Where to get money for college
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FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
Completing the FAFSA will ensure that you are considered for grants, loans & work-study. Some need-based scholarships will require that you complete the FAFSA.

- Sophomore/Junior year: Complete the FAFSA4caster, [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov)
- Senior year: Complete the FAFSA, [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - Get help completing the FAFSA:
    - Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) with offices in Adams, Larimer & Weld counties. Larimer County, [http://accesscenter.colostate.edu/](http://accesscenter.colostate.edu/)

Scholarships
Scholarships can come from your school of choice (institutional scholarships) or from outside your school of choice (outside scholarships). Visit your school of choice’s website or Financial Aid Office to see which institutional scholarships require an application; some schools will consider you for their scholarships based on your admissions application.

Some outside scholarships:
- Gates Millennium Scholars, [https://www.gmsp.org/](https://www.gmsp.org/)
- Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, [https://hsf.net/](https://hsf.net/)
- Do your own online search to find many more scholarships specific to who you are!

Scholarship searches:
- [https://colostate.academicworks.com/opportunities/external](https://colostate.academicworks.com/opportunities/external)
- [www.fastWeb.com](http://www.fastWeb.com)
- [www.StudentScholarshipSearch.com](http://www.StudentScholarshipSearch.com)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.scholarshiphelp.org](http://www.scholarshiphelp.org)
- [www.ScholarshipExperts.com](http://www.ScholarshipExperts.com)

Scholarship tips: [http://sfs.colostate.edu/scholarship-tips](http://sfs.colostate.edu/scholarship-tips)
College Opportunity Fund (COF)
COF provides money to Colorado residents & ASSET students (see below) to help pay for tuition at Colorado schools. At most schools, COF isn’t need based. However, you must apply for COF, https://cof.college-assist.org/, and authorize your COF at your Colorado school of choice. COF currently pays $75/credit; that’s $1125 per semester if you are taking 15 credits!

ASSET students
Colorado ASSET allows eligible undocumented students to pay Colorado in-state tuition, rather than out-of-state tuition, as well as receive the College Opportunity Fund stipend at Colorado public colleges. Learn if you qualify at www.ciccoloradoasset.org. ASSET students are not eligible for federal or state financial aid. However, colleges can award institutional aid to ASSET students. Here are some outside scholarships for undocumented students: http://col.st/cDEBb

Articles
- Ten Elite Schools Where Middle-Class Kids Don't Pay Tuition: http://bloom.bg/1EFkmF7
- 10 Reasons Why We Need Diversity on College Campuses: http://col.st/5Gqj1
- Scholarship myths: http://col.st/raZJL

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