SPRING SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE!

FAFSA

Free application for Financial Aid through the US Department of Education

Open from now till March 1st for CO

Apply even if you don't think you qualify! There are offers throughout the year if something changes or happens!

Apply at: www.studentaid.gov

OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP ADVISING

The OSFA office assists current students interested in applying for an external award!

OSFA promotes scholarships that are best fit for CSU. But there are also thousands of external awards available on the local, national, or international level

> for more info visit: tilt.colostate.edu/osfa or email TILT@colostate.edu

CSUSA

Open NOW until March 1st @11:00pm MT

To Access CSUSA: log into your Ramweb account and select the CSU Scholarship Application link under the Finacial Information heading

CAFSA

Colorado Application for State Financial Aid

Open from Oct 1st to March 1st

Students who do not meet FAFSA or lawful qualifications are encouraged to apply!

Apply at: https://cdhe.colorado.gov/colorado-application-for-state-financial-aid

APPLY-TO SCHOLARSHIPS!

There are some scholarships that require extra documentation in addition to the general CSUSA application, and these scholarships are referred to as Apply-To Scholarships!

There are department-specific scholarships as well as college-wide scholarships!



TIPS AND TRICKS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

- The earlier you apply the better! This gives you time to make sure everything processes correctly and fix any technological issues!
- If you're thinking of applying for Colorado residency, now is a great time to research if it's best for you!
- Some scholarships need professional references, make sure to ask people early so they have time to write you a great recommendation!
- Apply to as many sources as possible.
 You can receive more than one scholarship!
- Apply each year of attendance.
 Depending on the scholarship you receive, they can be given once a semester or every school year!
- Pay attention to deadlines most scholarships are due in March!

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS (CSUSA)

Open
NOW
until
March 1

Colorado State University has its own scholarship portal!

ONE place and ONE application

that automatically applies you to all department and universityrelated scholarships!

To access CSUSA: log into your Ramweb account and select the CSU Scholarship Application link under the Finacial Information heading.



Scholarships are available in all class levels (entering freshmen, undergraduates, transfer, 2nd bachelor's, graduate, and Professional Veterinary Medicine).

Applications are reviewed based on your academic record as well as your answers to the questions on the application.

Native Students in Science Scholarship

Criteria

- A. Recipient(s) of the scholarship shall:
- 1. Be undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in a degree program in the sciences;
- 2. Provide proof of native ancestry such as, but not limited to:
- a) Certificate of Indian blood;
- b) Record of parent, grandparent or great grandparent enrolled with tribe;
- c) Documentation of participation in extracurricular or community activities with

tribal affiliation (dance, tribal costume, volunteer work, reservation high school);

or

- d) Letter from tribe documenting family affiliation.
- 3. Demonstrate strong academic performance; and
- 4. Demonstrated financial need

Apply-To Requirements

- 1. Please provide a letter of the application requesting this scholarship (500 words or fewer). Your statement must speak to the scholarship's value to you.
- 2. In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must provide official documentation of Tribal Affiliation. If you are a previous awardee of this scholarship and have already provided documentation, you do not need to re-upload at this time. All new applicants are required to provide this official documentation with their application. Alternatively, you may submit a letter of support from a tribal official stating you are a participating/contributing member of your tribal community.
- 3. For first-time applicants, a letter of recommendation is encouraged, but not required. If you choose to submit a letter of recommendation, please provide contact information for your reference to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf. The letter must be submitted no later than the official deadline of March 1, 11:00 p.m. (MST) and it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the letter is uploaded by this deadline. Be advised to give your letter writer sufficient time to write and upload a letter.

Thomas and Judith Sneider Undergraduate Research Excellence Scholarship

Criteria:

- 1) Undergraduate student, with a major in the College of Natural Sciences at Colorado State University
- 2) Must have faculty mentor's agreement to supervise and support a research project
- 3) Show original thinking in addressing the questions being researched, scientific rigor, importance, and potential impact of the research in advancing scientific knowledge

Apply-To Requirements:

Please provide a document of support from a faculty mentor who agrees to supervise and support your research project. This document should indicate the faculty member's willingness to supervise your project AND describe your original thinking in addressing questions being researched, scientific rigor, importance and potential impact of the research in advancing scientific knowledge.

Bob Gaines Undergrad Research Fellowship in Mathematics

Criteria:

- 1) Full-time undergraduate student
- 2) Interested in mathematics research preference may be given to mathematics majors, but there should be enough flexibility that students majoring in another discipline could receive the award as long as the sponsoring professor is a mathematics professor
- 3) Have mathematics professor as their advisor
- 4) Have been approved for a research project during the fall/spring semester of the fellowship
- 5) Preference shall be given to students who have attained grade level status of junior or senior

Apply-To Requirements:

Please upload your research statement
Please note that your resaerch advisor must be a mathematics professor

Kurt Georg Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics

Criteria:

- 1) Full-time undergraduate majoring in Mathematics
- 2) Minimum 3.0 GPA
- 3) Demonstrate interest, talent, or involvement in one or more of: fine arts, music, humanities, linguistics, leadership, or community service

Apply-To Requirements:

Please include a one-page essay addressing your interest, talent, or involvement in one or more of the following fields (fine arts, music, humanities, linguistics, leadership, or community service)

Please provide contact information for a Mathematics Instructor or professor to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Letter must be submitted by March 1, 11:00 p.m. (MST) and it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the letter is uploaded by this deadline. Be advised to give your letter writer sufficient time to write and upload a letter. PDF format is preferred

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Pick People You Know Well!

Think about people whom you've spent lots of time with and who can speak positively about your strengths, skills, work ethic, and beyond.

Some great people to ask include professors, club advisors, managers, and mentors!

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Add Talking Points!

When they have agreed, make sure to send them a formal email or letter and include copies of your application materials.

Some extra information that may help your reference includes:

- The description of the scholarship
- a copy of your application
- a list of extracurricular activities,
- resume/list of relevant experiences

CSUSA will automatically send a formal email to whomever you list!

02

Reach Out Beforehand!

Talk to people early about your letter!

This will help them learn more about your interests, goals, and why this is important for you.

make sure to ask if they have time to write you one!

ideally two weeks before you need the letter.

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Follow Up and Say Thanks!

It's really important to send a thoughtful thank you note to anyone who gave their time to write a letter for you.

Make sure to update them and let them know if you got the scholarship or not!

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Follow The Word Count!

A lot of applications have different requirements when it comes to written responses. They can range from 250 to 2000 words!

It is important to keep in mind how much room you are given to answer the question. Make sure not to go over it, some websites will reject your application if it is over the limit! 02

Completely Answer the Question!

One of the most important things to do when writing and organizing what you are going to say is to actually answer what the application is asking of you.

There are some scholarships where they care more about the experience you had and others will make the decision based on your written response.

03

Write Clearly!

Be organized and be honest!
It is important for the reader to be able to comprehend what you are reading. Make sure to explain your thinking or describe the situation you are referring to.

type your essays in a word document to take advantage of spell-check and word counting.

Once you are done, just copy and paste your text into the application.

04

Keep it simple!

Sometimes less is more, especially with word counts!

RESOURCES FOR SCHOALRSHIP INFO

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Email: FinancialAid@colostate.edu Phone: (970) 491-6321

> Drop Ins: Mon - Fri 9 am - 5 pm

Centennial Hall 1000 Libbie Coy Way Fort Collins CO

For Appointments visit: financialaid.colostate.edu

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND

The College Opportunity Fund provides state-tax dollars to colleges and universities on behalf of eligible undergraduate students. The Fund was created by an Act of the Colorado State Legislature in May 2004 to heighten awareness that state tax dollars are used to offset the costs of undergraduate education.

For more information visit:

https://financialaid.colostate.edu/cof/

WRITING CENTER

Hours and Locations:

Eddy Hall, Room 23 Mon – Thur 10 am – 4 pm Fri 10 am – 1 pm

Morgan Library, Room 175 Sun – Thur 6 pm–9 pm

> Online Sat 12 pm – 5 pm

To Schedule Appt visit: writingcenter.colostate.edu

QUESTIONS?

The Financial Aid office is your best friend when it comes to personal questions about aid or funding.

Ask club or organization leaders if they have any funding or scholarship opportunities throughout the year!

There are multiple outside scholarships available! Some great spots include:

- www.finaid.org
- CollegeScholarships.com
- ScholarshipHelp.org
- The U.S Department off Education

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY





REISHER

- COLORADO RESIDENT, 3.0 CUM GPA
- CURRENT FIRST YEAR STUDENT WITH SOPHOMORE STATUS BY FALL 2023
- EXPECTED GRADUATION OF MAY 2026
- REISHER APPLICATION DUE BY FEBRUARY 4Th; FAFSA COMPLETED BY MARCH 1ST
- \$4,000-\$11,000 FOR 3 YEARS

PUKSTA

- DENVER RESIDENT, 2.3 CUM GPA
- CURRENT FIRST YEAR STUDENT WITH SOPHOMORE STATUS BY FALL 2022
- PUKSTA APPLICATION DUE MARCH 4Th;
 FAFSA OR CASFA COMPLETED BY
 MARCH 1ST
- \$7,500 FOR UP TO 4 YEARS

QUESTIONS? EMAIL SAMRAWIT.DESTA@COLOSTATE.EDU





ASTRONAUT SCHOLARSHIP INFO SESSION



For rising juniors and seniors who are seeking STEM degrees with intentions to pursue research or advance their field.

Benefits of the scholarship include mentorship, professional development, and a trip to the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation Innovator's Weekend in Washington, DC.

For more information about the Astronaut Scholarship visit: tilt.colostate.edu/osfa/astronaut/