Information:

[www.collegeproowler.com](http://www.collegeproowler.com)

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

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## College Affordability

<http://collegecost.ed.gov>

[www.payingforcollegeresource.com](http://www.payingforcollegeresource.com)



There are generally four types of Financial Aid; Grants, Scholarships, Work-Study and Loans.

**Grants** are money from the federal or state government, college/university or private companies or organizations. Most grants are need-based and do not need to be repaid.

**Scholarships** are money earned or given for a variety of reasons such as academic, athletic, or personal attributes or affiliations. Scholarships do not need to be repaid.

**Work-Study** is money that is earned from work typically on-campus while in college. Students are paid as they work their hours and can generally be used for living expenses throughout the term. Money from Work-Study does not need to be repaid.

**Loans** are money borrowed from the federal or state government, a lender, or other private source. Loans must be repaid upon graduation, when the student leaves the school or drops below halftime status. Both parents and students may use loans to pay college expenses.

## College Opportunity Fund (COF)

The College Opportunity Fund (COF), created by the Colorado Legislature, provides a stipend for eligible undergraduate students. The stipend is paid directly to the college/university and pays a portion of total in-state tuition when attending a participating Colorado public or private institution. COF offers each eligible undergraduate student the stipend for 145 semester hours, typically enough to earn an associate's and a bachelor's degree. Students must complete an online COF application only once to receive the stipend (be sure to print out the confirmation page for your records). Upon completion of the online application, a College Opportunity Fund stipend account is created for students to monitor their stipend.

<http://cof.college-assist.org>

## FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Students must submit FAFSA if they want to apply for federal and state financial aid to further their education after high school. FAFSA helps students qualify for federal and state grants, loans, and work-study funds. It is administered by the U.S. Department of Education, which provides more than \$150 billion in student aid each year.

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

<https://studentaid.ed.gov>

## Scholarships



A scholarship is an award given to a student who meets certain requirements. These requirements vary with each particular scholarship and could be based upon a variety of criteria: merit-based, need-based, affiliation with a specific group, community service, specific major (just to name a few).

## Scholarship Search Engines

Scholarship search engines on the web are a useful tool in searching for scholarships, however, keep in mind the following:

- ***You should never have to pay for a scholarship search***
- ***Some search engines require you to fill out lengthy profiles***

## Florence Jr/Sr High School Scholarship Postings

As we become aware of scholarship opportunities, information is posted on the FJSHS website, on the Scholarship Wall in the Counseling Center, and in the Senior Government Google Classroom. When available, a link directly to the scholarship or organization offering the scholarship will be included. Though the list is continually updated, dates and other information do change and cannot be guaranteed. Please check the website of the scholarship for the most recent information.

[www.fhs.re-2.org/scholarships](http://www.fhs.re-2.org/scholarships)

## Boettcher Foundation Scholarship

Seniors who have attended a Colorado high school for their junior and senior year and who have shown superior academic achievement, evidence of leadership and involvement, service to community and school, and outstanding character may be invited to apply for these full scholarships. Deadline is **November 1, 2019**.

[www.boettcherfoundation.org](http://www.boettcherfoundation.org)

## Daniels Scholarship Program

The **Daniels Scholarship Program** provides a four-year annually renewable college scholarship for graduating high school seniors in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities. It is a “last dollar” scholarship that pays toward tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and miscellaneous educational expenses. Scholars may attend any nonprofit accredited school in the United States. The application period closes on **November 15, 2019**.

[www.danielsfund.org/scholarships/overview](http://www.danielsfund.org/scholarships/overview)

## Hurliman Scholarship Foundation

The Hurliman Scholarship Foundation is a charitable organization established to assist students in Fremont, Custer or Pueblo counties in Colorado. The Foundation awards at least two four-year college scholarships (up to \$25,000/year) and may also award a number of one-year scholarships to outstanding high school seniors. Four-year awards cover tuition, room and board and book allowance. Four-year scholarship winners are subject to an annual review of their progress and performance at the selected college or university and is non-transferable.

Eligible students must demonstrate superior scholastic ability and strength of character. Superior scholastic ability is evidenced by a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum ACT of 23 and/or minimum SAT of 1150. Strength of character is evidenced by service to school and community, personal essay, professional rating forms, and personal interview. The application period opens on **October 1, 2019** and closes on **February 3, 2020**.

[www.hurlimanscholarshipfoundation.com](http://www.hurlimanscholarshipfoundation.com)

## Local/Fremont County Scholarships

Fremont County has some wonderful, generous donors who value FJSHS and Fremont County students furthering their education. **These scholarships are available to seniors throughout the year** and will be posted as they become available.

[www.fhs.re-2.org/scholarships](http://www.fhs.re-2.org/scholarships)

## Colorado College/University Financial Aid & Scholarships

College and University Financial Aid offices offer a variety of scholarships available to incoming freshmen. To be eligible for financial aid and scholarships, students must first be admitted to the college/university. Refer to the specific Colorado higher education institution's Financial Aid office to find additional scholarship and financial aid information and application processes.

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## College Athletics

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is an organization dedicated to providing a pathway to opportunity for college athletes. College sports provide an excellent opportunity to compete at a high level while working toward a degree that will lead to lifelong achievement. If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org). If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org). Playing sports for an NCAA school is not your only option. Check out the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) or the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for other opportunities.

[www.ncaa.org/playcollegesports](http://www.ncaa.org/playcollegesports)

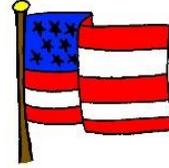
[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

[www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org)

[www.njcaa.org](http://www.njcaa.org)

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## Military



Army Navy Air Force Marines Army National Guard Air National Guard Coast Guard

The U.S. Armed Forces are made up of the five armed service branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. There are three general categories of military people: active duty (full-time soldiers and sailors), reserve & guard forces (usually work a civilian job, but can be called to full-time military duty), and veterans and retirees (past members of the military). Each branch of the military has a unique mission within the overall mission of U.S. security and peace. Learn about the benefits of serving your country, paying for school, military career paths, and more.

[www.Military.com](http://www.Military.com)

## Military Academies and Schools

The Military offers unique educational opportunities for students who plan to pursue a college degree. These options — service academies, senior military colleges and maritime academies — offer world-class education and a deeper understanding of military culture. In addition, most of these schools grant scholarship money in exchange for a period of service.

[www.todaysmilitary.com/education-training/military-schools](http://www.todaysmilitary.com/education-training/military-schools)

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## Workforce Center



For students who plan to move directly into the workforce, Workforce Centers provide a variety of free services to assist. Students are encouraged to work directly with the Workforce Center staff in order to be prepared for and apply for jobs in the Fremont County areas (if planning to stay in Fremont County) or in other areas of Colorado.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/wfc>