



Colorado Application for State Financial Aid

Beginning **October 1, 2020**, Colorado ASSET students will be able to apply for **state financial aid** through an online application called the **Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA)**. The CASFA allows state-funded financial aid to be awarded to students who do not have lawful immigration status but have resided in the state for at least three years before graduating from a Colorado high school or passing a high school equivalency exam, and were admitted to a participating college within 12 months of graduating high school. They also must also sign an affidavit affirming that they are seeking or will seek legal status as soon as they're eligible. These students are historically called ASSET students after Senate Bill 13-033, Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow.

Who is eligible to use this application?

CASFA is a safe, easy way to apply for **state financial aid** if you are a **Colorado ASSET** (Advancing Students for a Stronger Tomorrow) student.

Non-U.S. citizen resident and non-resident students can use the CASFA to apply for **institutional aid**.

If you're eligible for Title IV financial aid you should complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).

"CASFA positively supports families and is a logical next step in efforts to erase equity gaps and put college in reach for the families who benefit most from a postsecondary education," said **Dr. Angie Paccione, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education**

How to Apply

Visit higher.ed.colorado.gov/CASFA for more information. If you're a student apply here: <https://cdhesnapprod.regenteducation.net/>

Once you have completed your application, your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be calculated and sent to the institutions you select. Your EFC determines your eligibility for need-based financial aid.

Please contact the financial aid office at the institution you're applying to if you have questions about the application. If you have technical difficulties with your account, contact CASFA@dhe.state.co.us.

For More Information

Colorado Department of Higher Education <https://higher.ed.colorado.gov/>

Colorado Rises: Advancing Education and Talent Development <http://masterplan.highered.colorado.gov/>

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