

CEC College & Career Planning

How Do I Apply To College?

Step 1: Meet with your advisor. College planning can be done during your regular advising appointment each semester or email your advisor to schedule a separate appointment.

Step 2: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Colleges and most scholarship applications require that you submit a FAFSA. The Application for the 2021-2022 school year is open now!

Step 3: Order transcripts through Parchment. Create a [Parchment Account here](#).

Step 4: Take the SAT and/or the ACT. CEC offers the SAT for free in the spring. Many students take the SAT or ACT more than once to improve their scores. Additional tests come with a fee, but you can register to take them again through the [College Board](#).

Senior Timeline

October:

- Complete the online Graduation Application before your spring academic advising appointment.
- Pay attention to early application deadlines for the colleges to which you are applying.
- Register to retake [ACT &/or SAT](#) tests if original scores were lower than desired.
- Begin requesting letters of recommendation for college applications. Email staff directly for recommendations.
- Fall is a great time to take your senior photos!
- Start [FAFSA application](#)

November:

- Submit college applications and plan visits (ongoing)
- If needed, submit CEC Transcript Correction Form to Ms. Jameson.
- Graduating from Community College of Aurora? Log into your MYCCA portal to apply for graduation.
- Request CEC Transcripts through [Parchment](#).

December:

- Deadline to apply for Community College of Aurora graduation in Spring 2020 to receive AA/AS degree is December 1
- CEC Transcript Correction Form due to Ms. Jameson by December 1
- CEC Graduation Application Form due to Ms. Jameson by December 1

January:

- Order yearbook (link to order coming soon)
- Complete [FAFSA application](#)
- Senior Pictures and Senior Ads due (T.B.D).
- Apply for college scholarships (ongoing)
- Complete and submit college financial aid applications
- Submit college applications, if not already done
- Graduating from Pikes Peak CC? [Apply for graduation here](#).
- Graduating from Red Rocks CC in the spring? [Apply for graduation here](#).

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February:

- CEC auditions for walking graduates wishing to perform in the ceremony is T.B.D.
- Contact the admissions office for the college(s) to which you have applied, and make sure you have submitted all necessary paperwork
- Deadline to apply for Red Rocks CC graduation Spring 2020 to receive AA/AS degree is February 6
- Deadline to apply for Pikes Peak CC graduation Spring 2020 to receive AA/AS degree is February 15
- Place Jostens order for graduation announcements (link to order coming soon)
- Graduating from ACC? [Apply for graduation here.](#)

March:

- Contact the financial aid office at the college(s) and make sure your information was received
- Deadline to apply for Arapahoe CC graduation in Spring 2020 to receive AA/AS degree is March 15
- Order cap and gown (link to order coming soon)

April:

- CEC Post-Graduate Questionnaire Form due to Ms. Jameson.

May:

- Decide on which college you are attending and notify the school by May 1
- CEC fees and books due by (Date and Time T.B.D.) (diplomas and transcripts will be held until balance is current)
- CEC Yearbooks arrive and distributed
- Graduation Rehearsal: Date and Time T.B.D.
- Senior Breakfast: Date and Time T.B.D.
- CEC Graduation

June:

- CEC diplomas available for pickup in front office in June (account must be current; records will not be released if there is a balance on the student)
- Send final transcript to the college you plan on attending

There's help available in reaching your academic and career goals!

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The scholarship search and application process are tailored to each student's academic and co-curricular interests and future post-graduate goals. The advising team is here to guide students through the financial aid and scholarship process. We want to help you reach your goals. Please contact your advisor if you have any questions!

Listed below are several resources to help students with the college decision and application process.



ONLINE COLLEGE RESEARCH TOOLS

- [Big Future by the College Board](#)
- [National Center for Education Statistics](#)
- [Trade Schools, Colleges and Universities](#)
- [National Center for Education Statistics](#)
- [College Confidential](#)
- [Colorado Community College System](#)
- [College in Colorado](#)
- [Petersons](#)
- [The College Board](#)
- [GoCollege](#)
- [NCAA Eligibility Center for College Sports](#)

ONLINE CAREER RESEARCH TOOLS

- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [O*NET](#)
- [My Colorado Journey](#)

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES

Before you start looking for scholarships using a scholarship search service, you may want to read this [article by Collegescholarships.org](#) that reviews some of the search services.

- [FAFSA 4Caster](#)
- [FAFSA YouTube Channel](#)
- [FastWeb Scholarship Search](#)
- [FinAid!](#)
- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [SallieMae](#)
- [CAPPEX](#)
- [UNIGO](#)
- [BIGFUTURE](#)
- [BROKESCHOLAR](#)
- [The University Network](#)
- [Colorado College Opportunity Fund \(COF\)](#)

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SCHOLARSHIPS

[Dawson Memorial Scholarship](#)

Providing financial assistance for students who have a parent or legal guardian with terminal cancer or other terminal illness. Must be:

- A graduating senior at a high school in the Denver area
- Have a parent with terminal cancer or other terminal illness or have lost a parent to a terminal disease during their high school years.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- Apply by 4/9/2021

[Rotary University Hills Scholarship](#)

- Student's address must be in Rotary District 5450
- Student must be a US citizen
- Applicant must have earned a high school diploma
- Applicant must plan to attend a Colorado college or university
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.9 or greater
- Applicant must be able to provide evidence of need
- Applicant must have intent to major in science or math in an undergraduate college program.

[The Women's Energy Network of Colorado \(WENCO\) Kelly de la Torre Scholarship Fund](#)

- Must be female, attend high school and in senior year and reside in Colorado.
- Must be a S.T.E.M. major with an intent to study or pursue a career in energy
- Must have an average 3.5 GPA with proof from high school transcript and high school administrator's contact information.
- Must plan to attend an accredited 4-year university.
- Must have proof of registration prior to disbursement of scholarship funds.
- Must have two (2) letters of recommendation that include contact information for them and are not relatives. References must be 21 or older.
- If you meet the above requirements, please complete the application no later than April 9, 2021, by clicking here. If you have any questions, email scholarship@wencolorado.org.

[Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship](#)

- Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$30,000 over four years to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need
- Be a graduating high school senior;
- Plan to attend an accredited and approved four-year institution within the United States;
- Show leadership potential;
- Demonstrate a dedication to community service;
- Present evidence of financial need;
- Be a United States citizen;
- Have a minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on the math and critical reading sections or a composite ACT score of 21;
- Not possess a degree from a 2 or 4-year College when applying for the scholarship.

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[The Grossman Scholarship](#)

- Is a Colorado resident;
- Has demonstrated a commitment** to caring for our environment's natural resources within their personal, educational, and/or professional time. Ideally, students can show that they have volunteered with outdoor stewardship/environment organizations, such as VOC or other Colorado stewardship organizations or land agencies;
- Is pursuing a degree program with an environmental, natural resource, climate, or outdoor industry emphasis at an accredited 4-year college/university, 2-year community college, or a certificate program offered by an accredited*** college/university within the state of Colorado; and
- Must provide two (2) professional letters of recommendation and a copy of the transcripts from their highest level of education completed.
- The submission deadline is 11:59pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2021

[Pinnacol Foundation Scholarship](#)

Please see your Academic Advisor for information for students who may be the child of a worker who was injured or killed in a compensable work-related accident in Colorado and who was entitled to benefits under the Colorado Workers' Compensation Act. Students must be a high school Senior with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

[Ellevation Education Scholarship](#)

- English Language Learners
- Plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program at a 2 or 4-yr college or university or tech school
- 5 \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded (financial need not considered)

[Forward Steps Scholarship](#)

Priority deadline May 31.

Forward Steps provides financial, social, and life skills support to Colorado's current and former foster youth as they pursue a post-secondary education. Full-time scholars can receive up to \$6,000 per school year. May 31, 2021 is the priority deadline, although rolling applications will be accepted and considered on a case-by-case basis.

Email scholarship@forwardsteps.org with questions.