

Colorado State University
Scholarship Application (CSUSA)
Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the CSUSA?**
 - It is an online scholarship application for most of the scholarships awarded at CSU.
 - There are scholarships for resident and non-resident students who are either new, continuing or a transfers.
 - There are both need-based and merit awards.
 - The CSUSA is open to all levels of students.
 - The CSUSA officially opens in RAMweb October 1, and the deadline is March 1 at 11 p.m. MST.
- 2. How do I get to the CSUSA?**
 - Log in to RAMweb at <https://ramweb.colostate.edu>
 - Select “CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA)” under Financial Aid (available October 1 to March 1).
- 3. Can I complete the CSUSA if I am not admitted to CSU?**
 - You must be an admitted student. After you set up your eID, you will be able to access the CSUSA.
 - If you need help establishing your eID, contact the Office of Admissions at (970) 491-6909 or admissions@colostate.edu.
- 4. How do I complete the CSUSA?**
 - Once you are logged into the CSUSA (see Question 2), complete and submit the General Application.
 - Complete and submit any supplemental application(s) that may appear. (Only certain colleges and majors have a supplemental application.)
 - The CSUSA enters you into the applicant pools of any scholarships for which you are automatically eligible.
 - Some scholarships require further action in order to be eligible (i.e., letters of recommendation, other documents, and/or essays). When you are on the CSUSA, these will be listed on the ‘Opportunities’ tab (upper left of screen) as ‘Recommended.’ Click on ‘Recommended’ and further requirements will be described when you click the ‘Apply’ button.
 - Most scholarship deadlines are March 1.
- 5. What system requirements are necessary to complete the CSUSA?**
 - The CSUSA is provided through AcademicWorks (<https://colostate.academicworks.com/>).
 - AcademicWorks supports only the current and the immediately previous major releases of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Safari.
 - You may receive emails from AcademicWorks. To ensure proper delivery, add OFA_Scholarships@Colostate.edu to spam filters or safe sender lists.
- 6. What CSU scholarships can I apply for with the CSUSA?**
 - Academic college scholarships: Agricultural Sciences, Business, Walter Scott College of Engineering, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts, Natural Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, or Warner College of Natural Resources.
 - Alumni Association Scholarships, including the CSU Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship
 - Departmental scholarships at CSU, i.e., scholarships from Adult Learner and Veteran Services, Student Affairs, etc.
 - Fostering Success Scholarship (students who were in foster care system only)
 - Monfort Scholarship (entering freshman only)
 - Office of Financial Aid scholarships (includes CSU Women’s Association scholarships)
 - First Generation Award – apply through <https://colostate.academicworks.com> by selecting Opportunities, then “Ours” at the top of the page. Then type in “First Generation Award” in the search bar.
 - Reisher Scholarship – application available on <https://colostate.academicworks.com>
 - Music, Theater and Dance Scholarships
- 7. What CSU scholarships am I NOT applying for with the CSUSA?**
 - Colorado Merit, Dean’s, Green and Gold, Honors, National Merit, Partnership Awards, Presidential, Provost’s, Ram Recognition Award, and WUE: these scholarships are awarded to entering freshmen and students are considered via application for admission.
 - ROTC Scholarships – contact Army or Air Force ROTC.
 - Native American Legacy Award
 - Transfer Student Scholarships: Partnership Awards, Phi Theta Kappa, Ram Transfer, Honors Transfer, Transfer WUE and Reisher Scholarship for Transfer Students.
 - For information on any of the above scholarships visit our website at <https://financialaid.colostate.edu>

- 8. I plan on changing my major or adding a second major. Is that a problem?**
- Not a problem! Change your major or add your second major by early February and complete the CSUSA, keeping in mind the deadline of March 1. Allow one week for your change to take effect in CSU records. Your current major(s), minor, and concentration determines your eligibility for certain scholarships. For a major change, new students need to contact Admissions and current students need to contact the Registrar's Office.
- 9. I have a double major in different academic colleges (or I have a major in one college and a minor in another). Am I able to apply for scholarships from both colleges?**
- Yes, however, some colleges require students to have their primary/first major in their college.
- 10. What if I start the CSUSA and cannot finish it?**
- Go ahead and save your responses (or even submit them) and come back whenever you are ready to complete, but before the deadline. The time-out period is 30 minutes. To prevent timing-out, click the 'Save and Keep Editing' or 'Update Your Application' button at the bottom of the General Application.
- 11. Did you receive my CSUSA? Can I change my answers?**
- You will receive an email from Colorado State University Scholarships 'no-reply@academicworks.com' that says 'CSU Scholarship Application Submission Confirmation.' Additionally, your General Application will say 'Complete.' You can still make changes and update until the deadline. You may go back and change, correct, and update your CSUSA up until the deadline.
- 12. Do I have to do a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? When would it need to be in?**
- No, the FAFSA is only necessary if you wish to be eligible for need-based scholarships through the CSUSA. We recommend submitting your FAFSA no later than February 15 so your FAFSA information is in the CSUSA database by March 1.
- 13. I did this last year; do I have to do it again?**
- Yes!
- 14. I am a CSU Online degree-seeking student. Am I eligible for scholarships through the CSUSA?**
- Yes, you are eligible; however, the majority of the scholarships are for on-campus degree-seeking students.
- 15. Are international students eligible to complete the CSUSA?**
- Yes, International students may complete the CSUSA.
- 16. How do I know if I receive a scholarship?**
- We will send you an email from 'OFA_Scholarships@Colostate.edu' with a link to the scholarship to view the details and accept the award.