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Dear Student:

College is an investment in your future. Students who graduate from college earn, over the course of their working lives, on average a million dollars more than their peers who don't hold a college degree. A college education also provides you with an education that prepares you for civic participation in our democratic Republic.

Because other Coloradoans believe college is important to your future, taxpayers provide resident undergraduate students with a tuition stipend to help offset the cost of college. Through the College Opportunity Fund, you get state assistance to help finance your college education. Combined with other financial aid, scholarships, work study and loans, college can be affordable for every Colorado student. To learn more about the tuition stipend and financing college, please visit CollegeInColorado.org.

This guide presents a snapshot of important information to direct you in choosing a college or university that is right for you. It helps you compare important information on all the schools, including the types of academic programs offered, application criteria and deadlines, and how to pay for college.

This guide is only one tool available to you as you investigate your higher education opportunities. Please visit CollegeInColorado.org where you can compare Colorado's colleges in more detail, find applications for admission and financial aid and investigate your career choices.

Choosing to go to college is one of the best decisions you will ever make. Consider the facts: jobs requiring just a high school diploma are expected to grow by just 12 percent in the next few years while jobs requiring a college degree will grow by more than 22 percent. This guide is designed to help you make wise choices about your future.
Good Luck!

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PLAN FOR COLLEGE

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When thinking about your future and the decision to go to college, how do you determine which type of school is best for you? Community College? Technical College? Four-Year College? Research University? While there are many excellent options available, this guide will help you narrow down your selections and choose a school that fits you as an individual.

For more information about what you need to know to plan for college, visit CollegeInColorado.org. When you create a free account, CollegeInColorado.org becomes your personal research assistant for the planning process.

IT'S YOUR FUTURE...WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

When people ask you, "What do you want to do when you grow up?" how do you respond? Many of us actually discover the answer to that question once we go to college. To determine what type of school best fits your goals, consider now what you see yourself doing after college. If you are looking for the skills to perform a very specific job, a vocational program or certificate from a community college may be right for you. If your plans involve a more general education, an associate degree from a community college might meet your needs. If you are planning on a professional or academic career, you will need to consider a four-year college or research university.

CAN YOU PUT YOUR DEGREE TO WORK?

Numerous studies show that completing an undergraduate degree has a significant positive impact on lifetime earnings. The National Center for Education Statistics reported in 2000:

- Students who dropped out of high school earned approximately 26 percent less than those who received a high school diploma.
- Male college graduates earned 64 percent more than those who completed high school.
- Female college graduates earned 62 percent more than those who completed high school.

HIGH GROWTH PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS IN COLORADO, 2002-2012 PROJECTIONS

Educational Requirement and Job Title	Average Annual Wage, 2003
Baccalaureate Degree	
Adult Literacy, Remedial Education & GED Teachers & Instructors	$34,280
Agricultural Engineers	$89,120
Architects, Surveyors & Cartographers	$40,930
Biomedical Engineers	$62,880
Business Operations Specialist	$56,730
Compensation, Benefits & Job Analysis Specialists	$49,020
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	$78,620
Computer Systems Analysts	$68,780
Counselors, Social & Religious Workers	$62,340
Credit Analysts	$47,710
Database Administrators	$61,720
Environmental Engineers	$66,010
Health Diagnosing & Treating Practitioners	$88,750
Insurance Sales Agents	$60,910
Landscape & Naval Architects	$59,040
Landscape Architects	$49,800
Library, Museum, Training & Other Education Workers	$47,400
Loan Officers	$66,990
Materials Scientists	$89,120
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	$43,280
Medical & Public Health Social Workers	$40,470
Network & Computer Systems Administrators	$65,070
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	$64,690
Personal Financial Advisors	$59,490
Physician Assistants	$58,240
Public Relations Specialists	$46,230
Social & Community Service Managers	$47,590
Special Education Teachers, Middle School	$43,010
Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarden & Elementary	$45,690
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	$45,400
Surveyors	$45,380
Technical Writers	$53,610
Training & Development Specialists	$49,730
Associate Degree	
Biological Technicians	$33,890
Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	$37,290
Chemical Technicians	$37,300
Civil Engineering Technicians	$38,790
Computer Specialists	$65,560
Computer Support Specialists	$47,540
Dental Hygienists	$67,180
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	$55,750
Environmental Engineering Technicials	$40,360
Environmental Science & Protection Technicians	$40,980
Forensic Science Technicians	$44,510
Geological & Petroleum Technicians	$38,530
Medical & Clincial Laboratory Technicians	$32,370
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	$29,530
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	$49,830
Occupational Therapist Assistants	$33,330
Physical Therapist Assistants	$32,410
Radiation Therapists	$55,470
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	$41,000
Registered Nurses	$50,160
Respiratory Therapists	$39,380
Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	$24,680
Post-Secondary Vocational Training	
Court Reporters	$53,090
Desktop Publishers	$37,550
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	$30,770
Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	$31,210
Health Professionals & Technicians (OES)	$34,140
Medical Transcriptionists	$31,740
Preschool Teachers	$22,640
Respiratory Therapy Technicians	$31,230
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Surgical Technologists	$32,810

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, www.coworkforce.com

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Colorado has recently established Higher Education Admissions Requirements for students who plan to attend any of Colorado's public, four-year colleges or universities. The requirements go into effect in two phases: Phase 1 for students graduating in 2008 and 2009, and Phase 2 for students graduating in 2010 and beyond. Private colleges and universities set their own admissions standards, so you should contact those institutions directly for information regarding their enrollment policies. Additionally, public two-year colleges have open enrollment policies, meaning that students applying to these schools do not need to meet the following admissions requirements.

Students planning to attend a four-year college or university in Colorado will need to complete the following classes in order to fulfill the Higher Education Admissions Requirements.

Additionally, you will need to find out from the colleges to which you are applying what GPA and ACT or SAT scores they require and if there are other courses outside of the Higher Education Admissions Requirements that must also be completed for admission. The Higher Education Admissions Requirements have been established in addition to the Admissions Eligibility Index, to be found online at www.state.co.us/cche/policy/newpolicies/I-partf-index.pdf.

If you have questions about how the Higher Education Admissions Requirements relate to a specific institution, please contact that college or ask your high school guidance counselor.

A more detailed description of Colorado's Higher Education Admissions Requirements and a list of frequently asked questions are available from the Colorado Commission on Higher Education at www.state.co.us/cche/academic/admissions/index.pdf.

ACADEMIC AREA	2008/2009 GRADUATES	2010+ GRADUATES
ENGLISH	4 units	4 units
MATHEMATICS (algebra 1 level & higher)	3 units	4 units
NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCES (2 units must be lab-based)	3 units	3 units
SOCIAL SCIENCES (at least 1 unit of U.S. or world history)	3 units	3 units
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	not required	2 units
ACADEMIC ELECTIVES*	2 units	2 units

* Acceptable Academic Electives include additional courses in English, mathematics, natural/physical sciences, social sciences, foreign languages, art, music, journalism, drama, computer science, and honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate courses. Approved career and technical education courses with content comparable to courses meeting Colorado's Model Content Standards and industry-specific CTE standards are counted as academic electives beyond the minimum years listed above.

Note: One unit is equal to one full year of credit in a specific subject.

Students who complete the Higher Education Admissions Requirements, maintain a 2.5 GPA while in high school, and qualify for a federal Pell grant may be eligible for the *College In Colorado Scholarship*, funded by CollegeInvest. Students must sign up for the program in 8th or 9th grade.

For more information, visit
www.CollegeInvest.org
or call 303-295-1981.

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PRE-COLLEGIATE SERVICES

HELPING TO SUCCEED

Belen Escalante, a 2005 graduate of Aurora Central High School, shares her story about finding direction and motivation through pre-collegiate programs. A talented artist and the first in her family to pursue higher education, Belen reveals how the road to college can be supported by effective guidance from counselors and pre-collegiate programs like GEAR UP.

"When I entered Aurora Central as a freshman in 2001, the halls were busy, the classrooms large, and the responsibility was overwhelming. I didn't know where to start. I only knew that art was my passion. However, I also knew that I had a future waiting for me outside of high school and that only I had the power to shape that future. Thankfully, I was able to participate in GEAR UP. The program helped to create self-awareness within myself and opened my eyes to career choices and college opportunities. I soon realized that I could go to college and make a living doing what I loved, art. My defeatist mindset has changed from belittling myself to believing that I can accomplish anything I put my heart into. The only way to excel in life is to be educated.

Today, I have been accepted to the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. I will work hard to accomplish my life long dream of being an illustrator.

Participating in the GEAR UP program also encouraged me to get involved in other programs in my community. I have helped to create a youth organization that specializes in public art, bringing awareness to the community on the countless issues affecting our society. Sponsored by the Denver Foundation, the group is called "Picture It!" Expressive Youth Organization.

I was also chosen to represent Aurora Central High School at the La Raza Youth Leadership Program. I participated in meetings once a month to promote higher education and leadership among Latinos.

Since Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design is a very costly institution, I have had to learn how to apply successfully for scholarships: Working with GEAR UP I was able to win a half-tuition scholarship from the college plus matching funds from other sources."

PRE-COLLEGIATE SERVICES DIRECTORY

Colorado offers a variety of programs to help students plan, apply and pay for college. Below are some of the programs available through Colorado's colleges and universities, as well as programs offered on-site through middle and high schools. For a complete list, please visit CollegeInColorado.org or ask your guidance counselor about programs available at your school.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS:

Colorado GEAR UP is designed to help low-income 7th through 12th grade students prepare for college by providing help in the areas of academics and skill building. **GEAR UP** provides direct services at 10 sites, supported by Regional Coordinators throughout the state.

Contact: Gully Stanford **(303) 866-4170** **www.coloradogearup.com**

Local **GEAR UP Partnerships** serve students in Pueblo, Commerce City, Greeley and Boulder, particularly in the areas of math and science.

Boulder:	**Lori Canova**	**(303) 444-3636**
Commerce City:	**Paula Gallegos**	**(303) 853-7825**
Greeley:	**Charlotte Jimenez**	**(970) 348-6383**
Pueblo:	**Terry Lingle**	**(719) 549-2290**

The **TRiO Programs**: *Educational Talent Search* and *Upward Bound* (17 programs based in 11 colleges and universities statewide) are devoted to helping low-income, first-generation students prepare for and succeed in college.

Contact: Alethea Stovall **(303) 797-5062** **www.aspire-online.org**

PRE-COLLEGIATE SERVICES

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE-BASED OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

Aims Community College:
College for Kids is an enrichment program for elementary, middle and high school students offered year-round.
Contact: Marsha Harmon (970) 339-6318 http://www.aimsced.com/cfk/index.htm

Arapahoe Community College:
Serving 6th through 12th grade students, *Educational Talent Search* assists low-income, first-generation students in gaining a better understanding of and preparation for post-secondary education.
Contact: Alethea Stovall (303) 797-5062

Colorado State University:
The *Black Issues Forum* is a summer program that provides rising seniors the opportunity to enhance leadership abilities and develop written and oral communication skills.
Contact: Lydia Kelow (970) 491-6909 http://lib.colostate.edu/research/divandarea/bif/

The *Center for Education Access and Outreach* seeks to make education accessible to all by developing the talents of ethnically diverse, first-generation or limited-income individuals beginning in 6th grade. The Center's TRiO programs include: *Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound* and *Educational Opportunity Center*.
Contact: Oscar Felix (970) 491-6473 http://lamar.colostate.edu/~ceao/

Community College of Denver:
The *High School Concurrent Enrollment* allows 11th and 12th grade students attending Colorado public high schools to enroll in courses that substitute for courses required for high school graduation. These courses will appear on a Community College of Denver (CCD) transcript and, when successfully completed, may be applied to a certificate or degree program at CCD.
Contact: Lisa Danny-Roberts (303) 352-3301 http://www.ccd.edu/EPAC/postSecondary.html

Mesa State College:
The *Early Scholars Program* provides high school students with the opportunity to enroll as concurrent or Fast-Track students.
Contact: Heather Exby (970) 248-1875 http://www.mesastate.edu/enrollman/admissions/students/concurrent.htm

Metropolitan State College of Denver:
High School Upward Bound generates the skills and motivation necessary for success in and beyond high school for youth who are low-income and first-generation college-bound students. The program provides intensive academic interaction during the school year as well as a six-week summer session.
Contact: Paulette McIntosh (303) 556-2812

The *Metro Bridge Program* (for enrolled freshmen) facilitates the successful transition of new Metro State students who are graduating from high school and entering college for the first time.
Contact: Donalynn James (303) 556-4023 http://www.mscd.edu/~mbridge/

PRE-COLLEGIATE SERVICES

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE-BASED OUTREACH PROGRAMS CONTINUED:

University of Colorado, Boulder:
The *Pre-Collegiate Development Program* is designed to motivate educationally or economically disadvantaged high school youth to graduate from high school, successfully transition to college and study for a professional career.
Contact: Johanna Maes, Director (303) 492-8243 http://www.colorado.edu/SASC/pcdp.html

University of Colorado, Denver and Health Sciences Center:
The *Pre-Collegiate Development Program* is an academic enrichment and support program designed to motivate 9th through 11th grade students who are underrepresented, potentially first-generation, and educationally and economically disadvantaged to graduate from high school, successfully complete a college preparatory curriculum and pursue a college education.
Contact: Larry Armenta (303) 556-2322 http://www.cudenver.edu/Admissions/High+School+Students/Precollegiate

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
The *Pre-Collegiate Development Program* recruits and prepares low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students attending Southern Colorado middle and high schools for enrollment and success in post-secondary studies.
Contact: Josephine Benavidez (719) 262-3039

University of Northern Colorado:
COSMOS (Colorado Science and Math Opportunities) is a math and science *Upward Bound* program that provides high school students with hands-on participation in an integrated math, science and English curriculum.
Contact: Dora Schumacher (970) 351-2110 http://www.unco.edu/asadvise/cosright.htm

The *Frontiers of Science Institute* offers high school students, who have a strong interest in and aptitude for science, a better understanding of the new frontiers in the sciences and the nature of scientific investigation. Participants are encouraged to study advanced science in college and pursue a science career.
Contact: Laurie Purdy (970) 351-2976

The *Office of Multicultural Affairs* operates four cultural centers to honor the experiences of diverse student groups. Each year, the cultural centers invite students on to the UNC campus to introduce and motivate them to choose careers in higher education.
Contact: Jean Morrell (970) 351-2796 http://www.unco.edu/multicultural/index.html

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS:

The Daniels Fund Prep and Scholarship Program strives to make the dream of college possible by supporting college preparatory programming and providing comprehensive scholarships to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue or succeed in higher education.
Contact: Tracey Raiford (303) 393-7220 or (877) 791-4726

PRE-COLLEGIATE SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS CONTINUED:

The High Horizons Program is designed to encourage students to set career goals and assist students by expanding their awareness of the post-secondary options available to them.
Contact: Molly Doll (303) 860-1540 www.fund4colorado.org

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) assists 6th through 12th grade students in achieving their full academic potential through an emphasis on college preparation.
Contact: Karen Lewis (303) 356-1905

College Summit serves high school students across the state and provides detailed guidance through the college application and financial aid process.
Contact: Susan Bross (303) 832-7174 www.collegesummit.org

The Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session is provided in partnership with the National Hispanic Institute as an eight-day session where 150 top Hispanic/Latino high school sophomore and junior students, representing 10 states, form a mock government. By working together, students learn how to think critically and analytically, while working as a team and enhancing their public relations and speaking skills.
Contact: Guadalupe Salazar
El Centro Student Services (970)491-5722 http://www.elcentro.colostate.edu/index.asp

For more information on pre-collegiate programs, please visit CollegeInColorado.org and ask your high school counselor how you can participate.

COLLEGE PLANNING SERVICES WHILE YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL

If you're a junior or senior in high school, you might want to attend a college fair or planning workshop. These events provide a more intimate setting where you can ask specific questions about individual colleges and the admissions and financial aid application processes.

COLORADO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (CESDA)

CESDA promotes and facilitates access to post-secondary education for Colorado's ethnic minority, economically challenged, and underrepresented high school students. CESDA provides a wide range of resources and support services that help students gain access to higher education.

Our interactive and dynamic College Awareness and Planning (CAP) presentations provide high school juniors and seniors with information on what college is, why it's important, when and how to prepare for it academically, how to finance it, and who to contact for more information - all within an hour! This free presentation is given by admissions counselors from colleges and universities from around the state to allow an opportunity to ask questions. Students also receive the CESDA *College Directory and Planning Guide*.

The CESDA Minority Student Symposium, a motivational and informational day-long seminar, is designed to help prepare high school juniors and seniors for the college enrollment process as well as provide access to college representatives. Workshops range from ACT Prep to Searching for Scholarships. This event is free and open to all students. The Symposium is held at different colleges and universities each year in November and includes a comprehensive college fair.

Finally, CESDA awards several scholarships each year to talented Colorado high school seniors who will be attending a Colorado college or university. Scholarship applications are available in December and due in March.

More information is available at www.cesda.org.

THE COLORADO COUNCIL ON HIGH SCHOOL/ COLLEGE RELATIONS (CCHS/CR)

CCHS/CR is a volunteer member organization of colleges and high schools in Colorado that work together to coordinate college-counseling activities. CCHS/CR encourages cooperation between colleges and high schools in Colorado, promotes ethical practices in both colleges and high schools, helps with the development and maintenance of educational guidance programs from middle school through college, and serves as the collection and dissemination agency for information pertinent to college and high school in Colorado.

CCHS/CR major activities include the *Day/Night College Fair* program that coordinates a statewide network of college fairs each fall and offers high school students the opportunity to get information from colleges in Colorado. The Council also presents Counselor Workshops each fall. Counselors from all Colorado high schools can get updated information from all Colorado colleges. CCHS/CR publishes the *Colorado Collegiate Handbook,* which contains detailed information on colleges within the state of Colorado, including admissions, academic and financial information. Finally, CCHS/CR sponsors a scholarship for students from each of seven geographical districts in Colorado.

More information is available at www.mscd.edu/coloradocouncil.

COLLEGE PLANNING SERVICES WHILE YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL

You may be able to get a head start on college classes while still in high school. Check with your high school counselor about enrolling in one of the following programs. Also, ask for information about other college-level programs in which your school participates.

POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM

If you are a high school junior or senior, you may take college-level courses and receive both high school and college credit.

THE HIGH SCHOOL FAST-TRACK PROGRAM

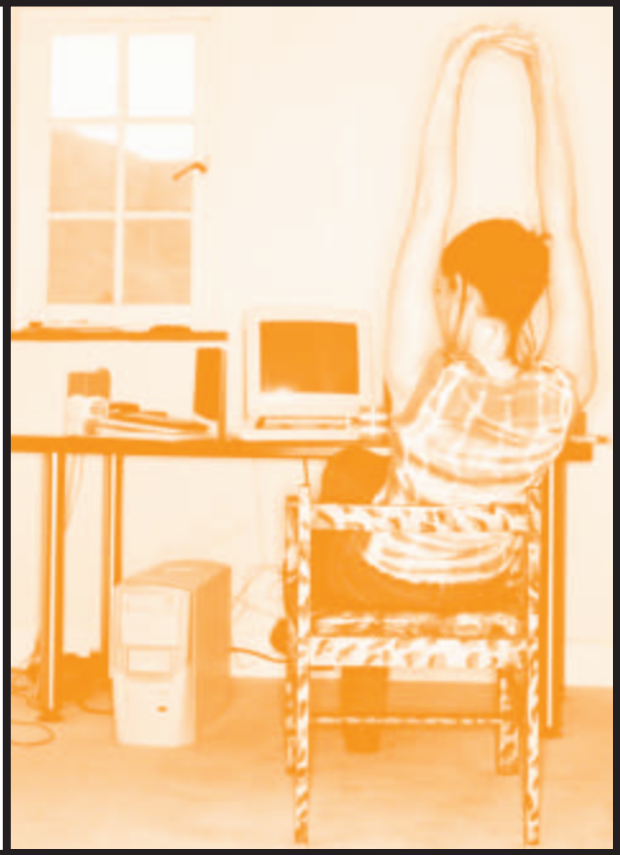
Seniors in high school who have completed all of their high school graduation requirements may enroll in college courses and receive college credit.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

If you are a motivated high school student, you may have the opportunity to take college-level courses in your current high school setting. Students who participate in courses such as AP (Advanced Placement) or IB (International Baccalaureate) not only gain college-level skills, but in many cases, they also earn college credit while they are still in high school.

DISTANCE LEARNING

High school students can participate in online and other distance learning college-level courses that are offered by Colorado's colleges and universities. More information is available at CollegeInColorado.org.



TIPS ON HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT COLLEGE FOR YOU

Choosing the college you want to attend is an important step. There are many factors that play a role in this decision, such as price, size, location, degrees offered, and financial aid availability. Do your research. Tour college campuses, speak with admissions counselors, consult with family and friends, and visit CollegeInColorado.org to determine what characteristics each school offers and how those characteristics fit with what you are looking for. For instance, the distance between your college campus and home may be a factor, as might the ratio of teachers to students. Asking questions can help you weigh the factors and determine your best fit. Below is a detailed list of questions that will help you decide what type of college is right for you.

ACADEMIC

- What activities and services are available to help students get settled academically and socially during their first year?
- How easy is it to meet with faculty?
- Who teaches the classes that first-year students take? How big are the classes?
- Does the school offer study-abroad programs?
- Are freshmen provided with an academic counselor?
- What kinds of research opportunities exist for undergraduates?
- Do any of the four-year schools offer two-year programs?
- Does the school offer service learning, internship opportunities or cooperative education programs?
- Will credits transfer to another college?

STUDENT LIFE

- Are freshmen required to live on campus?
- What types of public transportation are available?
- What percentage of students work while attending school?
- What types of special-interest programs, clubs and groups exist at the school?
- Is the campus diverse in culture, religion and ethnicity?
- Does the college offer varsity, intramural or club sports?
- Does the campus have sororities and fraternities?
- Is the campus located in an urban or rural setting?
- What types of library resources are available to students?
- Is childcare available on campus?
- Is crime on campus a problem?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- What is the overall price of the school (tuition, room and board, books) in conjunction with any financial aid you may have been offered?
- Are there any scholarships available in your field of study?
- How many work-study jobs are available?
- Is off-campus housing available and what is the approximate cost?

JOB PLACEMENT

- What kinds of job placement services are available on campus?
- How successful are the college's graduates in finding jobs?

DEMOGRAPHICS & GRADUATION RATES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLORADO PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES (FALL 2004)

	ASC	CSM	CSU	CSUP	FLC	MESA	MSCD	UCB	UCCS	UCDHSC	UNC	WSC
Total Fall 2004 Enrollment												
Undergraduate	1,946	2,886	21,296	4,117	4,194	5,750	20,420	25,365	6,016	7,921	10,425	2,301
Graduate	682	797	4,478	162	0	43	0	4,971	1,657	6,983	1,779	0
% of undergraduate students by gender:												
male	43.6	77.0	48.7	41.0	51.9	42.2	43.9	52.6	39.7	43.3	39.2	58.8
female	55.7	22.9	51.3	59.0	48.1	57.8	56.1	47.4	60.3	56.7	60.8	41.2
% of undergraduate students by age:												
25 years and younger	76.0	96.2	91.2	69.9	87.4	73.2	62.3	94.0	78.8	76.1	90.1	91.0
Over 25	24.0	3.8	8.8	30.1	12.6	26.8	37.7	6.0	21.2	23.9	9.9	9.0
% of undergraduate students by geographic origin:												
Colorado	89.4	75.6	79.4	91.2	70.2	90.9	97.2	68.8	94.4	92.9	89.7	76.5
Outside Colorado	10.6	24.4	20.6	8.8	29.8	9.1	2.8	31.2	5.6	7.1	10.3	23.5
% of undergraduate students by race/ethnicity:												
Asian-American	0.9	5.2	2.8	2.4	0.9	1.9	3.9	6.0	4.7	8.7	3.4	0.9
Black	5.2	1.4	2.0	4.1	1.0	1.6	5.8	1.6	4.0	3.5	2.4	1.3
Hispanic	27.9	6.1	5.9	27.2	5.6	8.0	13.4	5.9	8.7	9.4	8.0	5.1
Native American	1.5	0.8	1.3	1.9	17.4	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.8
White	61.2	76.5	83.4	58.3	68.2	81.4	69.7	78.6	76.6	55.5	79.8	84.4
Non-Resident Alien	0.3	3.5	0.9	1.5	1.5	0.6	0.9	1.3	0.6	2.5	0.5	0.0
Unknown	3.0	6.6	3.8	4.5	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.9	4.4	19.4	4.7	7.5
First-Year Retention Rates:*												
By original institution	56.8	n/a	82.5	65.1	55.4	59.5	62.3	83.1	68.7	65.9	70.2	59.3
By any Colorado public institution	71.1	n/a	89.3	77.3	69.0	70.9	71.6	86.8	81.5	79.1	84.9	72.3
Graduation Rates:*												
From original institution after four years	14.2	n/a	41.6	12.8	9.8	8.8	5.9	37.5	15.9	15.7	25.7	14.5
From any Colorado public institution after four years	16.3	n/a	43.3	13.6	11.2	10.5	6.5	38.3	18.1	18.2	27.9	15.6
From original institution after five years	26.5	n/a	58.5	23.4	25.5	25.8	16.5	60.9	33.2	29.9	41.5	28.8
From any Colorado public institution after five years	32.3	n/a	62.7	29.0	34.4	33.2	19.8	63.6	39.1	36.8	48.5	36.0
From original institution after six years	30.2	n/a	62.1	33.4	30.9	28.3	19.7	67.7	36.2	39.2	47.0	31.0
From any Colorado public institution after six years	40.5	n/a	67.1	37.3	41.3	37.7	26.1	71.0	44.8	47.8	56.0	39.5

* First-Year Retention and Graduation Rates for UCDHSC solely represents data provided by the University of Colorado at Denver. Data for UCDHSC is not included.

DEMOGRAPHICS & GRADUATION RATES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLORADO PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES (FALL 2004)

	AIMS	ACC	CMC	CNCC	CCA	CCD	FRCC	LCC	MCC	NJC	OJC	PPCC	PCC	RRCC	TSJC
Total Fall 2004 Enrollment															
Undergraduate	4,837	7,560	6,920	2,261	5,448	9,274	15,669	1,057	1,618	2,912	1,676	10,917	5,592	7,484	2,106
% of students by gender:															
male	43.2	36.9	42.6	48.3	39.8	36.0	39.5	37.7	35.0	37.3	38.9	42.6	35.4	52.1	40.0
female	56.7	62.8	57.4	51.7	59.9	63.7	60.5	62.0	65.0	62.7	61.1	57.4	64.6	47.9	60.0
% of students by age:															
25 years and younger	61.7	51.5	52.7	47.7	48.9	57.0	58.8	71.7	59.6	45.8	66.5	57.0	49.7	55.1	52.2
Over 25	38.3	48.5	47.3	52.3	51.1	43.0	41.2	28.3	40.4	54.2	33.5	43.0	50.3	44.9	47.8
% of students by geographic origin:															
Colorado	96.4	96.2	86.0	93.2	97.5	94.8	94.0	93.5	98.0	94.8	97.7	88.5	98.0	95.5	87.9
Outside Colorado	3.6	3.8	14.0	6.8	2.5	5.2	6.0	6.4	2.0	5.2	2.3	11.5	2.0	4.5	12.1
% of students by race/ethnicity:															
Asian-American	1.6	3.0	1.1	0.8	5.9	5.2	3.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	3.9	1.0	2.5	0.9
Black	1.2	2.6	0.5	0.8	19.6	15.4	1.3	1.1	0.4	2.0	1.8	8.4	2.2	1.7	2.9
Hispanic	17.4	8.7	9.2	4.4	11.7	26.6	10.3	16.6	11.1	6.3	30.5	11.3	33.2	10.8	42.4
Native American	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.4	0.7	1.4	1.9	2.8	1.6	2.0
White	75.5	77.8	11.6	7.0	53.9	42.5	77.5	78.1	85.0	89.8	65.3	69.5	59.2	81.2	51.0
Non-Resident Alien	0.0	1.5	0.3	0.3	1.4	6.6	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.2	1.5	0.4
Unknown	3.3	5.4	11.5	4.5	6.3	2.1	5.2	2.6	1.5	0.1	0.0	4.3	1.4	0.7	0.3
First-Year Retention Rates:															
By original institution	49.8	50.7	50.1	54.0	51.6	53.1	48.1	55.9	52.4	64.4	55.1	50.8	53.1	55.4	47.5
By any Colorado public institution	58.9	60.0	63.2	62.9	58.5	61.1	59.7	65.2	66.7	66.7	67.2	55.0	58.6	64.3	57.4
Three-Year Graduation Rates:															
From original institution	15.7	14.5	23.6	26.8	26.4	16.8	14.0	33.0	51.2	36.5	41.7	10.5	14.0	16.3	30.7
From any Colorado public two-year institution	16.6	15.8	24.6	29.1	27.3	17.5	14.5	35.0	51.2	38.1	42.1	10.5	14.0	17.0	31.5

Source: SURDS Student Enrollment file, Fall 2004 & Spring 2005, QIS measure, CDS

HOW DO YOU FIT?

The demographics of an institution's student body may also be important for you to consider when deciding what school is right for you. These charts provide demographic information for Colorado's public colleges and universities.

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

ASC	Adams State College
CSM	Colorado School of Mines
CSU	Colorado State University
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MSCD	Metropolitan State College of Denver
UCB	University of Colorado at Boulder
UCCS	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
UCDHSC	University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center
UNC	University of Northern Colorado
WSC	Western State College

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

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Note: Percentages based on students for whom specific characteristic is reported. Total may not equal 100% due to rounding.

WHICH PATH IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

People pursue higher education for many reasons. For some, the goal is to earn a college degree or certificate. For others, the goal is to take specific courses to update skills, acquire new knowledge or further their training. Colorado's public institutions offer three kinds of undergraduate awards: certificate, associate and baccalaureate.

As you consider which courses to study in college, the chart of programs on pages 15-20 can help you match careers with different degree and certificate programs. If you are undecided about what type of career interests you, visit the Career Center at CollegeInColorado.org to review an expansive list of career options, along with suggestions about which degree programs provide the best training for a particular career path. The Career Center also details which Colorado schools offer these degree programs.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Certificate programs are typically job-oriented in nature and meant for students seeking relatively short training in preparation for going to work. Credit hour requirements vary according to the program and generally range from one semester to two years.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Associate degree programs consist of either the Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees. These programs are for students who intend to complete up to two years of general education or those who plan to enroll in a two-year college and later transfer to a four-year institution. The Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree combines some general education coursework with vocational training for a specific career.

BACCALAUREATE, OR BACHELOR DEGREES

Baccalaureate degrees usually involve four or more years of study. Most programs have a general education component taken primarily during the first two years of school, which then complements the more specialized courses within a major. Keep in mind that the time it takes to graduate depends on you. If you enroll part-time or change majors, it may take more than four years to complete your degree. If you take college-level coursework while in high school, it may take you less time.

SELECTING A MAJOR

Once you have an idea about the area of study in which you would like to major, make an appointment with a college advisor in that field of interest. Ask about course requirements and electives, as well as what types of jobs are available for graduates in that potential major.

Select your major carefully. Coursework outside your major may or may not count toward the credit hours needed for a degree. Some programs require you to start at a certain time during the school year and enroll full-time. Know the requirements that your major entails.

Some programs have highly competitive admission standards, meaning that only students with the strongest academic credentials are admitted. Admission to a college or university does not guarantee admission to a specific major or program.

Always check official college catalogs or websites to identify specific majors, or go to CollegeInColorado.org.

WHICH PATH IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

FINDING A PROGRAM OF STUDY AT COLORADO'S PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

Programs/Possible Areas of Study	ASC	CSM	CSU	CSUP	FLC	MESA	MSCD	UCB	UCCS	UCDHSC	UNC	WSC
Agriculture and Natural Resources												
Agriculture			●		●							
Agricultural Business/Management	●		●		●							
Forestry, Wildlife & Natural Resources	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Horticulture & Landscaping			●									
Veterinary Medicine	●		●	●	●				●	●	●	
Automotive												
Automotive Industrial Management				●								
Automotive Service						●						
Diesel Mechanics						●						
Aviation												
Aviation & Aerospace							●	●				
Aviation Management							●					
Business												
Accounting			●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●
Business	●									●	●	
Business Administration	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●
Business Technology						●						
Finance	●		●		●	●		●		●	●	
International Business			●		●			●		●		●
Interpreter Preparation												
Management	●		●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●
Marketing	●		●		●	●		●		●	●	●
Real Estate			●									
Restaurant & Resort Management			●		●	●	●					
Communication												
Audio, Radio & Television			●	●		●		●				
Journalism			●					●	●	●	●	●
Multimedia	●			●			●			●		
Speech/Communications			●		●		●	●		●	●	●
Computer Systems												
Computer Information Systems				●	●	●					●	●
Computer Networking						●						
Computer Programming						●						
Construction Trades												
Construction Management			●									
Culinary Arts						●						
Design												
Apparel & Merchandising			●									
Interior Design			●									
Education												
Art	●		●	●		●					●	●
Bilingual Education					●		●				●	
Early Childhood Education	●		●		●	●	●					
Elementary Education	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
English	●		●	●		●			●	●	●	
Foreign Language	●		●	●					●		●	●
History						●					●	●
Mathematics	●		●	●		●			●	●	●	●
Music	●		●	●			●	●			●	●
Physical Education	●			●							●	●
Secondary Education					●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Science	●		●	●		●			●		●	●
Social Studies			●	●						●	●	
Special Education							●				●	
Speech/Theater	●		●								●	
Engineering												
Architecture								●				
Biomedical Engineering			●									
Chemical Engineering		●	●					●				
Civil Engineering		●	●	●			●	●		●		
Computer Engineering			●					●		●		
Electrical Engineering		●	●				●	●		●		
Engineering	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●	
Environmental Engineering		●	●					●				
Geological Engineering		●										
Industrial Engineering				●								

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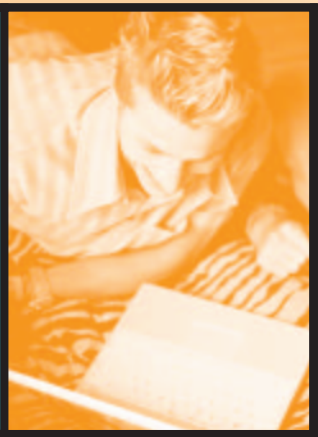
Engineering												
Mechanical Engineering		○	○				○	○		○		
Mining Engineering		○										
Family & Consumer Studies			●									
Health-Related Professions												
Audiology											●	
Child Health Associate										○		
Chiropractic			○	○								
Dentistry	○			○	○				○	○	○	○
Dietetics											○	
Environmental Health			○									
Gerontology			○				○		○		○	
Holistic Health							○					
Human Services							○				○	
Medical Technology									○	○		
Medicine	○		○	○	○			○	○	○	○	○
Nursing	○			○	○	○	○		○	○	○	
Nutrition			○									
Occupational Therapy			○	○								
Optometry	○		○								○	
Pharmacy	○		○	○					○	○		
Physical Therapy	○		○	○					○	○	○	
Podiatry			○	○								
Radiation						○						
Social Work			○	○			○					
Sports & Exercise Management	○		○	○	○	○	○				○	○
Humanities												
Economics	○	○	○	○	○			○	○	○	○	○
English/Literature	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Ethnic & Cultural Studies			○		○		○	○			○	
Foreign Language	○		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Geography							○	○	○	○	○	
History	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Humanities			○	○	○	○		○			○	
Philosophy			○		○		○	○	○	○	○	
Political Science			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Social Science						○					○	
Machining												
Machining Technology						○						
Welding						○						
Mathematics	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Public Safety & Legal Studies												
Criminology	○		○		○	○	○				○	○
Law Enforcement												○
Pre-Law	○		○		○			○	○		○	○
Sciences												
Astronomy								○			○	
Biology	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Chemistry	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Geology	○		○		○	○	○	○			○	○
Natural Sciences			○								○	
Physics		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Zoology			○									○
Social & Behavioral Sciences												
Anthropology			○		○			○	○	○	○	○
Counseling						○						○
Psychology	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Religion			○					○				
Sociology	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Visual & Performing Arts												
Art	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○
Dance			○					○				
Graphic Design				○		○	○			○	○	○
Music	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○
Studio Art	○		○	○		○	○			○		○
Theater	○		○		○	○	○	○		○	○	○
Visual Arts										○	○	○

PLAN FOR COLLEGE

* Programs vary in length. Baccalaureate Degrees usually involve four years of study. Associate Degrees usually require two years of study. Check the college's catalog or website for details on a specific program.

** Programs listed here illustrate options with a program type that may be available at a four-year college. Check the college's catalog or website for specific Baccalaureate and associate degrees and certificates. Keep in mind that some programs can be found in more than one group depending on the college's emphasis in a program.

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES



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Programs/Possible Areas of Study	AIMS	ACC	CMC	CNCC	CCA	CCD	FRCC	LCC	MCC	NJC	OJC	PPCC	PCC	RRCC	TSJC
Agriculture & Natural Resources															
Agriculture								○	○	○					○
Agricultural Business/Management								○	○	○	○				○
Animal Shelter Management			○												
Forestry, Wildlife & Natural Resources				○			○					○		○	
Horticulture & Landscaping							○								
Veterinary Technology			○			○	○	○			○				○
Applied Technology							●						●		
Automotive															
Automotive Collision Repair	○	○							○			○	○	○	
Automotive Service	○	○	○				○		○		○	○	○	○	○
Diesel Mechanics												○			
Aviation															
Aviation Maintenance				○											
Aviation Technology	○			○											
Business															
Accounting	○	○	○	○	○	○	○					○	○	○	○
Business	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○			○	○	○
Business Administration	○	○	○	○		○	○					○		○	○
Business Technology	○	○				○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○
E-Commerce		○					○	○	○				○	○	
Financial Services								○				○			
Insurance					○	○									
International Business						○	○					○		○	
Management	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	
Marketing	○	○			○	○	○	○	○	○		○			○
Real Estate			○			○			○			○	○	○	
Sales & Customer Service	○		○												
Travel & Tourism/Resort Management		○			○		○						○		
Communication															
Audio, Radio & Television Production	○				○							○	○		
Desktop Publishing	○							○		○					
Journalism		○			○							○			○
Multimedia Technology							○		○		○	○		○	○
Speech		○			○	○					○	○		○	
Computer Systems															
Computer Information Systems	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Computer Networking	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Computer Programming	○	○			○		○					○		○	
Computer Technician			○				○		○						
Web Site Development	○		○		○			○		○			○	○	
Construction Trades															
Carpentry		○							○					○	
Construction Management	○													○	○
Construction Supervisor		○													
Electrician			○											○	
Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning							○					○		○	
Plumbing														○	
Cosmetic Services															
Cosmetology				○				○		○	○				○
Esthetician				○											
Hairstylist				○				○		○	○				○
Massage Therapy						○			○						○
Nail Technician				○				○		○					
Culinary Arts			●									●	●		
Cultural Resource Preservation				●											
Education															
Bilingual Education	○		○			○	○								
Child Care Center Director	○	○	○	○	○						○				
Childhood Development							○								
Early Childhood Education			○	○	○	○	○				○	○	○	○	○
Education		○		○	○						○	○			
Education Psychology															○
Elementary Teacher Education	○		○			○	○	○		○				○	
Infant/Toddler Care	○														
Library Technician	○												○		
Outdoor Education			○											○	
Para-Educator	○			○	○	○	○								
Physical Education		○		○	○										○
Teacher Preparation	○				○										

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Programs/Possible Areas of Study	AIMS	ACC	CMC	CNCC	CCA	CCD	FRCC	LCC	MCC	NJC	OJC	PPCC	PCC	RRCC	TSJC
Engineering															
Architecture		○					○					○		○	
Computer Aided Drafting	○	○				○	○				○	○		○	○
Electrical Engineering							○								
Engineering	○	○	○			○	○					○	○	○	○
Health-Related Professions															
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor	○														
Allied Health				○							○	○			
Dental Hygiene				○		○	○				○	○	○		○
Dietetic Technology							○								
Electronuerodiagnostic Technology															
Emergency Medical Technician		○	○	○	○	○	○		○			○	○	○	○
Holistic Health							○								
Human Performance		○													
Human Services				○		○									
Medical Office Technology	○	○				○	○		○		○	○		○	
Medical Laboratory Technician	○	○									○				
Nursing	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Occupational Therapy Assistant									○		○		○		
Pharmacy Technician		○				○					○		○	○	○
Physical Therapy Assistant		○				○			○		○	○	○		○
Radiation Therapy	○					○							○	○	
Respiratory Care							○						○		
Social Work												○			
Humanities															
Economics		○			○	○					○	○		○	
English/Literature		○		○	○	○					○	○		○	
Ethnic Studies					○							○			
Foreign Languages		○			○						○	○		○	
Geography					○						○	○			
History		○		○	○	○					○	○		○	
Humanities		○			○						○	○		○	
Philosophy		○			○						○	○		○	
Political Science		○		○	○						○	○	○	○	
Machining															
Machining Technology						○	○					○			○
Welding	○					○	○						○		○
Mathematics	●	●			●	●					●	●		●	
Mortuary Science		●													
Public Safety & Legal Studies															
Criminal Justice	○	○	○	○	○			○		○		○	○	○	○
Fire Fighter	○		○	○	○										
Fire Science	○		○	○			○					○		○	
Law Enforcement		○	○	○	○	○					○	○	○	○	○
Legal Assistant	○					○	○				○				
Paralegal	○	○		○	○	○	○				○				○
Sciences															
Anatomy/Physiology											○				
Astronomy					○							○			
Biology		○	○		○	○					○	○		○	○
Chemistry		○	○		○	○					○	○		○	○
Geology				○	○	○					○	○		○	
Marine Science & Oceanography				○											
Physics			○		○	○						○		○	
Social & Behavioral Sciences															
Anthropology		○			○	○					○	○			
Behavioral Science											○				
Psychology		○		○	○	○					○	○		○	
Religion					○										
Sociology		○		○	○	○					○	○		○	
Visual & Performing Arts															
Art				○	○	○					○			○	○
Studio Arts		○	○												
Fine Arts	○	○										○			
Graphic Design	○	○	○			○	○					○	○		○
Music	○	○				○									○
Theater		○			○	○					○	○		○	
Visual Arts			○			○								○	

* Programs vary in length. Associate Degrees in Arts or Sciences usually involve two years of study. Certificate level programs usually involve one year of study. Check the college's catalog or website for details on a specific program area.

** Programs listed here illustrate options with a program type that may be available at a two-year college. Check the college's catalog or website for specific associate degrees and certificates offered. Keep in mind that some programs can be found in more than one group depending on the college's emphasis in a program.

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

FINDING A PROGRAM OF STUDY AT COLORADO'S TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Programs of Study	Delta-Montrose Area Vocational-Technical Center	Emily Griffith Opportunity School	Pickens Tech	San Juan Basin Technical College
Agriculture & Natural Resources				
Agricultural Business/Management				●
Agricultural Mechanics	●			
Geographic Information Systems		●		
Horticulture & Landscaping	●		●	
Mining				
Mine Safety Training				
Natural Resources Technician			●	
Aircraft Training				
Airframe Mechanics		●		
Powerplant		●		
Automotive				
Automotive Technician		●	●	●
Automotive Collision Repair Technology		●	●	
Commercial Trucking				●
Diesel Equipment Technology			●	●
Sport Vehicle Technology			●	
Business				
Accounting		●	●	●
Business Technology		●	●	●
Management		●		
Real Estate Appraiser	●	●		
Child Care				
Child Development Associate		●		
Early Childhood Education			●	
Clock Repair		●		
Communications				
Broadcast Media				●
Computer Systems				
Computer Information Systems		●		●
Computer Networking	●	●		●
Computer Support		●		●
Web Page Developer		●		
Construction Trades				
Carpentry, Cabinetmaking & Millwork			●	
Construction				●
Electrician Occupations			●	●
Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning Service		●	●	
Welding Technology		●	●	●

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Programs of Study	Delta-Montrose Area Vocational-Technical Center	Emily Griffith Opportunity School	Pickens Tech	San Juan Basin Technical College
Cosmetic Services				
Cosmetology	○	○	○	
Hair Styling	●	●	●	
Nail Technician		○	○	
Esthetician			●	
Culinary Arts				
Cake Decorating		●		
Culinary Arts & Restaurant		○		
Food Service		●		
Custodial/Property Management				
Custodial Training		●		
Design		●		
Fashion & Sewing		●		
Drafting				
Civil Survey		●		
Electrical Drafting		○		
Mechanical Drafting	●	○		
Family Studies		●		
Health-Related Professions	●	●		●
Certified Nurse Aide		○	○	○
Dental Assistant		○	●	
Emergency Medical Technician				○
Fitness Trainer		○		
Holistic Health Care Professional		○		
Home Health Aide		○	○	○
Medical Prep.				○
Medical Office Technology		○		○
Pharmacy Technician		○		
Post-PN IV Therapy				○
Machining				
Precision & Computer-Aided Machining			●	
Public Safety & Legal Studies				
Criminal Justice		●		
Fire Science Technology				○
Legal Secretary		●		
Visual Arts				
Graphic Design			○	○
Professional Photography			○	

* Programs vary in length. Some programs offer AAS or other degrees, many offer certificates or prepare students for certification or licensing.

** Programs listed here illustrate options within a program type that may be available at a technical college. Check the college's catalog or website for specific programs. Keep in mind that some programs can be found in more than one group depending on the college's emphasis in a program.

APPLY TO COLLEGE

APPLY TO COLLEGE

Once you've decided on a type of school, the next step is to complete your applications. First, identify several schools that match your qualifications (GPA, ACT or SAT test scores, and class rank). Next, select a few schools that fall above and below your credentials so you have a range of options. Ask your school guidance counselor, teachers and parents for advice in making these decisions. They are all valuable resources.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

College application forms are available online at CollegeInColorado.org, from the school's own website or admissions office, and in your high school counseling office. Be sure to keep copies of everything you submit and realize that you may have to pay a standard application fee.

Deadlines matter when applying to college. Failing to meet a deadline may actually keep you from getting into the school of your choice.

APPLY APPLY

Some colleges do not have a specific deadline for applications, but rather employ a rolling admissions policy. This means that they admit students for the next term, assuming they meet the credential requirements, upon receiving the application anytime during the preceding year.

Once a college has received your application, you are notified if you have been accepted, declined or wait-listed. If you are placed on a wait list, you may be admitted once other accepted students submit notification of their plans to attend another school. If you are admitted immediately, be prompt in telling the school whether you plan to accept or decline your admittance.

Please refer to the financial aid section (p. 29) for additional information regarding accepting admittance.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES FOR COLORADO PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

	ASC	CSM	CSU	CSUP	FLC	MESA	MSCD	UCB	UCCS	UCDHSC	UNC	WSC
Admissions Application												
Priority Application Date	None	April 15	Feb. 15	None	None	None	None	None	April 1	July 22	Aug. 1	May 1
Application Closing Date	Aug. 1	June 1	July 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	None	Aug. 15	Jan. 15	July 1	None	None	Aug. 1
Application Fee	$20	$45	$50	$25	$30	$30	$25	$50	$45	$50	$45	$40
Waiver of Fee for Applicants with Financial Need	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Financial Aid Application												
Priority Date to File Required Forms	March 1	March 1	March 1	March 1	Feb. 15	March 1	None	April 1	April 1	April 1	March 1	April 15
Deadline to File Required Forms	April 1	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

Source: 2004-2005 Common Data Set

R - Rolling deadline

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES FOR COLORADO PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

	AIMS	ACC	CMC	CNCC	CCA	CCD	FRCC	LCC	MCC	NJC	OJC	PPCC	PCC	RRCC	TSJC
Admissions Application															
Application Closing Date	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Application Fee	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Financial Aid Application															
Priority Date to File Required Forms	April 15	May 1	None	May 1	May 1	None	May 1	April 1	March 1	April 15	April 15	None	March 15	None	May 1
Deadline to File Required Forms	R	R	R	R	R	None	R	R	R	R	R	None	R	None	June 30

Source: 2004-2005 Common Data Set

R - Rolling deadline

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

ASC
Adams State College

CSM
Colorado School of Mines

CSU
Colorado State University

CSUP
Colorado State University-Pueblo

FLC
Fort Lewis College

MESA
Mesa State College

MSCD
Metropolitan State College of Denver

UCB
University of Colorado at Boulder

UCCS
University of Colorado
at Colorado Springs

UCDHSC
University of Colorado at Denver &
Health Sciences Center

UNC
University of Northern Colorado

WSC
Western State College

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

AIMS
Aims Community College

ACC
Arapahoe Community College

CMC
Colorado Mountain College

CNCC
Colorado Northwestern Community College

CCA
Community College of Aurora

CCD
Community College of Denver

FRCC
Front Range Community College

LCC
Lamar Community College

MCC
Morgan Community College

NJC
Northeastern Junior College

OJC
Otero Junior College

PPCC
Pikes Peak Community College

PCC
Pueblo Community College

RRCC
Red Rocks Community College

TSJC
Trinidad State Junior College

ASSESSMENT TESTS

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Students planning to attend college need to plan to take the ACT and/or SAT college entrance exam. Scores from these tests will be used in the admissions process to gauge academic preparedness for a particular college or university.

Each spring, Colorado offers free statewide ACT testing for all public high school juniors to ensure that all students have the opportunity to complete at least one entrance exam and can include these scores in college applications during their senior year.

Scores will also be referenced once students enroll in college to determine skill levels and placement for specific courses or degree programs.

APPLY APPLY

APPLYING TO A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION

Colorado's four-year colleges and research universities have competitive admissions standards and a more detailed application process, which usually requires the following steps:

- Submit an application form.
- Pay an application fee, ranging from $20 to $50.
- Submit high school transcripts, including evidence of having completed Higher Education Admissions Requirements described on page 4, along with ACT or SAT scores.
- Submit a written essay.
- Interview on campus.
- Submit any required portfolio or audition documents.

ASSESSMENT TESTS

STANDARDIZED EXAMS AND HIGH SCHOOL GPA USED IN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS BY COLORADO PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

Test/GPA range		ASC	CSM	CSU	CSUP	FLC	MESA	MSCD	UCB	UCCS	UCD HSC	UCC	WSC
% of first-time freshmen with ACT composite score of-	30-36	<1	26	7	1	2	1	1	11	5	3	2	<1
	24-29	18	62	47	12	18	18	15	58	37	33	33	10
	18-23	52	12	45	62	60	55	60	30	54	54	60	61
	12-17	30	0	1	25	20	26	24	1	4	10	5	28
	6-11	0	0	0	0	0	<1	<1	0	0	0	0	0
	Below 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% of first-time freshmen with SAT I verbal score of-	700-800	1	11	3	0	1	1	2	6	5	5	2	2
	600-699	10	41	24	5	14	7	11	35	20	19	18	10
	500-599	40	38	50	35	36	43	41	48	47	42	42	36
	400-499	39	9	21	40	40	37	38	11	24	29	34	42
	300-399	11	1	2	19	8	8	7	1	4	5	4	8
	200-299	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	<1	0	<1
% of first-time freshmen with SAT I mathematics score of-	700-800	0	25	3	1	0	2	<1	9	3	2	1	1
	600-699	15	54	30	11	11	12	11	42	28	23	18	11
	500-599	34	19	46	27	43	39	42	40	41	46	44	36
	400-499	42	2	20	43	36	32	35	8	24	24	33	40
	300-399	10	0	1	16	9	12	11	<1	4	6	4	11
	200-299	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	<1
% of first-time freshmen with high school GPA of-	3.0+	60	99	93	54	47	48	45	92	84	74	76	46
	2.00-2.99	37	1	7	46	52	40	53	8	15	26	24	50
	1.00-1.99	3	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	<1	<1	0	4
	Below 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1	0	0	0	0	0

Source: 2003-2004 Common Data Set

* First-Year Retention and Graduation Rates for UCDHSC solely represent data provided by the University of Colorado at Denver. Data for UCDHSC is not included.

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UCCS
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

UCDHSC
University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center

UNC
University of Northern Colorado

WSC
Western State College

Note: Percentages based on students for whom specific characteristic is reported. Total may not equal 100% due to rounding.

PAY FOR COLLEGE

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College is an investment in your future that is sure to provide you with more career options down the road. By "investment" we mean that it can seem expensive. But, don't worry! There are numerous options to offset the cost of college, including scholarships, grants, loans and work study programs. While it may seem like a big expense now, the benefit of earning a college certificate or degree is certain to pay off in the long run.

For more information about how to pay for college, please visit CollegeInColorado.org. Of the many features, the website offers a scholarship search, financial aid calculator and information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID & WHO GETS IT?

Any financial support that students receive from an outside source to pay for college tuition and expenses is considered financial aid. Financial aid includes scholarships, grants, loans and work study programs, which may be awarded to students based on need or merit (i.e., talent or academic performance).

DO I NEED FINANCIAL AID?

To determine if you need help in covering the costs of your education:

- Estimate your anticipated college expenses.
- Evaluate your financial situation.
- Determine your need for aid.

The cost of college varies from school to school. Depending on where you're headed, you may want to think about a variety of costs when figuring anticipated college expenses. Expenditures such as books, housing, food, tuition and miscellaneous fees should all be considered.

If you are dependent on your parents for financial assistance, consider your family's ability to help fund your education. Keep in mind that unusual financial circumstances should not dissuade you from applying for aid, as colleges often account for a variety of factors when assessing a student's aid eligibility. **Even if you think that you are not qualified for receiving aid, you should still apply.**

If you do plan to apply for financial aid, start your research at the same time as the application process. Determining your school and whether or not you can afford it is based both on your possible acceptance and eligibility for aid.

Don't wait to receive admission responses from the schools where you apply. Begin the process as soon as possible. Financial aid applications are typically due during the winter, so you will first need to know the deadline, then apply for aid; and last, know the amount of aid each college is willing to provide before deciding which school to attend.

PAY PAY PAY

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND

The College Opportunity Fund (COF) provides a tuition stipend for eligible, in-state undergraduate students. The stipend replaces direct state funding of higher education by allocating funds to institutions on behalf of individual students.

Both new and continuing in-state students completing undergraduate course work at a public, or participating private, college or university in Colorado are eligible for the stipend. The stipend is calculated on a per credit hour basis with a maximum of 145 credit hours.

The Colorado Legislature sets the stipend amount annually. For the 2005-06 school year, the tuition stipend equals $80 per credit hour for both full- and part-time students. The average full-time student, taking 15 credit hours per semester, will receive $2,400 for the year.

The tuition stipend is deducted from total in-state tuition. Students who do not apply for the stipend will be responsible for the full amount of in-state tuition. The stipend does not represent financial aid for students who use it at a public institution.

For students who choose to direct the stipend to a participating private college or university, the amount equals half of the tuition stipend or $40 per credit hour. These students must be Pell-eligible, and in this case, the stipend does constitute financial aid.

HOW TO APPLY

- Students can apply for the stipend online at CollegeInColorado.org. Information and applications are available in both English and Spanish.
- Students must be at least 13 years of age to apply for the College Opportunity Fund.
- Students are not required to know which college or university they plan to attend before applying for the stipend.
- Students need only apply once; students then authorize use of the tuition stipend each semester as they register for courses.
- Stipends are transferred directly to the institution on behalf of a participating student.
- There are no income qualifications.

THE College OPPORTUNITY FUND

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- See "Financial Information," page 30.
- Visit www.CollegeInColorado.org.
- Or, call COF at College Access Network: 303-305-3394 (outside the metro area, call 800-777-2757). Press 1 for English or 2 for Spanish.

PARTICIPATING FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

Adams State College
Colorado College*
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Colorado State University-Pueblo
Fort Lewis College
Mesa State College
Metropolitan State College of Denver
Regis University*
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center
University of Denver*
University of Northern Colorado
Western State College

PARTICIPATING TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Arapahoe Community College
Colorado Northwestern Community College
Community College of Aurora
Community College of Denver
Front Range Community College
Lamar Community College
Morgan Community College
Northeastern Junior College
Otero Junior College
Pikes Peak Community College
Pueblo Community College
Red Rocks Community College
Trinidad State Junior College

* Denotes participating private institution. For students participating at these institutions, the College Opportunity Fund is financial aid.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

MERIT AID/SCHOLARSHIPS Merit Aid is awarded to students with a particular skill, achievement, talent or characteristic, and is typically awarded as a scholarship. Given that each scholarship has specific criteria for selection, students are usually required to submit a separate application, often with written essays and referrals, for each one. For scholarship programs administered by a college or university, you may often apply for multiple scholarships using a single form.

Because there are thousands of different scholarships available, be sure to spend time researching and reviewing available options. A free scholarship search tool is available online at CollegeInColorado.org.

NEED-BASED AID Need-based aid is provided for students who do not have the financial means to attend college. Financial need is determined through federal, state and institutional formulas. The most common forms of need-based aid include grants, work study programs and student loans. You must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for federal and state need-based aid. Your college may require additional forms for institutional aid.

GRANTS A grant is monetary assistance that does not ordinarily require repayment. Grants are awarded to students based on financial need. Qualifying amounts depend on the formula used to analyze your FAFSA, as established by Congress. The formula computes the Expected Family Contribution, which is what you and your family are expected to set aside toward tuition expenses and fees. Many colleges and universities have their own institutional grant programs. Larger schools often have many donors and endowments that they administer, which usually include grants for students with financial need. You must file the FAFSA to apply for federal and state grants.

WORK STUDY Work study programs provide students with employment opportunities on campus or in nearby communities to help them earn money while attending school. Students are paid an hourly wage established by the school. A school awards work study based upon funds it has received from federal and state governments. You apply for work study through the FAFSA.

LOANS Loans are provided to students when the financial aid formulas indicate that the student or family should be able to afford an education using their own funds. Students with financial need may also rely on this kind of aid.

Most institutions will offer loans as part of your financial aid package, but you are never required to accept them. Just be aware that you are responsible for paying any part of your tuition that is not covered by grants or scholarships, and if you do not want to take out a loan, you may need to work while you are enrolled in school.

The most common student loans follow:

- **SUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOANS** are low-interest loans provided to students who have financial need. The federal government will pay the quarterly interest on them while you are in school, during your grace period, and during deferments.
- **UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOANS** are low-interest loans where the federal government does not assist students by paying the interest while they are in school. The interest is always your responsibility to pay. If you do not pay the interest while you are in school, during your grace period, or during deferments, the interest that accrues will be added to your principal balance causing the interest to accrue again on the higher amount.
- **FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM,** also known as Federal Stafford Loans, issues funds to students by banks, credit unions and other lenders, instead of the federal government.
- **WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM,** also referred to as Direct Stafford Loans, Stafford/Ford Loans or Direct Loans, issues funds provided by the federal treasury. Students repay these loans through the U.S. Department of Education's loan servicer.
- **PLUS LOANS** are loans that parents may receive to help a dependent child pay for college. These loans are either issued through the federal government or a private lender.

FINANCIAL AID

FILLING OUT THE FAFSA

Once you have familiarized yourself with the financial aid application process, the next step is to begin submitting the required forms. Colleges begin putting together financial aid award packages early, so it is a good idea to submit your required financial aid forms as soon as you can. Financial aid funding is not unlimited, and those who submit their forms early often reap the benefits.

Each year, begin by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is available January 1, and can be filled out online at the U.S. Department of Education website, www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can also call 1-800-4-FED-AID to request a copy.

Some colleges may require additional financial aid forms. It is important that you check with each institution that you are interested in attending to verify what paperwork you will need to complete.

The information contained in the FAFSA will be sent automatically to the colleges that you have indicated, and the colleges will use this information to determine your financial aid award. Be sure to list all colleges where you are interested in applying, so that they will receive your information. If you do not list a college, then it will not be able to offer you financial aid. You may always add a school later by contacting FAFSA.

Be sure to fill in the form accurately, completely and legibly, providing all of the requested information. Also, be consistent in providing information between all federal and institutional forms. Failure to do so could result in a delay in processing your paperwork. The application is also your opportunity to describe any unusual circumstances that could limit your ability to finance your education. If there is not a place on the application to present your situation, send a letter to the schools to which you are applying to make your case.

After submitting your financial aid forms, reply to any responses or material requests that you receive. Your Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA, which details your aid eligibility, will arrive within several weeks of your application. If there are any errors, make the appropriate corrections and mail the form back to the return address as soon as possible.

Remember to be prompt in submitting all of your responses.

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR!

When submitting these forms, meet all the deadlines or preferred dates in order to achieve optimal financial aid consideration. Also, keep a photocopy of each form for future reference.

RECEIVING AWARD LETTERS AND SELECTING A COLLEGE

You will begin receiving financial aid award letters from the colleges where you have applied during the spring. The amount detailed in these letters may be described as "tentative" or "preliminary." Do not make your final school selection until you have received a letter from each school where you have applied. It is important to be aware of the full award being offered by each school. Once you have received all of your responses, move quickly to secure the monetary package offered by the school of your choice. If you miss the deadline, your aid could be reallocated to another student.

If a deadline for a school is approaching and you have not received all of your responses, ask the school for an extension on its aid offer.

Despite the importance of financial aid, do not use the size of a school's financial aid award as the sole basis for selecting a college. As discussed earlier, your sense of how suitable a school is for you is also an essential factor. Once you have considered all of these factors and assessed the overall value of each school as it meets your needs:

- Examine the award letter from your selected school.
- Follow the instructions.
- Provide any additional information or materials requested.
- Select a lender if prompted to do so.
- Sign the letter.
- Return it to the school.
- Finally, remember to notify the other colleges or universities of your choice to attend another institution.

FINANCIAL AID APPEALS

Keep in mind that most financial aid offers are based on your family's financial information from the past year. If your financial circumstances have changed since you filled out the FAFSA, you may contact a financial aid administrator at your college to determine whether your package can be adjusted to reflect your new financial situation. If you believe that an offer made did not consider your case in full, you may contact a financial aid administrator at your college. He or she may adjust your package. If you still feel that all of the factors in your situation have been inadequately evaluated, you may invoke the appeals process at the school's financial aid office.

COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

Dedicated to helping students, parents and schools navigate college financing, from start to finish, quickly, easily and as painlessly as possible. We offer products, services and solutions - in short, all the tools you need and all the help you'd like to make the most of them. For more information, log on to www.college-access.net or call 303-305-3000.

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HOW TUITION WORKS UNDER THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND 2005-2006

INSTITUTION	ASC	CSM	CSU	CSUP	FLC	MESA	MSCD	UCB	UCCS	UCDHSC	UNC	WSC	COMMUNITY COLLEGES
IN-STATE TUITION	$4,380	$9,648	$5,592	$5,303	$4,862	$4,759	$4,787	$6,846	$6,366	$6,624	$5,781	$4,752	$4,582
- COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND STIPEND	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400	-$2,400
= STUDENT'S SHARE OF IN-STATE TUITION	$1,980	$7,248	$3,192	$2,903	$2,462	$2,359	$2,387	$4,446	$3,966	$4,224	$3,381	$2,352	$2,182

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FLC	Fort Lewis College
MESA	Mesa State College
MSCD	Metropolitan State College of Denver
UCB	University of Colorado at Boulder
UCCS	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
UCDHSC	University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center
UNC	University of Northern Colorado
WSC	Western State College

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

AIMS	Aims Community College
ACC	Arapahoe Community College
CMC	Colorado Mountain College
CNCC	Colorado Northwestern Community College
CCA	Community College of Aurora
CCD	Community College of Denver
FRCC	Front Range Community College
LCC	Lamar Community College
MCC	Morgan Community College
NJC	Northeastern Junior College
OJC	Otero Junior College
PPCC	Pikes Peak Community College
PCC	Pueblo Community College
RRCC	Red Rocks Community College
TSJC	Trinidad State Junior College

* Many students attend on a part-time basis. Full-time tuition is based on 15 credit hours per term for the academic year.

** Averages represent those students who have some amount of aid or loans.

n/a - Commuter institutions that do not offer room and board

Note: Tuition is subject to change annually. Data is for dependent, full-time students seeking a degree or a certificate. Figures above do not reflect 2006-2007 tuition rates.

Note: High cost programs may have higher tuition charges. Tuition for many high-demand programs is listed in the tuition differential chart on p. 32. For more information contact the institution directly.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION - COLORADO PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

	ASC	CSM	CSU	CSUP	FLC	MESA	MSCD	UCB	UCCS	UCD HSC°	UNC	WSC
2005-2006												
Student's Share of Resident Tuition*	$1,980	$7,248	$3,381	$2,903	$2,462	$2,359	$2,387	$4,446	$3,966	$4,224	$3,192	$2,352
Mandatory Fees	$650	$896	$1,151	$1,215	$829	$721	$554	$926	$922	$682	$645	$786
Total Annual Tuition and Fees	$2,630	$8,144	$4,532	$4,118	$3,291	$3,080	$2,941	$5,372	$4,888	$4,906	$3,837	$3,138
Room & Board	$5,760	$4,480	$6,500	$6,088	$7,789	$6,703	n/a	$7,980	$6,418	n/a	$6,412	$6,805
2003-2004 Financial Aid Profile of In-State, Full-Time, Degree Seeking Undergraduate Students												
Avg. Financial Aid, Including Loans	$7,614	$5,350	$4,873	$5,579	$4,875	$4,080	$3,797	$5,226	$4,382	$4,197	$4,415	$5,007
Avg. Student Loan**	$4,074	$2,384	$2,948	$2,604	$2,653	$2,168	$2,022	$2,925	$2,228	$1,961	$2,744	$2,829

° The Financial aid profile for the UCDHSC solely represents data provided by the University of Colorado at Denver in 2003-2004. Data for the UCDHSC is not included.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION - COLORADO PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

	AIMS°	ACC	CMC°	CNCC	CCA	CCD	FRCC	LCC	MCC	NJC	OJC	PPCC	PCC	RRCC	TSJC
2005-2006															
Student's Share of Resident Tuition*	$1,500	$2,182	$2,064	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182	$2,182
Mandatory Student Fees	$390	$307	$180	$871	$126	$612	$264	$432	$161	$593	$231	$156	$223	$255	$550
Total Annual Tuition and Fees	$1,890	$2,489	$2,244	$3,053	$2,308	$2,794	$2,446	$2,614	$2,343	$2,775	$2,413	$2,338	$2,405	$2,437	$2,732
Room & Board	n/a	n/a	$6,200	$4,872	n/a	n/a	n/a	$4,470	n/a	$5,162	$4,302	n/a	n/a	n/a	$4,938
2003-2004 Financial Aid Profile of In-State, Full-Time, Degree Seeking Undergraduate Students															
Avg. Financial Aid, Including Loans	$2,645	$2,320	$3,455	$4,380	$2,816	$3,355	$2,518	$3,981	$2,673	$4,038	$4,367	$2,550	$3,260	$2,243	$4,511
Avg. Student Loan**	$1,101	$961	$1,737	$1,397	$881	$693	$1,014	$617	$545	$1,486	$1,127	$637	$991	$701	$618

° AIMS and CMC charge less for students who reside in their district.

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	BUSINESS	ENGINEERING	COMPUTER SCIENCE	UPPER DIVISION COURSES
Student's Share of Resident Tuition	$3,951	$3,756	$3,756	$3,441
Mandatory Student Fees	$1,151	$1,151	$1,151	$1,151
Total Annual Tuition and Fees	$5,102	$4,907	$4,907	$4,592
Room & Board	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500

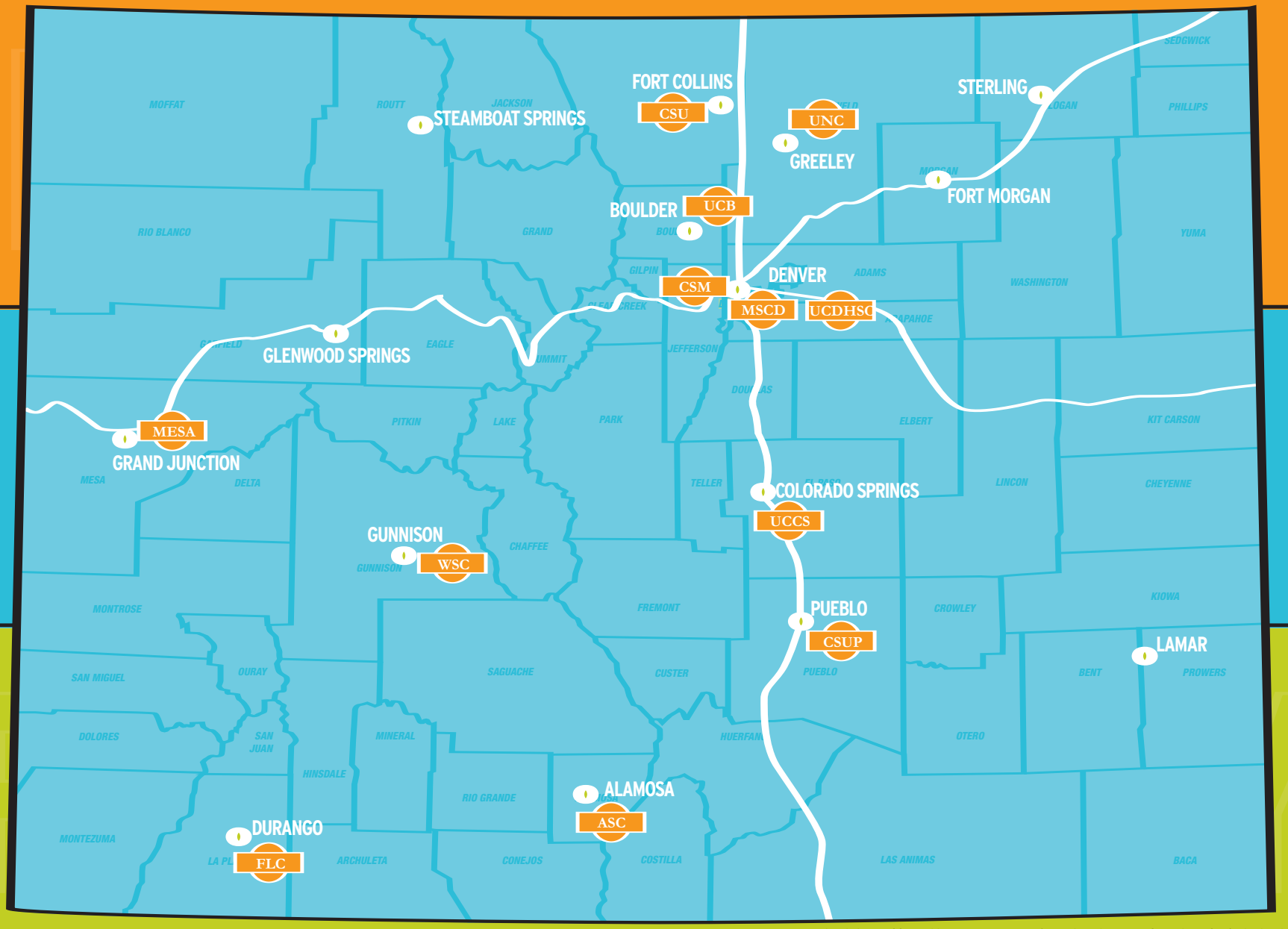
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, PUEBLO	BUSINESS	ENGINEERING	NURSING
Student's Share of Resident Tuition	$3,353	$3,353	$3,353
Mandatory Student Fees	$1,215	$1,215	$1,215
Total Annual Tuition and Fees	$4,568	$4,568	$4,568
Room & Board	$6,088	$6,088	$6,088

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER	BUSINESS	ENGINEERING	JOURNALISM & MUSIC
Student's Share of Resident Tuition	$7,146	$5,850	$4,626
Mandatory Student Fees	$926	$926	$926
Total Annual Tuition and Fees	$8,072	$6,776	$5,552
Room & Board	$7,980	$7,980	$7,980

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, COLORADO SPRINGS	UPPER DIVISION LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES	UPPER DIVISION BUSINESS & ENGINEERING	NURSING
Student's Share of Resident Tuition	$4,160	$4,398	$6,098
Mandatory Student Fees	$922	$922	$922
Total Annual Tuition and Fees	$5,082	$5,320	$7,020
Room & Board	$6,418	$6,418	$6,418

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, DENVER HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER	JUNIOR & SENIOR IN LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES NON-DEGREE	JUNIOR & SENIOR IN ARTS & MEDIA BUSINESS & ENGINEERING	DENTAL HYGIENE	NURSING
Student's Share of Resident Tuition	$4,224	$4,688	$4,285	$4,590
Mandatory Student Fees	$682	$682	$195	$195
Total Annual Tuition and Fees	$4,906	$5,370	$4,480	$4,785
Room & Board	$7,236	$7,236	$7,236	$7,236

FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS



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CONTACT INFORMATION FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

ASC

Adams State College (ASC)
208 Edgemont Boulevard
Alamosa, CO 81102
Telephone: (719) 587-7011
Toll-free: (800) 824-6494
www.adams.edu

CSM

Colorado School of Mines (CSM)
1500 Illinois
Golden, CO 80401
Telephone: (303) 273-3000
Toll-free: (800) 446-9488
www.mines.edu

CSU

Colorado State University (CSU)
8020 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-8020
Telephone: (970) 491-6909
www.colostate.edu

CSUP

Colorado State University-Pueblo (CSUP)
2200 North Bonforte Boulevard
Pueblo, CO 81001-4901
Telephone: (719) 549-2100
www.colostate-pueblo.edu

FLC

Fort Lewis College (FLC)
1000 Rim Drive
Durango, CO 81301-3999
Telephone: (970) 247-7010
www.fortlewis.edu

MESA

Mesa State College (MESA)
1100 North Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Telephone: (970) 248-1020
Toll-free: (800) 982-6372
www.mesastate.edu

MSCD

Metropolitan State College of Denver (MSCD)
Campus Box 16, P.O. Box 173362
Denver, CO 80217-3362
Telephone: (303) 556-3058
www.mscd.edu

UCB

University of Colorado
at Boulder (UCB)
Regent Administration Center 125
552 UCB
Boulder, CO 80309-0552
Telephone: (303) 492-1411
www.colorado.edu

UCCS

University of Colorado
at Colorado Springs (UCCS)
1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Telephone: (719) 262-3383
Toll-free: (800) 990-8227
www.uccs.edu

UCDHSC

University of Colorado at Denver &
Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC)
P.O. Box 173364
Denver, CO 80217-3364
Telephone: (303) 556-4493
www.cudenver.edu

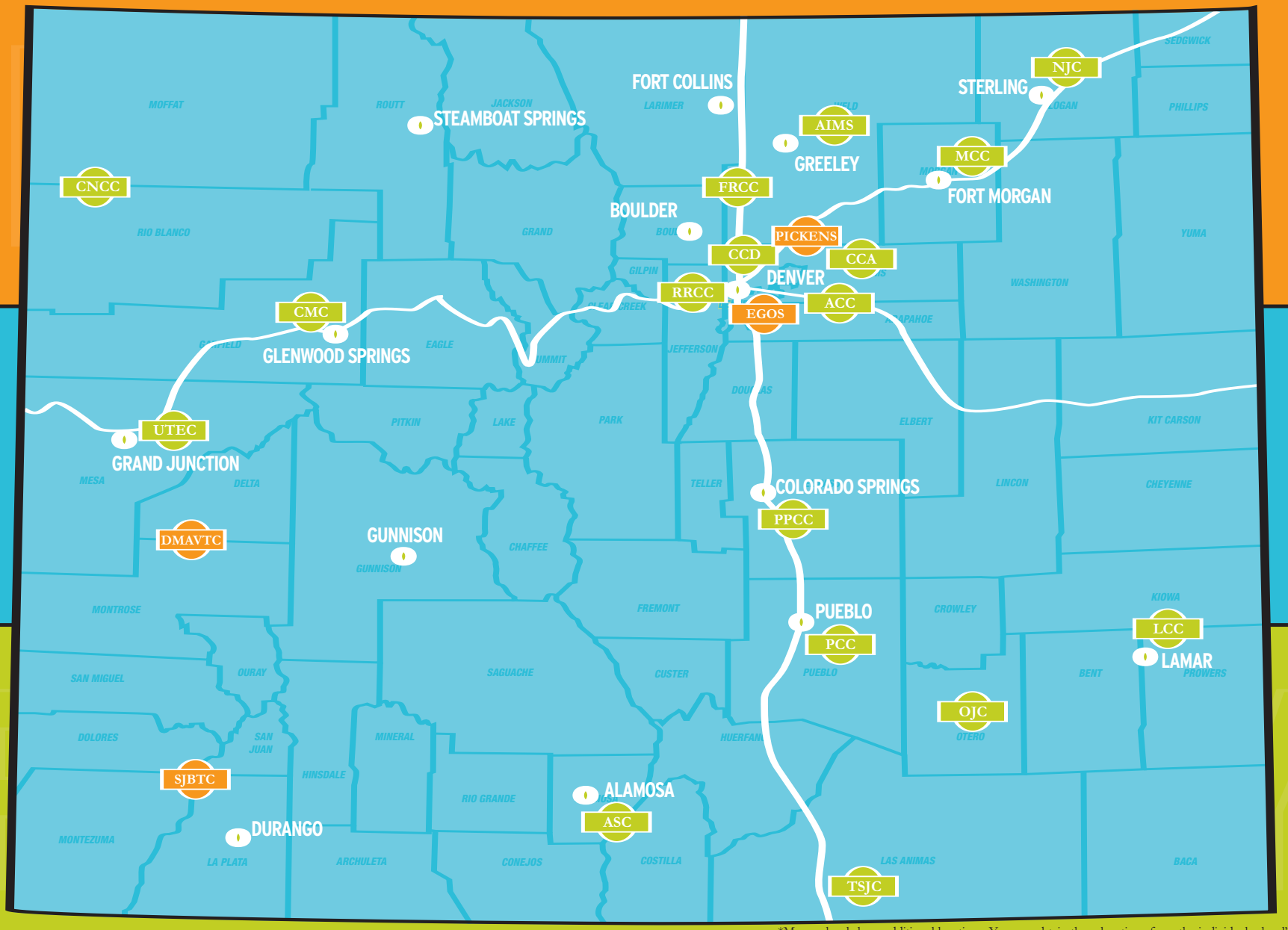
UNC

University of Northern Colorado (UNC)
Campus Box 10
Greeley, CO 80639
Telephone: (970) 351-2881
www.univnorthco.edu

WSC

Western State College (WSC)
600 N. Adams Street
Gunnison, CO 81231
Telephone: (970) 943-2119
Toll-free: (800) 876-5309
www.western.edu

TWO-YEAR & TECHNICAL COLLEGES



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ASC
Adams State College (ASC)
208 Edgemont Boulevard
Alamosa, CO 81102
Telephone: (719) 587-7011
Toll-free: (800) 824-6494
www.adams.edu

AIMS
Aims Community College (AIMS)
5401 W. 20th Street
Greeley, CO 80632
Telephone: (970) 330-8008
Toll Free: (800) 301-5388
www.aims.edu

ACC
Arapahoe Community College (ACC)
5900 S. Santa Fe Drive
Littleton, CO 80160
Telephone: (303) 797-4222
www.arapahoe.edu

CMC
Colorado Mountain College (CMC)
831 Grand Avenue
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Telephone: (970) 945-8691
Toll Free: (800) 621-8559
www.coloradomtn.edu

CNCC
Colorado Northwestern
Community College(CNCC)
500 Kennedy Drive
Rangely, CO 81648
Toll Free: (800) 562-1105
www.cncc.edu

CCA
Community College of Aurora (CCA)
16000 E. CentreTech Parkway
Aurora, CO 80011-9036
Telephone: (303) 360-4700
www.ccaurora.edu

CCD
Community College of Denver (CCD)
1111 W. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80217-3363
Telephone: (303) 556-2600
ccd.rightchoice.org

FRCC
Front Range Community College (FRCC)
3645 W. 112th Avenue
Westminster, CO 80031
Telephone: (303) 404-5550
www.frontrange.edu

LCC
Lamar Community College (LCC)
2401 South Main Street
Lamar, CO 81052
Telephone: (719) 336-2248
www.lcc.cccoes.edu

UTEC
Mesa State College (UTEC)
2508 Blichmann
Grand Junction, CO 81505
Telephone: (970) 255-2600
Toll Free: (800) 455-2617
www.mesastate.edu/schools/utec

MCC
Morgan Community College (MCC)
920 Barlow Road
Fort Morgan, CO 80701
Telephone: (970) 542-3100
Toll Free: (800) 622-0216
www.morgancc.edu

NJC
Northeastern Junior College (NJC)
100 College Avenue
Sterling, CO 80751
Telephone: (970) 521-6600
Toll Free: (800) 626-4637
www.njc.edu

OJC
Otero Junior College (OJC)
1802 Colorado Avenue
La Junta, CO 81050
Telephone: (719) 384-6833
www.ojc.edu

PPCC
Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC)
5675 South Academy Boulevard
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Telephone: (719) 576-7711
Toll Free: (800) 456-6847
www.ppcc.edu

PCC
Pueblo Community College (PCC)
900 West Orman Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004
Telephone: (719) 549-3200
Toll Free: (888) 642-6017
www.pueblocc.edu

RRCC
Red Rocks Community College (RRCC)
13300 West 6th Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80228
Telephone: (303) 914-6600
www.rrcc.edu

TSJC
Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC)
600 Prospect Street
Trinidad, CO 81082
Toll Free: (800) 621-8752
www.trinidadstate.edu

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

DMAVTC
Delta-Montrose Area
Vocational-Technical Center
1765 U.S. Highway 50
Delta, CO 81416
Telephone: (970) 874-7671
www.dmavtc.tec.co.us/

EGOS
Emily Griffith Opportunity School
1250 Welton Street
Denver, CO 80204
Telephone: (720) 423-4700
www.egos-school.com

SJBTC
San Juan Basin Area Technical College
P.O. Box 970
Cortez, CO 81321
Telephone: (970) 565-8457
www.sjbtc.edu

PICKENS
T. H. Pickens Technical Center
500 Airport Boulevard
Aurora, CO 80011-9307
Telephone: (303) 344-4910
www.aps.k12.co.us/pickens

GLOSSARY

Academic Subjects: Courses such as English, science, history, social studies, mathematics or foreign language. Courses such as music, tech arts, student aide, farm studies, business, keyboarding and drivers education usually are not academic courses.

Admission: The acceptance of an applicant by a college or university. Usually, colleges and universities base admission on an evaluation of applicants' likely success in college.

Admissions Tests: Aptitude, achievement or placement tests used as part of admissions evaluations - usually the ACT or SAT I. Less often, The College Board SAT II Subject Tests.

Advanced Placement: Placement of a college freshman in an advanced class based on work completed in high school. Most often colleges and universities use The College Board's Advanced Placement Tests to determine advanced placement. Advanced placement may be given with or without credit hours.

Associate Degree: The degree for college programs requiring at least two but fewer than four years of study. Typically awarded by two-year colleges.

Bachelor's Degree: The degree for undergraduate college programs usually requiring four years of study. Also called the baccalaureate degree.

Campus: The grounds of a college or university.

Certificate: The award usually given for completing a college program or vocational/technical specialty requiring less than two years of study.

Class Rank: The position of a student in his or her graduating class.

College: Usually, this is an institution of higher education that offers only undergraduate programs and limited graduate programs, but it can also be a separate unit within a university like a college of business or college of arts and sciences. Often colleges within a university have different admission requirements.

CollegeInColorado.org: A free web site to help you plan, apply and pay for college that is offered by the State of Colorado.

College Opportunity Fund: An undergraduate tuition stipend program funded by the State of Colorado (see page 26).

College Preparatory Subjects: Usually the same as academic subjects. See Academic Subjects.

Course: A single subject usually taken for one term, either quarter or semester.

Credit Hour: A measure of completed college work. Usually colleges give one credit hour for each hour of class time during the week.

Degree: The certificate or title awarded by a college or university to show completion of a course of study. Colleges and universities sometimes give honorary degrees to recognize outstanding achievement.

Dual Enrollment: High school students enrolled in both high school and college courses at the same time have dual enrollment. Also called concurrent enrollment.

Elective: A non-required course that students may choose.

FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the application used to determine a student's eligibility for federally subsidized loans, grants, and work study funds. Although paper FAFSAs are still accepted, processing is quicker when the FAFSA is filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Fees: Special charges made by a college for activities or services such as health services and student government. Fees may also be for facilities such as computers or athletic lockers, or for a breakage or damage deposit in laboratory courses. Fees are usually separate from tuition - see the Financial Information charts on pages 30-32.

GLOSSARY

Financial Aid: The money awarded to a student based on financial need. Colleges award need-based financial aid in a financial aid "package" that may contain loans, grants and work study money. Financial aid also may include any money awarded to a student, including merit-based scholarships.

Grade Point Average: The number calculated by dividing the total grade points earned by total credit hours taken. A quarter or semester grade point average is only for that term. A cumulative grade point average is for all the credit hours taken at a high school, college or university.

Grant: Money awarded to a student based on financial need. Grants may come from state, federal or school funds and do not have to be repaid.

Higher Education Admissions Requirements: The Higher Education Admissions Requirements are a combination of courses, primarily in the areas of English, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences that students need to complete as preparation for entering one of Colorado's four-year public colleges or universities.

Humanities: Subjects such as English, philosophy, language and literature as distinguished from the social sciences, and natural and physical sciences.

Junior College: Another term for a two-year college.

Liberal Arts: A course of study in the arts, humanities, social sciences and natural sciences as distinguished from a specific course of study in business, education, engineering, architecture, etc.

Liberal Arts College: A college that emphasizes academic programs of general cultural concern, such as languages, literature, history, mathematics and science.

Loans: A form of financial aid provided to students and parents that must be paid back.

Major: The field of study in which a student specializes.

Merit Aid: See scholarship.

Need-based Aid: See grant.

Non-Resident Student: Any student who does not qualify for in-state tuition at a public college due to his or her residency status in another state or short time as a resident in the state where the college is located.

Open Admissions: An admissions policy that does not use traditional admissions criteria such as grades, test scores and high school curriculum. A college with open admissions usually accepts all applicants.

Placement Tests: Aptitude or achievement tests that are used for counseling or to place students in the correct level of college courses.

Remedial Class: A course that helps college students overcome deficiencies from their pre-collegiate coursework.

Rolling Admissions: An admissions process in which colleges and universities evaluate students' applications as soon as they are complete. Students are then notified of the admission decision.

Scholarship: Money awarded to students based on merit or ability, usually academic or athletic. Sometimes scholarships consider financial need and ethnicity, but not always.

Transcript: An official copy of a student's academic record.

Tuition: The charge made by a college to cover the cost of teaching and instruction. Usually it is separate from other fees for special activities or programs. See Fees.

Undergraduate: A college student who has not received an associate's or bachelor's degree.

Unit: In high school, two semesters or one year of work in a single subject. A specified number of units, and sometimes specific units, is required for admission to colleges and universities. See Higher Education Admissions Requirements.

Work Study Program: A financial aid program in which students work while they attend school. Usually work study is part of a students' financial aid "package." The work may be related to a students' course of study, or credited toward payment of tuition, or simply a job to help pay expenses.

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

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JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL

- ◯ Take the ACT for free on Colorado Statewide Test Day.
- ◯ Register for the SAT I if you plan to submit these scores as part of a college or university application.
- ◯ Discuss with your family, friends and high school counselor what college or university is best for you.
- ◯ Begin researching college scholarships at CollegeInColorado.org.
- ◯ Talk to your high school counselor about scholarship requirements.

SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL

AUGUST

- ◯ Research colleges and universities at CollegeInColorado.org. Request catalogs and financial aid information from the schools where you are interested in applying.
- ◯ Schedule visits to any college campuses where you are interested in applying.
- ◯ Continue your scholarship search and request scholarship applications from foundations, clubs, employers or other organizations.

SEPTEMBER

- ◯ Attend college fairs and meet with college admissions representatives.
- ◯ Put together a college admissions plan with your high school counselor.
- ◯ Register to retake the ACT or SAT I if you wish to improve previous scores.
- ◯ Request admissions applications from the colleges or universities where you would like to apply.

OCTOBER

- ◯ Request high school transcripts to include with your college applications.
- ◯ Begin essays required for admission or scholarships.
- ◯ Begin to complete admission applications online or as a hard copy.
- ◯ Request letters of recommendation that may be required for admission or scholarships.

NOVEMBER

- ◯ Finish essays for admission and/or scholarships.

DECEMBER

- ◯ Complete scholarship applications.
- ◯ Obtain any special forms required by your school to apply for financial aid - research priority deadlines.

JANUARY

- ◯ Obtain a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or you may complete the FAFSA online.

SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY

- ◯ Complete admission applications to the colleges and universities where you are applying.
- ◯ Receive W-2 forms from prior year employers - For students who can be claimed as a dependent, parents must also receive W-2 forms from employers.
- ◯ Complete IRS tax returns (1040s), to ensure accuracy on the FAFSA - For students who can be claimed as a dependent, parents must also finish IRS tax returns prior to completing the FAFSA.
- ◯ Begin to receive scholarship application results.

FEBRUARY

- ◯ File your FAFSA.
- ◯ Submit additional financial aid forms required by your school before the priority deadline.

APRIL

- ◯ Receive admission notifications from the schools where you applied.
- ◯ Receive financial aid award notices from the schools where you applied.
- ◯ Receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) from the U.S. Department of Education in response to your FAFSA.
- ◯ Review your SAR and submit any necessary corrections.
- ◯ Complete any remaining financial aid forms required by your school.

MAY

- ◯ Compare financial aid award notices and school costs from schools where you have been accepted.
- ◯ Make your final decision about which school to attend.
- ◯ Notify the schools where you were admitted of your decision to attend.
- ◯ Send your final high school transcripts to the school you will attend.

SUMMER AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

JUNE

- ◯ Plan for college orientation, transportation and housing.
- ◯ Complete any additional forms requested by your school's financial aid office.

JULY

- ◯ Write thank-you letters to any organization providing you with a scholarship.
- ◯ Complete any student loan promissory note sent to you by your school or lender.

AUGUST

- ◯ Congratulations - you are on your way to college!

NOTES

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