

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

[Denver Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarships](#)

- *Due to COVID-19, we are not requiring SAT/ACT scores for the 2021 application process
- Be a Black/African American female
- Be a resident of the Denver metropolitan area
- Be a high school graduate, graduating senior from high school, or have earned a GED in either 2019 or 2020
- Have applied to an accredited 2 or 4-year college/university, or technical school
- Earned a minimum grade point average of:
 - 3.00 on a 4.00 scale for Denver Alumnae Chapter scholarships
 - 2.50 on a 4.0 scale for Gloria Travis Tanner scholarships
- Not be a daughter of a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Completed applications are due by Monday, February 8, 2021, Midnight

[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.

[Coolidge Scholarship for Juniors](#)

- Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2022 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply (current high school seniors are not eligible to apply).
- Coolidge Scholars are selected based primarily on academic excellence. Secondary criteria include: an interest in public policy, an appreciation for the values President Coolidge championed, as well as humility and service. Today's competitive academic culture regrettably sometimes drives students to hype their accomplishments and pursue ambitious efforts merely to attain credentials. The Coolidge Scholarship pushes back on this trend. Successful candidates are indeed accomplished, but exhibit humility with respect to their achievements and pursue things of genuine interest to them regardless of the perceived prestige associated with the activity.

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- A complete description of the scholarship's criteria is available [here](#).
- The submission deadline is 5:00 PM EST, Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

[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.

[TheDream.US Scholarship](#)

- Have graduated or will graduate with a high school or GED diploma or a community college associate degree by the end of the 2021 Spring term;
- Have a current DACA or TPS authorization or you meet TheDream.US immigration eligibility criteria; and
- You must qualify for in-state tuition* at one of our public Partner Colleges (or are admitted to one of our private Partner Colleges).
- The submission deadline is February 25, 2021

[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.

[JCI Senate Scholarship](#)

Graduating high school seniors in the United States, where that state has an active JCI Senate program. You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for this scholarship. Each year (April) \$1,000 grants will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the United States, who plan to continue their education at accredited postsecondary colleges, universities or vocational schools.

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Your application must be postmarked no later than January 29, 2021 to the State Scholarship Chairman listed under your state.