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FUTURE EXIT STRATEGY

Your Plan For What Comes Next

Graduation • College • Career • Financial Aide

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Introduction

Graduation Topics



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Introduction

Welcome to Senior Info Night!

Tonight's presentation is designed to help students and families navigate the graduation process and prepare for life after high school.

Graduation Topics

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PREPARATION

Senior Year Timeline	Senior Checklist	Transcript Request
Graduation Applications	Transferring College Credits	Common App
FAFSA Overview	Next Steps	Q & A



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TIMELINE

Graduation Timeline

Fall Semester

2026

SEPTEMBER
- Start the Common App

OCTOBER
- **Oct 1st**- FAFSA Opens
- **Oct 20-22nd** – Free College App Day

NOVEMBER
- **Nov 16th** – Send Aims Transcript to FRCC
- **Nov 24** – CEC Grad App & Grad Fee Due

DECEMBER
- **Dec 1st** – Cap & Gown Orders Due
- **Dec 21st** – Academic Progress check

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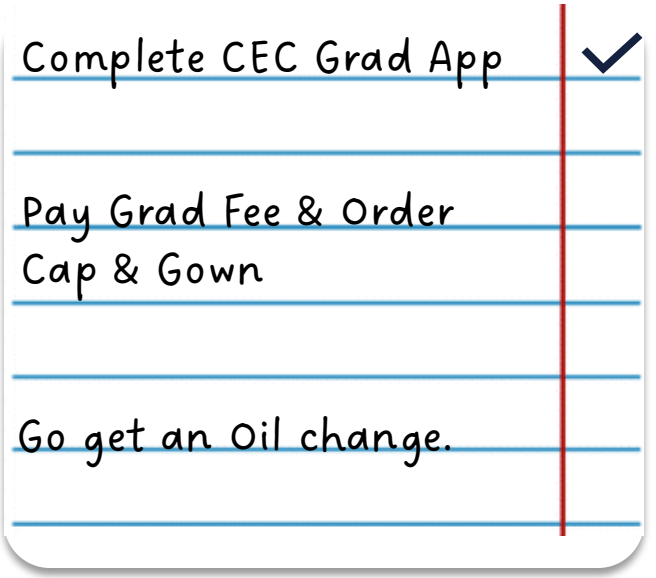
CHECKLIST

Graduation Checklist

As A Reminder

Keep track of completed tasks for graduation.

Don't rely on your Advisor to know if you've completed a task or not.



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APPLICATION

Graduation Application

CEC Application

Front Range Application

Aims Application

Red Rocks Application

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APPLICATION

Graduation Application

CEC Application

All students at CEC are required to complete the Graduation Application, regardless of whether they are graduating with:

- An industry certification
- A college certificate
- A college degree
- 60 or more college credits

CEC Graduation Website Link

Graduation Application

APPLICATION

CEC Application

Community College Application

Who Completes This:
If you are graduating with a college degree or college certificate, you will also need to complete a Grad App. This requirement generally applies to students who:

- **Are earning or have completed an Associate Degree**
- **Are earning or have completed a College Certificate**

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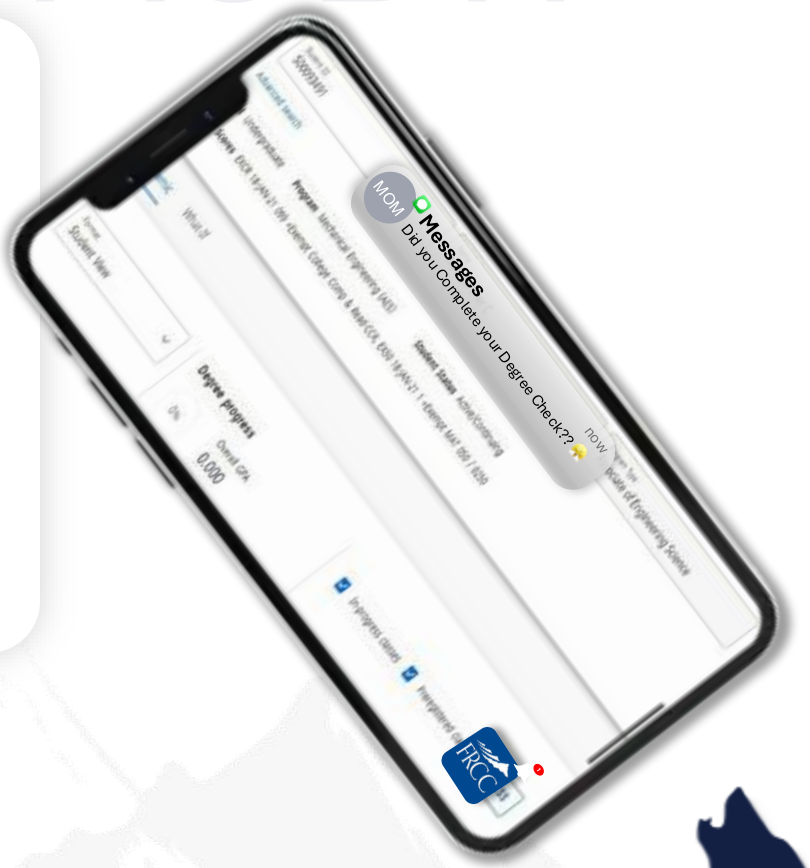
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VERIFY/AUDIT

What & Why?



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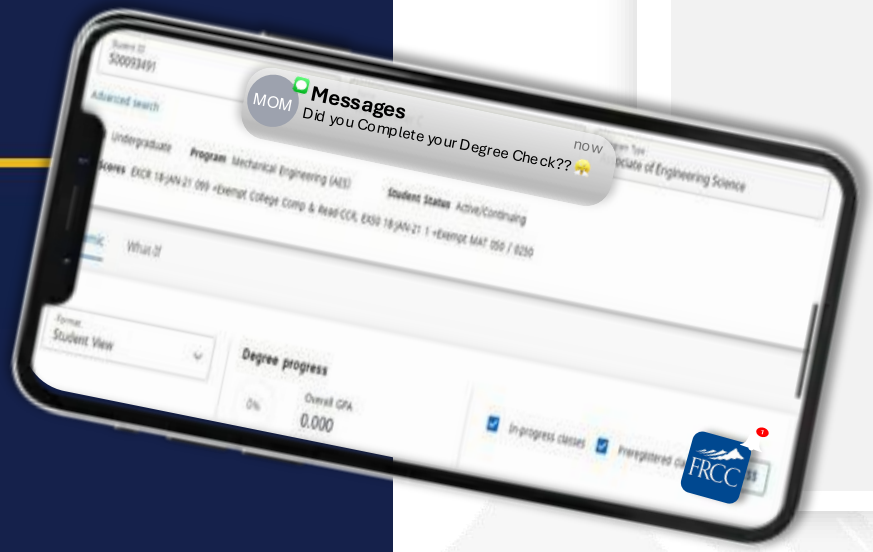
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What & Why?

If you plan to graduate with a college degree or certificate, reviewing your community college academic record is an important step to:

- Confirm you are enrolled in the correct degree or certificate program/s.
- Confirm all required courses are completed or in progress.
- Confirm no missing requirements that could delay your graduation.



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FRCC
Front Range Community College

VERIFY
Confirm correct degree and/or certification/s in eWolf

AUDIT
Review all credits applied toward your program/s via DegreeCheck

PROGRAM CHANGE
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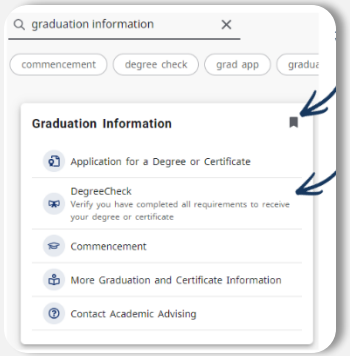
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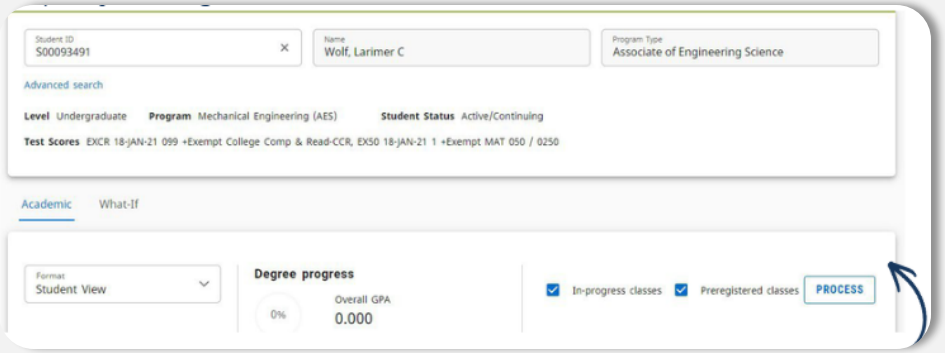
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Front Range DegreeCheck

Most students who are graduating with a college degree or certification/s will be going through Front Range.

You can access the DegreeCheck by logging into your Front Range eWolf account.





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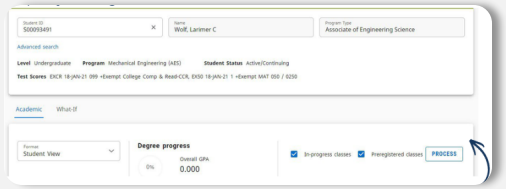
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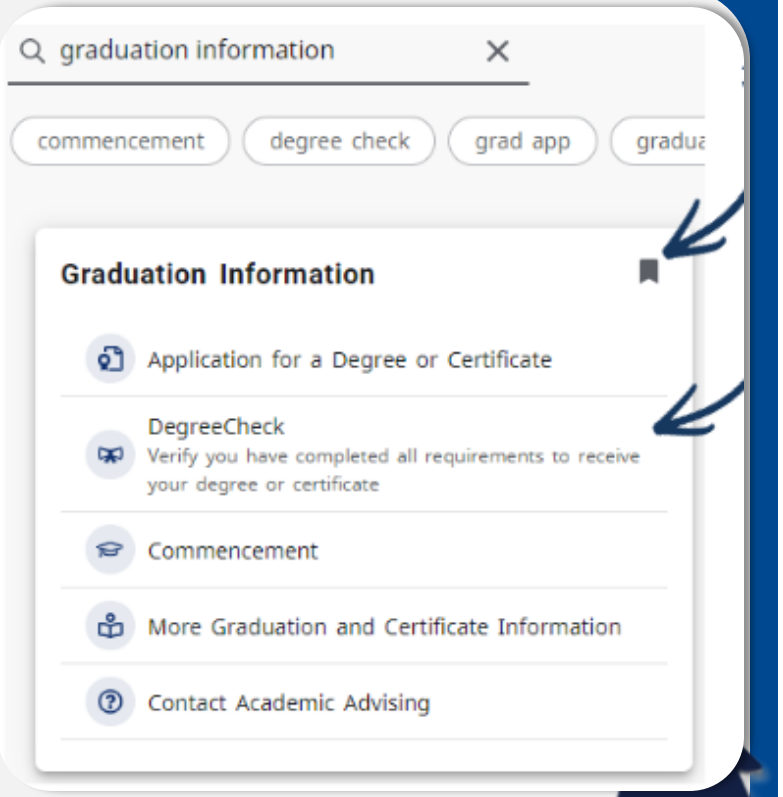
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Front Range DegreeCheck

Finding DegreeCheck:

1. Locate the search bar at the top and search **“Graduation Information.”**
2. Find the Graduation banner and bookmark it for easy access.
3. Select DegreeCheck to review your degree progress.





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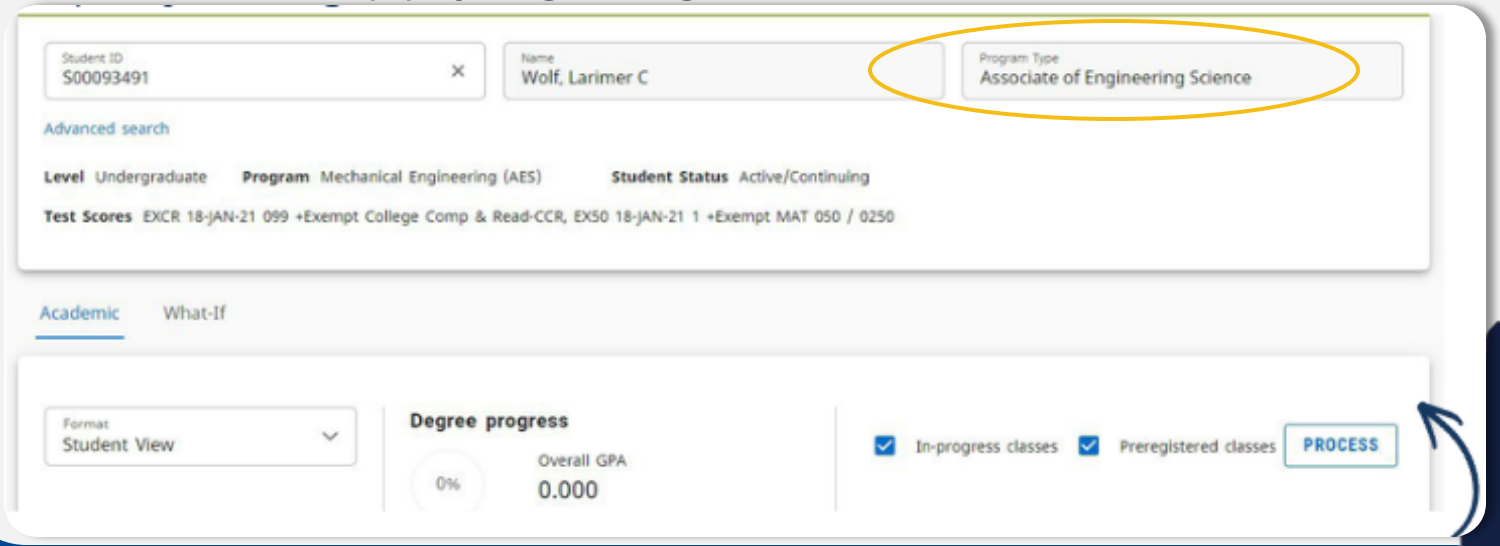
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Finding DegreeCheck:

4. Confirm your Program of Study matches the degree or certificate/s you plan to graduate with.
    - Doesn't match? Complete a **Degree Change Form** before applying for graduation.



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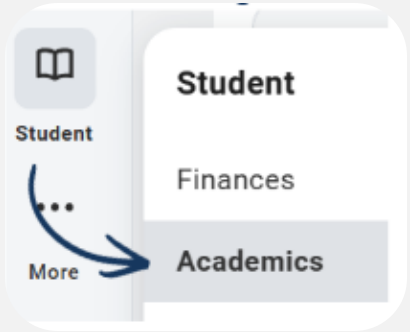
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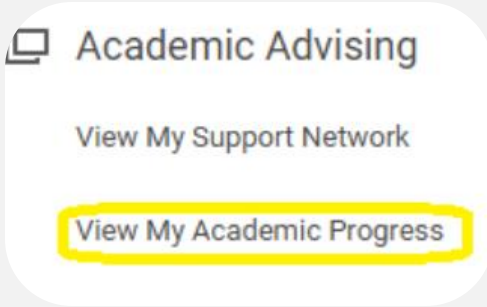
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Completing an Aims degree or certification/s? Verify your academic program in Workday.

You can verify your Academic Progress in the Student section through Academics.





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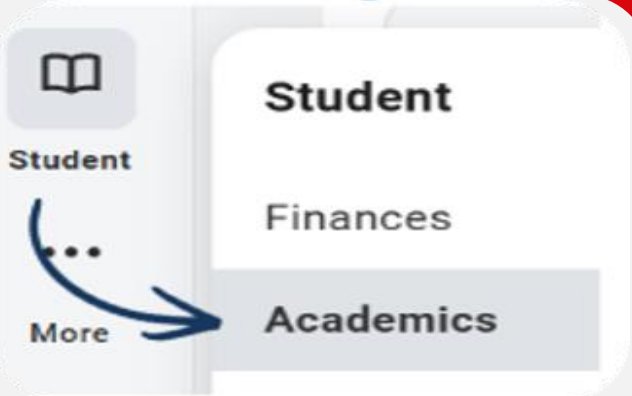
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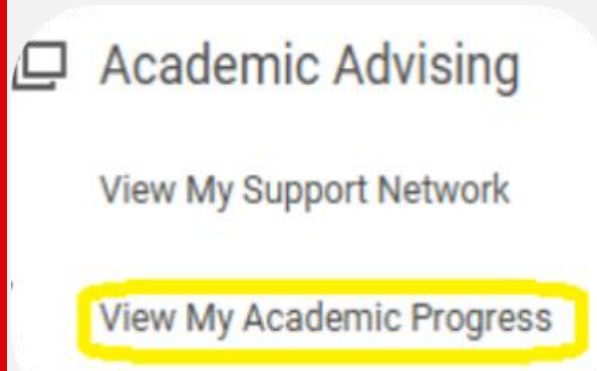
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Finding Academic Progress:

1. Hover over Student menu and select Academics





2. Find the Academic Advising section and select **"View My Academic Progress."**

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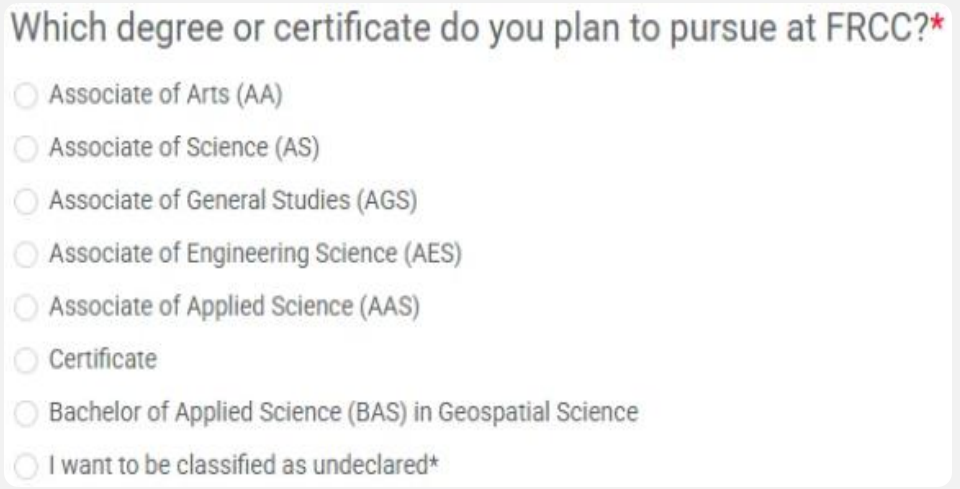
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FRCC PROGRAM CHANGE ⇆

If you are in the **wrong academic program,** you will need to update it by completing a **Degree/Certificate Change Request**.

To complete the Degree/Certificate Change Request, you will need:

1. **FRCC Student Number**
   - Located on your ICAP or in your eWolf profile
2. **Know Your Program**
   - Know which degree/certificate you are adding or changing to



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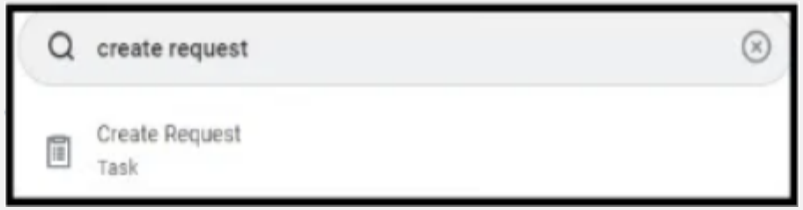
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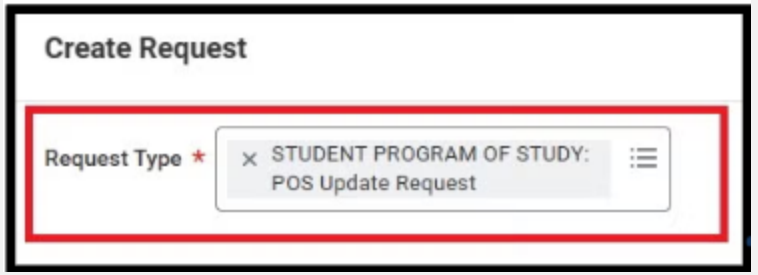
If you are in the **wrong academic program,** you will need to update it by creating a request for a Program of Study Change in Workday.

To complete a Program of Study Change, you will need to:

1. **Search for "Create Request" in Workday**
   - Select the Create Request Task



2. **In Request Type, enter Program of Study**
   - Press enter and click okay
   - Review the rest of the information



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Transcript Request

TRANSCRIPTS

What to Know

Why Do I need It?

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Transcript Request

What to Know

- **Official Transcripts** are requested through Parchment.
- **Unofficial Transcripts** are available through Infinite Campus.
- Advisors **cannot** send transcripts directly to students.
- **Update** your Parchment transcript at the end of each semester.

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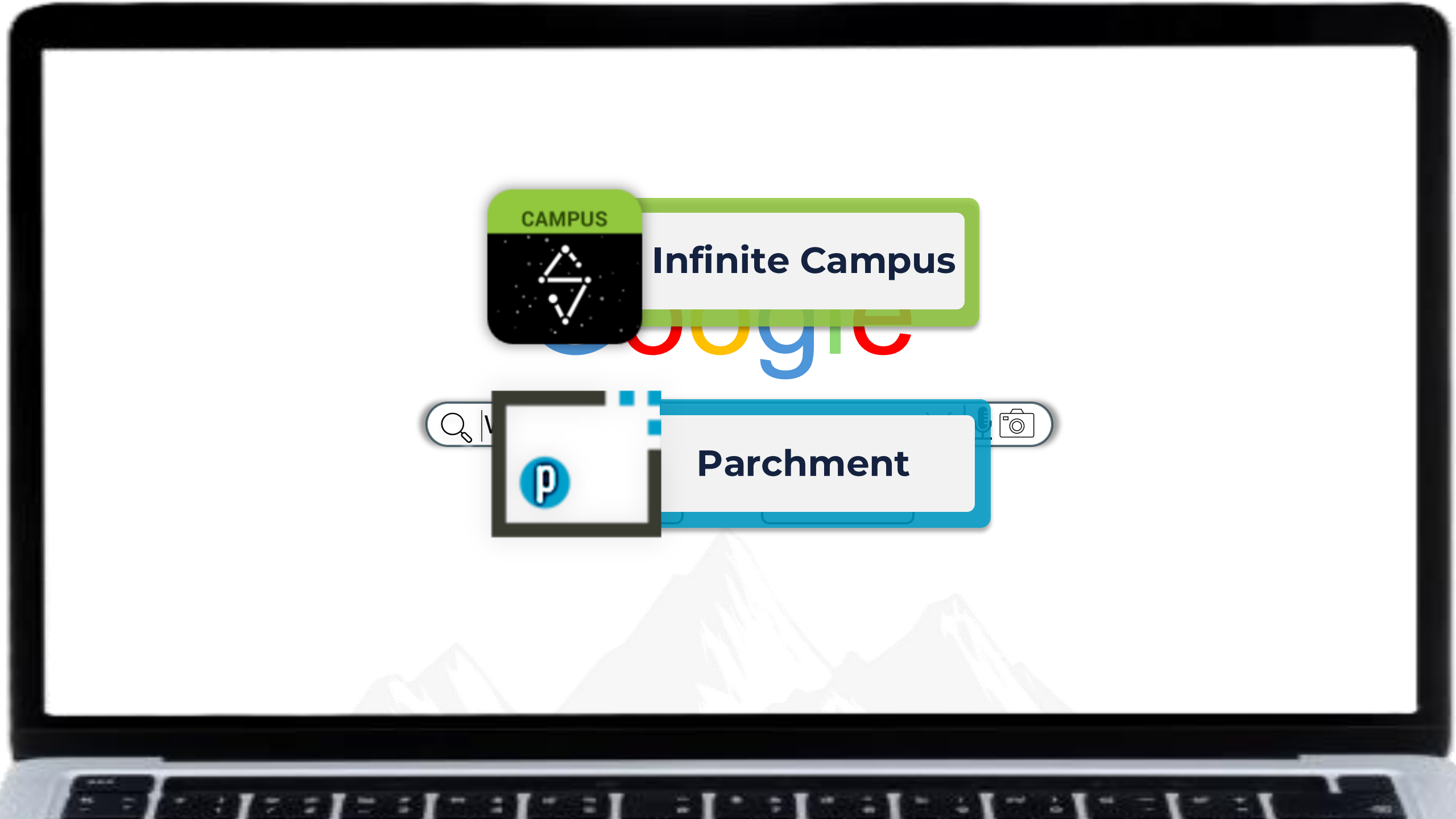
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Transcript Request

Why Do I need It?

- Applying to a college or university
- Sending an Aims transcript to Front Range Community College (or/and vice versa)
- Providing official transcripts for scholarships or other programs
- Applying for some jobs


CAMPUS
Infinite Campus
Parchment

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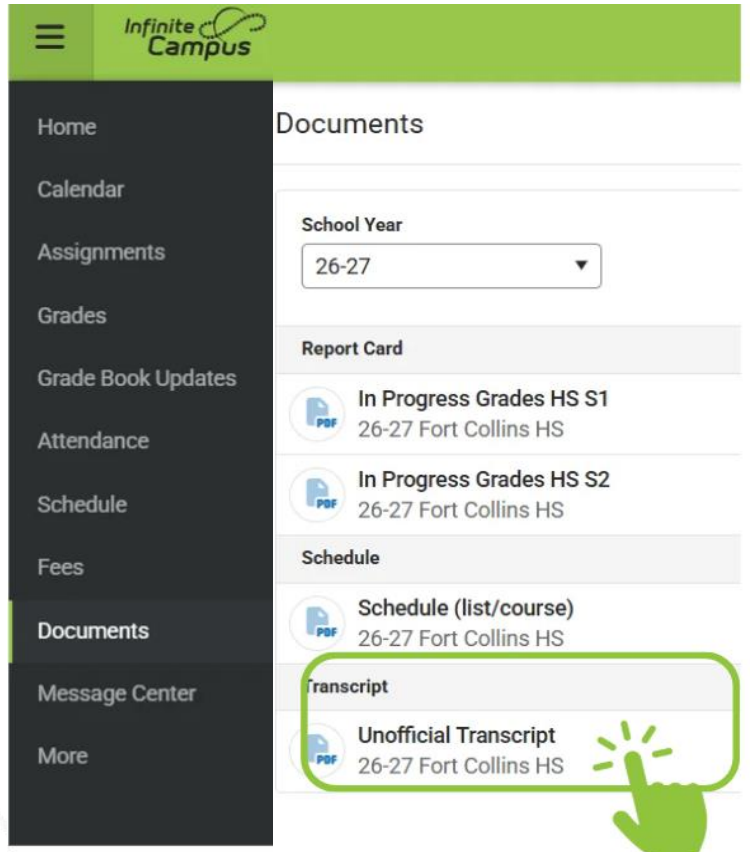
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CAMPUS

Infinite Campus

To view or print your **unofficial CEC Transcript** in Infinite Campus, go to the Documents menu item.



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Transcript Request

Parchment

Official transcripts **MUST** be requested through your Parchment account.

Please allow 7-10 business days for your transcript to be sent or updated.

CEC, FRCC, Aims, and Red Rocks all use Parchment for official transcripts.

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common app

THE Common App

Your Key to Multiple Colleges

The Common App is a powerful tool that allows you to apply to multiple colleges and universities using **one application**

- One Application
- Multiple Colleges
- Track Progress
- Manage Recommendations
- Pay Fees in One Place

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THE FAFSA: FIRST STEP

Toward Financial Aid

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens the door to **grants**, **scholarships**, **work-study** opportunities, and **loans** to help pay for college.

Access More Aid

Unlock federal, state, and college aid.

More Opportunities

Qualify for grants, scholarship, & work-study

Annual Requirement

Complete it every year. Even if you aren't sure if you are going to college

Free to Complete

FAFSA.gov
It's free to apply

Not Required to Accept Loans

Acceptance of loans is optional. Loans **must be paid back.**

FAFSA

Opens October 1st

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CASFA: COLORADO AID FOR COLORADO STUDENTS

The CASFA is Colorado's Application for State Financial Aid. Completed by students who do not qualify for federal aid.

FAFSA	VS.	CASFA
Federal Financial Aid Application		Colorado State Financial Aid Application
Used for Federal, State, and College Aid		Used for Colorado state, and Institutional Aid
Requires the student to meet federal eligibility requirements		Designed for students who aren't eligible to complete FAFSA due to immigration status
Can provide access to pell grants, federal loans, work-study, etc.		Does not provide **federal financial aid**

IMPORTANT NOTE
Students generally complete one or the other, not both.

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DEADLINES

Graduation Supplies

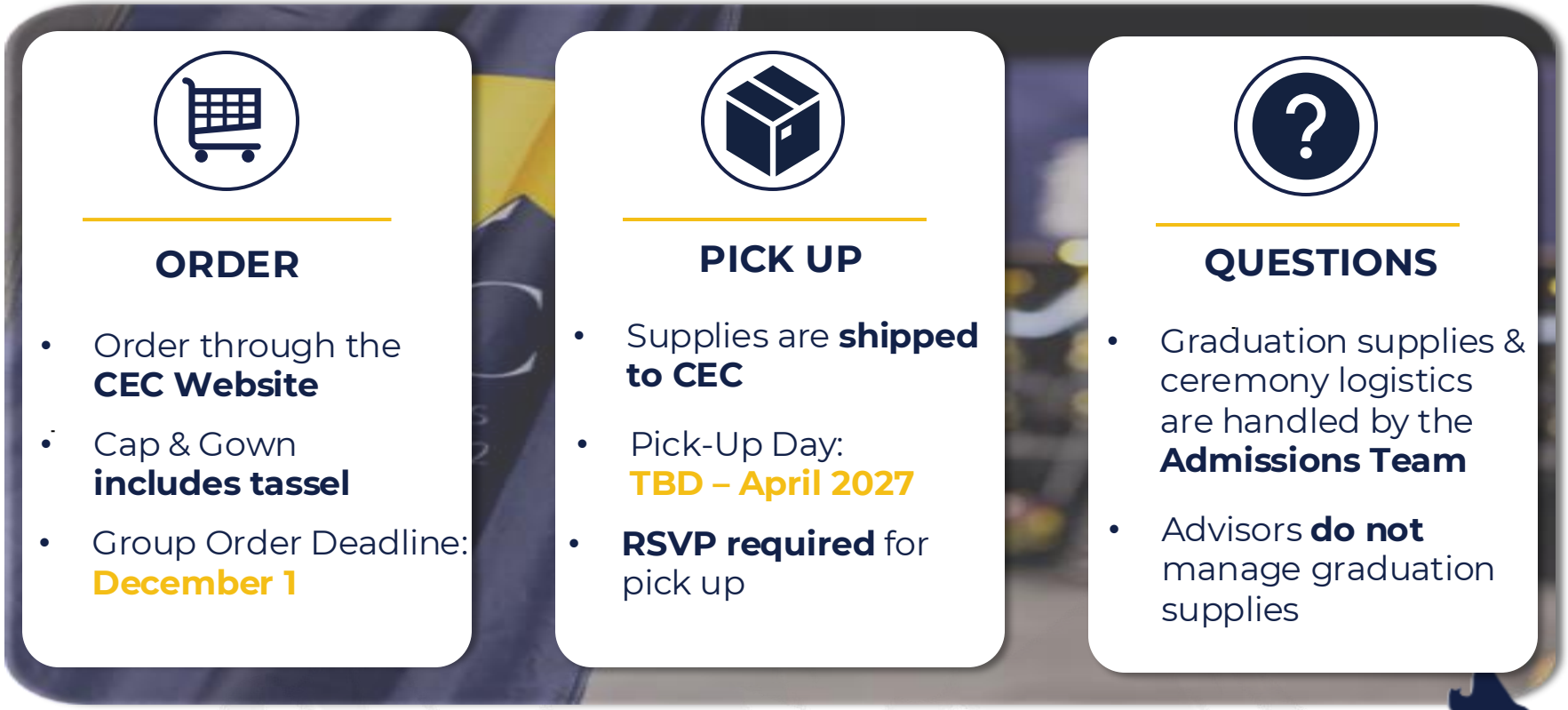


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Graduation Supplies



ORDER

- Order through the **CEC Website**
- Cap & Gown **includes tassel**
- Group Order Deadline: **December 1**

PICK UP

- Supplies are **shipped to CEC**
- Pick-Up Day: **TBD – April 2027**
- **RSVP required** for pick up

QUESTIONS

- Graduation supplies & ceremony logistics are handled by the **Admissions Team**
- Advisors **do not** manage graduation supplies

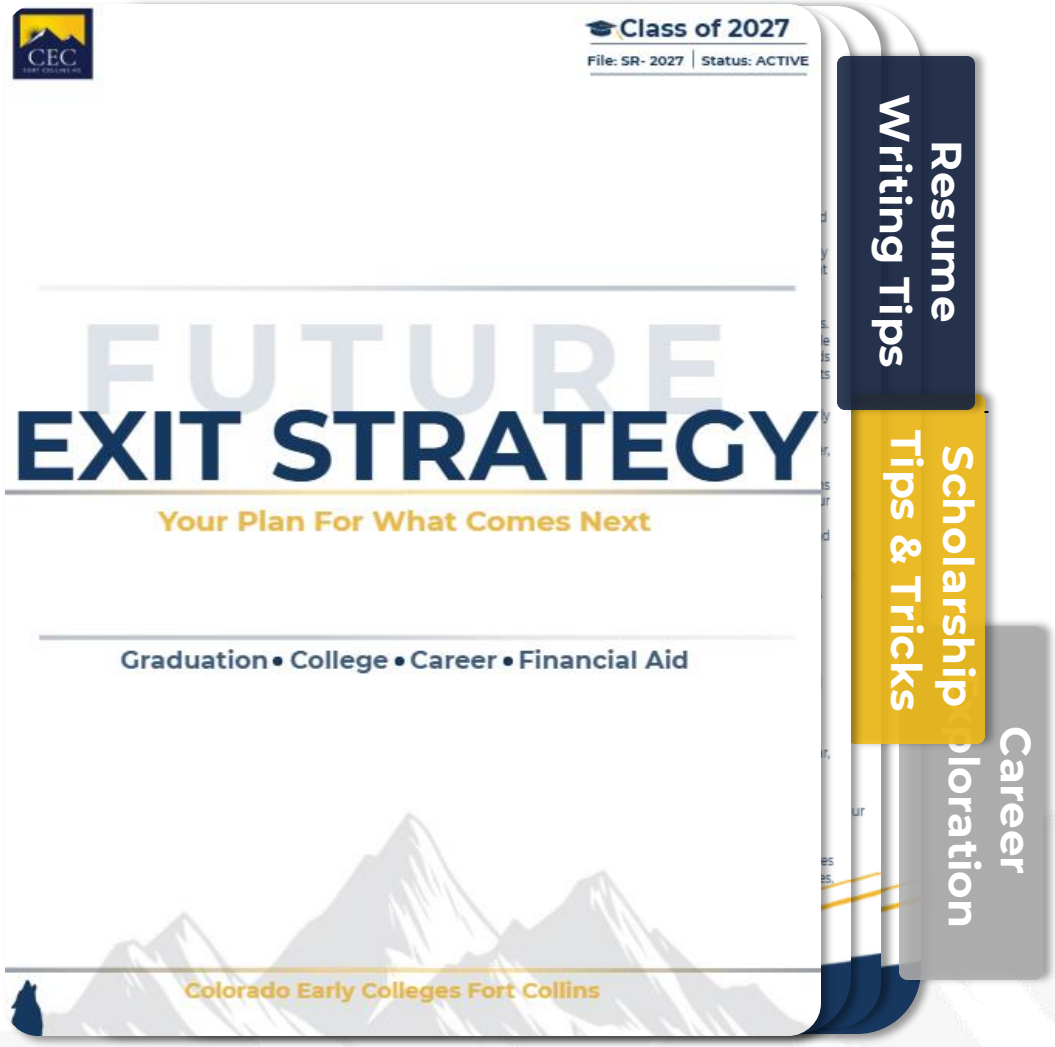
WANTING TO WALK AT FRCC OR AIMS?
You must RSVP and order an FRCC or Aims cap & gown.

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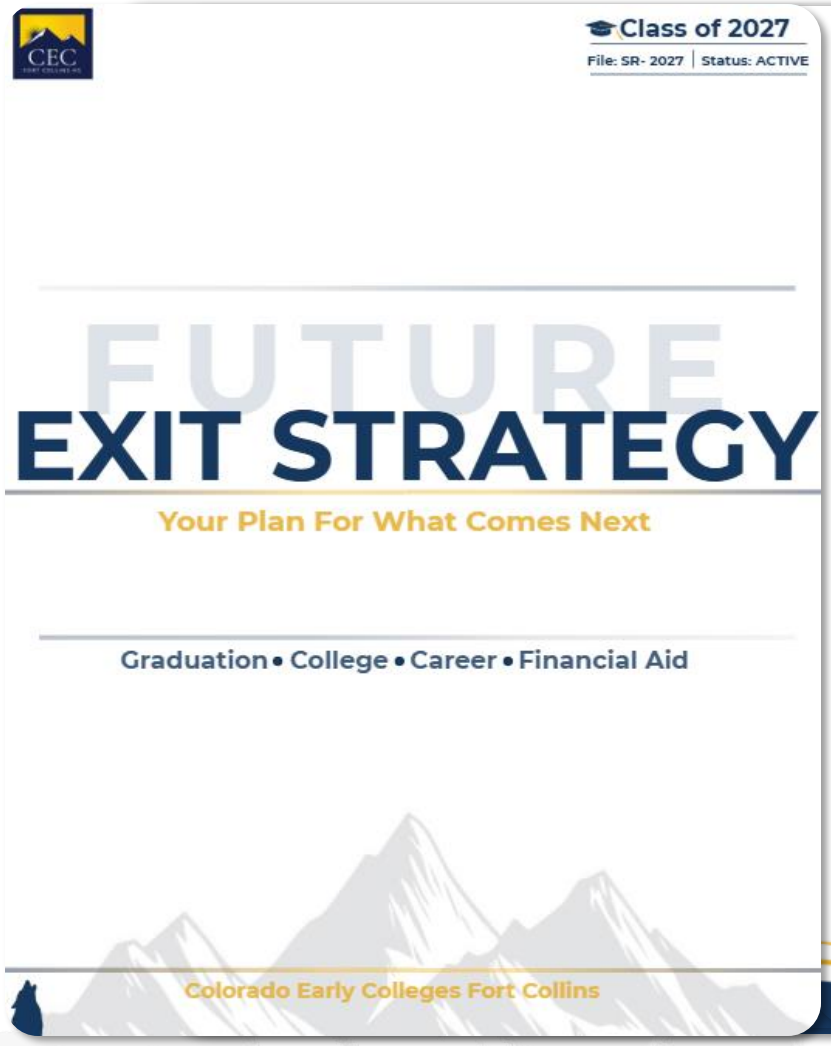
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Writing Tips





Resume Writing Tips

Tips and Tricks for Resumes focused on Career, College, and Scholarships

A resume is a brief summary of your education, experiences, skills, and accomplishments. Whether you are applying for a job, internship, scholarship, leadership position, or college program, a strong resume helps others quickly understand your strengths, interests, and potential. Focus on presenting your experiences in a way that demonstrates growth, commitment, leadership, and impact.

What to Include:

Contact Information
Include your full name, professional email address, phone number, and LinkedIn profile (if applicable). Make sure all information is accurate and current

Education
List your high school, expected graduation date, GPA (if appropriate), relevant coursework, academic honors, certifications, and specialized programs.

Experience
Include paid employment, internships, volunteer work, research, community service, or other meaningful experiences. Describe what you accomplished using strong action verbs such as led, organized, developed, implemented, or created. Whenever possible, include measurable results that show your impact.

Activities and Leadership
Highlight extracurricular activities, athletics, clubs, performing arts, student government, and community organizations. Emphasize long-term involvement, leadership roles, increased responsibility, and contributions rather than simply listing memberships.

Skills and Achievements
Showcase technical skills, languages, certifications, awards, honors, publications, projects, and special interests. Independent projects, hobbies, and experiences outside of school can help demonstrate initiative and distinguish you from other applicants.

Tips for Success

- Keep your resume organized, easy to read, and limited to one page whenever possible.
- Tailor your resume for each opportunity by highlighting the experiences and skills most relevant to the position or program.
  - Focus on specific accomplishments rather than general descriptions of duties.
  - Quantify achievements when possible (e.g., number of volunteer hours, funds raised, students mentored, or events organized).
- Use active language and action verbs that clearly communicate your contributions.
- Organize information in reverse chronological order, listing the most recent experiences first.
- Be honest and accurate. Employers and admissions officers may verify information provided on your resume.
- Proofread carefully for spelling, grammar, and formatting errors before submitting.

Common Resume Mistakes to Avoid

- Using vague or passive language.
- Including unnecessary personal information such as age, gender, or photographs.
- Listing responsibilities without showing results or accomplishments.
- Overloading the resume with every activity instead of highlighting the most meaningful experiences.
- Submitting a resume that contains spelling, grammar, or formatting inconsistencies.

Resume Templates Scan Here!

Final Thoughts
Your resume should tell the story of your involvement, growth, and achievements. Update it regularly, focus on experiences that reflect your interests and goals, and demonstrate how you have made a positive impact through your work, activities, and leadership

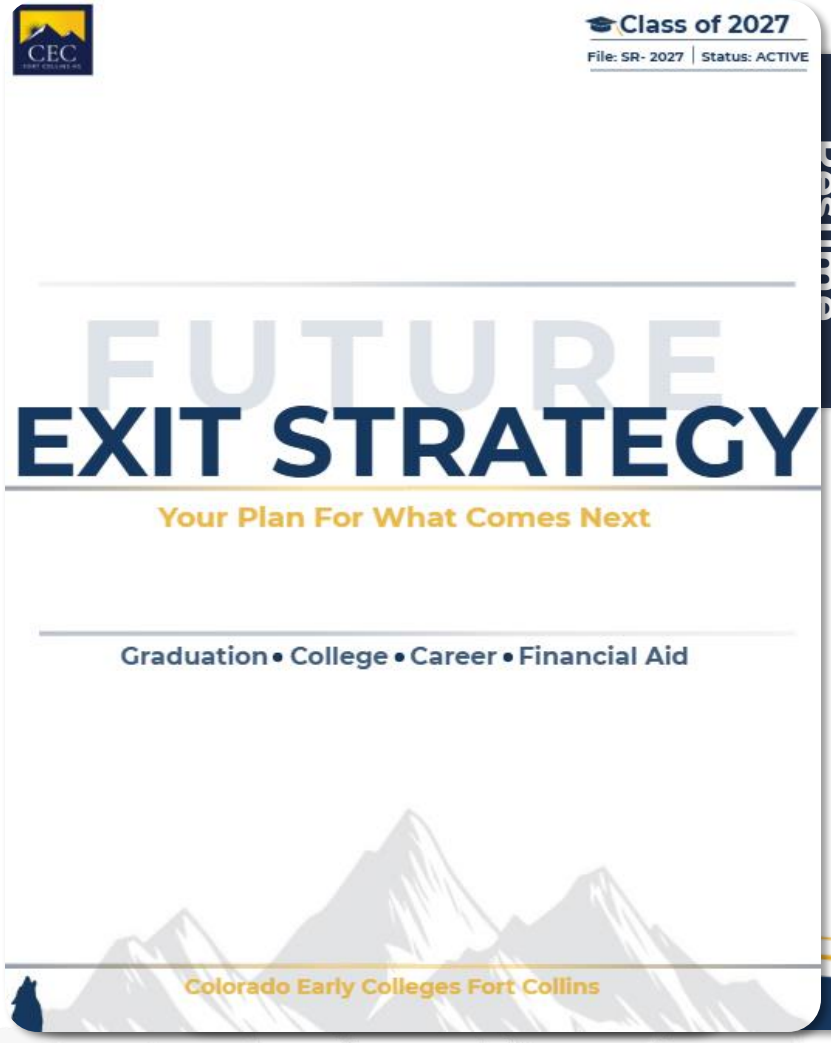
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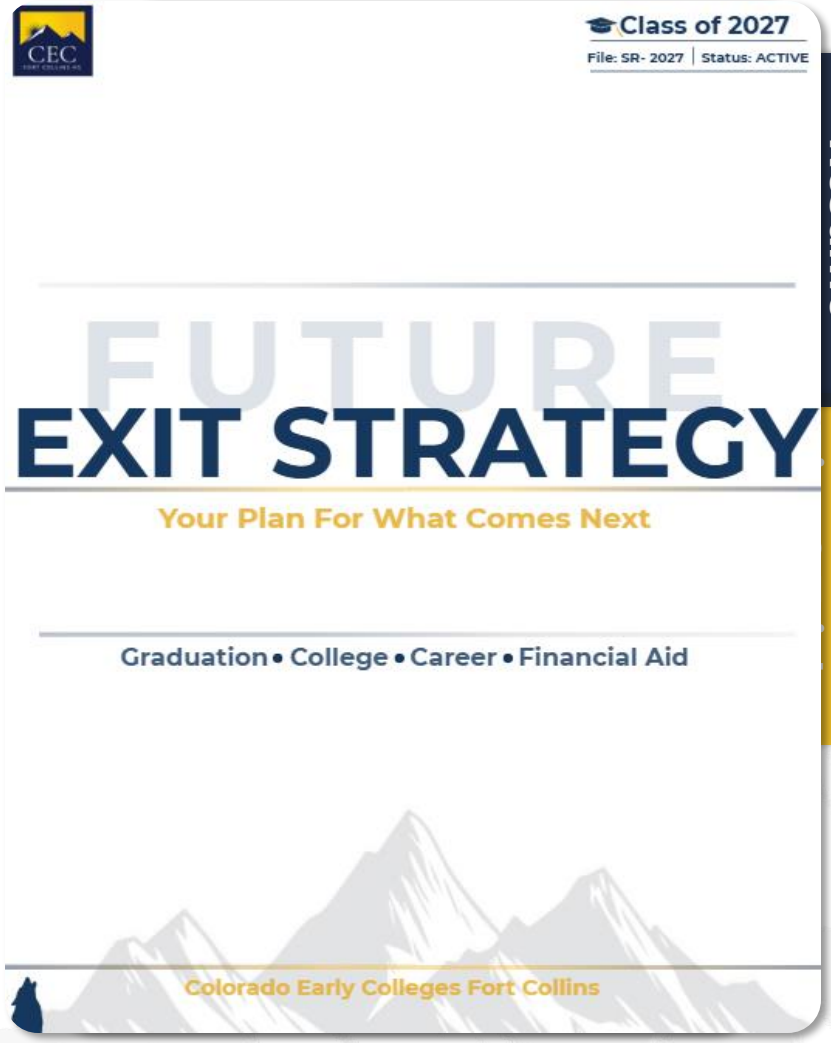
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Scholarship

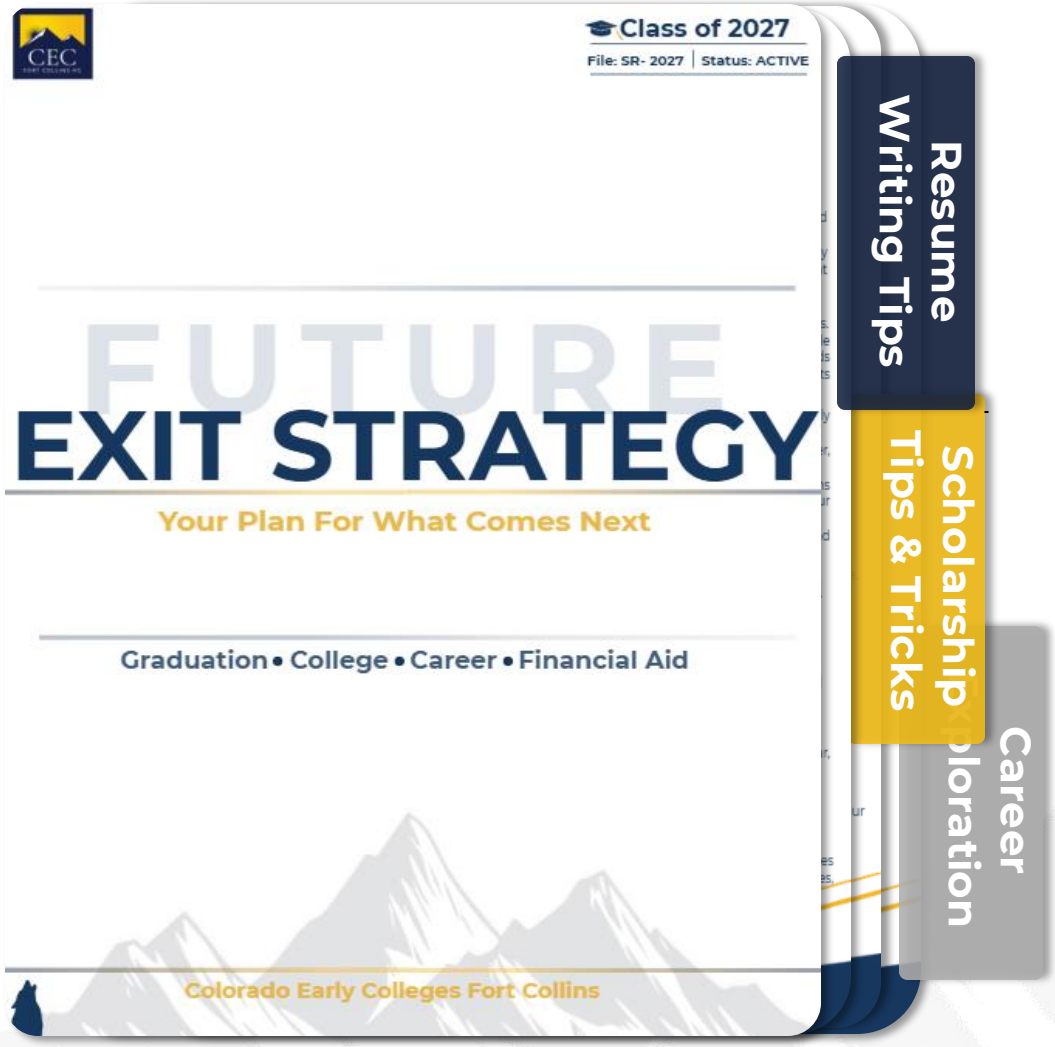


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QUESTIONS?





What's Next?

SIGN UP FOR ADVISING

Check your newsletter/email for a signup link.

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