Colorado State University Scholarship Application (CSUSA)
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the CSUSA? It is an online scholarship application for many of the scholarships at CSU. Scholarships are available in all class levels (undergraduate, 2nd bachelor’s, graduate, and Professional Veterinary Medicine); most majors and programs; for residents and non-residents, and both need-based and merit. The CSUSA goes “live” on December 1, and the deadline is March 1 at 11 p.m. MST.

2. How do I get to the CSUSA? Go to ramweb.colostate.edu and log in using your CSU eName and Password. Then select the CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA) under Financial Information. Or you can sign in directly via colostate.academicworks.com. Once you submit your General Application, the CSUSA matches you to scholarships for which you are automatically eligible. However, some scholarships will require further action from you in order to be considered. You will see these on your CSUSA by clicking “Recommended” on the “Opportunities” tab. Note especially those with the word “Apply” under the “Action” column. If you are eligible for those scholarships, you must take further action, which is explained when you click “Apply.”

3. What technical information do I need to complete the CSUSA? The CSUSA is provided through AcademicWorks (colostate.academicworks.com). You may receive e-mails from AcademicWorks if you are selected for a scholarship or need to provide additional information for a scholarship opportunity. If you are required to submit a letter of recommendation for a scholarship, you are asked to provide an e-mail address of a reference. To ensure proper e-mail delivery, please add no-reply@academicworks.com to spam filters. AcademicWorks supports only the current and the immediately previous major releases of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, and Microsoft Internet Explorer. Each time a new version of these four major browsers is released, they will stop supporting the third most recent version.

4. What scholarships can I apply for with the CSUSA?
   - Your Academic College(s)’ scholarships
   - Anschutz Scholars Program (entering freshman only)
   - Fostering Success Scholarship (Students who were in foster care system only)
   - Alumni Association Scholarships, including the CSU Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship
   - Monfort Scholarship (entering freshman only)
   - Student Financial Services (SFS) scholarships (includes the CSU Women’s Association scholarships)

5. What scholarships am I not applying for with the CSUSA?
   - Colorado Merit, Dean’s, Green and Gold, Honors, National Merit, Native American Legacy Award, Partnership, Presidential, Provost’s, Ram Recognition Award, WUE; these scholarships are for entering freshmen and students are considered via application for admission and supporting documents.
   - Creative & Performing Arts Awards (except for Art) – contact awarding department (Music, Theatre, Dance, English)
   - Reisher Scholarship
   - ROTC Scholarships – contact Army or Air Force ROTC
   - Liberal Arts Graduate students – contact the individual departments
   - PVM and Graduate students in College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences – contact Dean’s Office
   - Transfer Student Scholarships: Bernard Osher Reentry, Griffin Foundation, Partnership Award, Phi Theta Kappa, Ram Transfer, Honors Transfer, Native American Legacy Awards, WUE, and Reisher Scholarship for Transfer Students – these are for entering transfer students and selection is via separate processes

6. I applied to CSU but have not yet been admitted; how do I get to the CSUSA? Once you submit an application for admission and it is processed, the Office of Admissions e-mails you information on how to establish your eID (electronic ID). Once you have established your eID (eName and Password), within 1 to 2 business days, you are able to access ramweb.colostate.edu and the CSUSA. If you need help establishing your eID, contact the Office of Admissions at (970) 491-6909 or admissions@colostate.edu.

7. I am planning on changing my major or adding a second major. What do I do? Change your major or add your second major (by early February) and then come back and complete the CSUSA, keeping in mind the deadline of March 1. Your current major(s), minor, and concentration determines your eligibility for certain scholarships. To change major, new students contact Admissions; current students contact the Registrar’s Office.
8. I have a double major in two different academic colleges (or I have a major in one college and a minor in another). Will I be considered for scholarships from both colleges? Yes, once you submit your General Application, the CSUSA (colostate.academicworks.com) will match you to scholarships for which you are automatically eligible. However, some scholarships will require further action from you in order to be considered. You will see these on your CSUSA by clicking “Recommended” on the “Opportunities” tab. Note especially those with the word “Apply” under the “Action” column. If you are eligible for those scholarships, you must take further action, which is explained when you click “Apply.”

9. I am an entering freshman or transfer student and I plan to have a double major. How do I apply for scholarships in the second major? As an entering freshman or transfer student, you are granted only one major initially and cannot add a second until after you arrive for classes. You will be matched to scholarships in your first major only.

10. I am open-option. What scholarships can I apply for with the CSUSA? If you meet the criteria, you will be considered for scholarships that are not specific to a certain college or major, such as the following: Student Financial Services' scholarships, Fostering Success, Monfort, Anschutz, and Alumni Association scholarships. Be certain to check your “Recommended” opportunities as described in Question 8 above and take action on any “Apply” scholarships for which you are eligible.

11. I have a renewable scholarship. Should I complete the CSUSA each year? Yes, we recommend you complete the CSUSA each year.

12. I am taking CSU OnlinePlus classes. Am I eligible for scholarships through the CSUSA? You must be regularly admitted into Colorado State University in a degree/certificate program in order to receive a scholarship. If you are awarded a scholarship and enroll in OnlinePlus courses, contact your awarding college/department to see if you can receive the scholarship.

13. What if I start the CSUSA and cannot finish it in one sitting? Go ahead and save your responses and come back whenever you are ready to complete it, but before the deadline of March 1 at 11 p.m. MST.

14. What is the time-out period of the CSUSA? The time-out period is 1 hour. To prevent timing-out, click the “Save” or “Update” button on the General Application. This resets the time-out period. It is recommended essays be copied and pasted from a word processing program.

15. What is the common essay for 2015-2016? “Describe an experience, achievement, risk, or dilemma you have faced and its impact on you. (Limit response to 500 words.)”

16. How will I know if I submitted the CSUSA successfully? Your “General Application” will say “Complete.” You can continue to make changes and update until the deadline of March 1 at 11:00 p.m. (MST). After you submit the General Application, go to Recommended Opportunities by clicking Opportunities and then Recommended. Note especially those scholarships with the word “Apply” next to them. If you are eligible for those scholarships, you must take further action, which is explained when you click “Apply.”

17. I made a mistake on my submitted CSUSA. What do I do? You may go back and change, correct, and update your CSUSA up until the deadline of March 1 at 11 p.m. MST.

18. Do I have to do a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? No, the FAFSA is only necessary if you are applying for need-based scholarships, which are most of the SFS scholarships but only some of the academic college scholarships.

19. When do I need to submit my FAFSA for the CSUSA? March 1 is not a deadline, but a priority date for the FAFSA. The longer you wait to submit the FAFSA after March 1, the more likely it becomes that your FAFSA data will not arrive at CSU when committees begin reviewing applicants. Therefore, it is advisable to submit your FAFSA no later than the March 1 if you wish to be considered for need-based scholarships.

20. Are international students eligible to complete the CSUSA? International students may complete the CSUSA. They may be considered for scholarships which do not require U.S. Citizenship.

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