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# College & Scholarship Night

— January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 —

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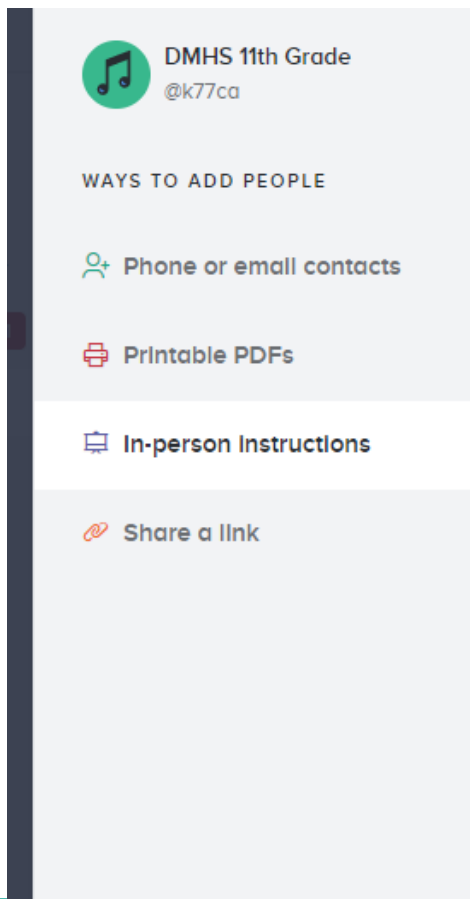
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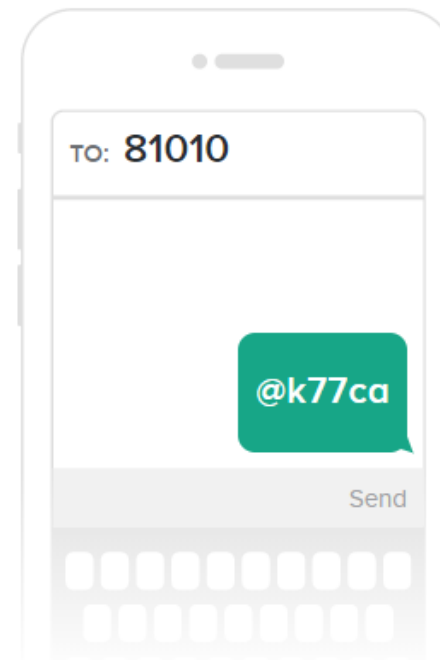
# Junior Student/Parent Remind App



Tell people to text @k77ca to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @k77ca to (720) 608-4464.



# 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

What to do during your 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade years?!

- Research admissions requirements for colleges you are interested in
  - Make sure you will fulfill the HEAR requirements
  - Look into opportunities to receive college credit
  - Explore colleges
  - Take PSAT 10 & PSAT 8/9
  - Maintain good grades!
  - Be involved in Extracurricular's or get a job!
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# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

What should we be doing?

- Attend college visits
  - Plan to take the SAT (April 10<sup>th</sup>)
  - Start searching for scholarships
  - Work on your resume
  - Narrow down choices of colleges interested in applying
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# Naviance & ICAP

- Naviance is used for Post-Secondary Planning and where students complete their ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan)
    - Understand transcript, GPA, find careers that are interesting the each individual
    - Senior year – Students will put in college applications, transcript requests, letters of recommendations to teachers
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- Quick Links**
- edit profile
  - add applications
  - add/edit scores
  - send a message
  - college compare
  - college match
  - college search
  - add scholarships
  - scholarship match
  - add journal entry
  - add document
  - family connection
  - print folder
  - delete student
  - make inactive

**Change Student**

Last name or last, first



Browse by Alphabet  
 A B C D E F G H I  
 J K L M N O P Q R  
 S T U V W X Y Z

**ACTIVE APPLICATIONS**

[Print summary](#) | [Print detail](#)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	U of Colorado Denver		Initial materials submitted	-	N/A	RD					Unknown
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<input type="checkbox"/>	CO State Univ		Initial materials submitted	-	Not in list	EA					Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSU Pueblo		Initial materials submitted	-	N/A	EA					Accepted
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Select apps and: (select action)

Set Attending College: N/A

**APPLICATION COUNTS**

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# College 101- Applications & Terms

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# Types of Colleges & Universities

- Two-Year Colleges

- Occupational Certificates
- Local
- Smaller Classes
- Commuter or Residence Halls
- Open Enrollment
- Transferable credits to 4-Year Institutions

- Four-Year Colleges and Universities

- Bachelors Degree
- Advanced Degree
- Tradition and History
- Residence Halls
- Frats & Sororities
- Broad Academic Selection

# Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR)

Entry requirements for attending Colorado's Public four-year universities and colleges. Private schools may have their own requirements.

- English – 4
  - Math – 4
  - Science – 3
  - Social Studies – 3
  - Foreign Language – 1
  - Academic Electives -- 2
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# College 101- Ways to apply

## University/College/Technical School Website

- Search the school
- Under the admission/academics tab, click apply
- Start a “first time student application” or “undergraduate application”

## Common Application

- More than 700 schools use this application
- One basic application, there are supplemental pieces
- Would recommend using when apply to 5 or more colleges that accept the Common Application

## Coalition Platform

- 113 colleges and universities plan to accept student applications from the Coalition Platform this fall (Colorado College, ASU, Stanford, UT)
  - Similar to Common App
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# College 101- Ways to apply

## Application Cost

- Cost can vary from \$25-\$100 dollars
  - Students who receive free or reduced lunch, can get a fee waiver from Aly
  - Many Colorado Schools and schools with Reps will give out fee waiver codes to everyone
  - College Application Day (Hosted by DPS)
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# College 101- Important terms

## Early Action (EA)

An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are not binding, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action. Some colleges have an early action option called EA II, which has a later application deadline than their regular EA plan.

## Early Decision (ED)

An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. Early decision plans are binding. You agree to enroll in the college immediately if admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan.

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# College 101- Important terms

Rolling Admission- An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly.

Waiting List- The list of applicants who may be admitted to a college if space becomes available. Colleges wait to hear if all the students they accepted decide to attend. If students don't enroll and there are empty spots, a college may fill them with students who are on the waiting list. Learn more about [waiting lists](#).

Restrictive Early Action- Non-binding plan but students are restricted from applying EA or ED to other schools.

Regular Decision- Set application deadlines

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# Index Score

- Each four-year institution in Colorado has an index score requirement for admission of new and transfer students. This index score is a quantitative evaluation that is part of a larger student application evaluation. **Note: Index Score is not the only requirement for admission!**
  - For new applicants, the index score is calculated using a combination of a student's high school GPA or high score rank percentage combined with ACT or SAT score. For transfer students, acceptance is calculated based on transfer GPA.
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# Index Scores for First-Time Freshman

- Adams State University – 80
  - Colorado School of Mines – 110
  - CSU – 101
  - Fort Lewis – 92
  - Colorado Mesa university – 92
  - Metro – 76
  - CU – 103
  - CU Denver – 93
  - UNC – 94
  - Western State - 80
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# SAT Prep Class & Khan Academy

- 11<sup>th</sup> grade is required to participate in our SAT Prep class
    - Receiving 5 elective credits
    - Linked college board account (where PSAT 10 & PSATNMSQT scores are) to Khan academy
    - Individual practice based on what each student may have missed
    - Class works on problems together
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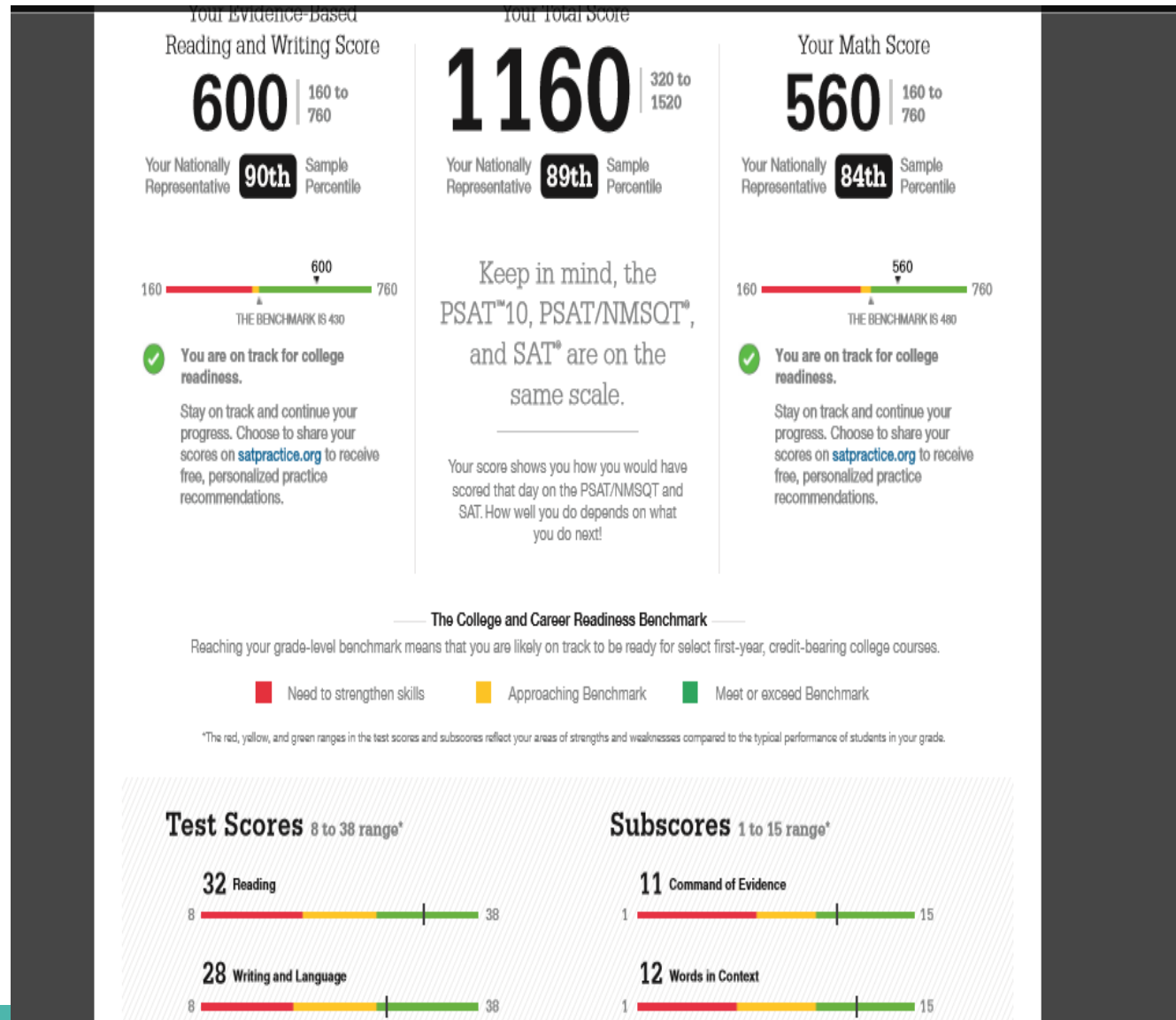
# SAT

How to understand the scores

- Scores range between 400-1600
    - 200-800 for each of the two subscores
      - Math & evidence based reading and writing
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# Percentile Rank

Tells you what percent of students you scored better than



# Research your schools!

- Google: PrepScholar SAT Score Colorado State University
  - Example: The 25th percentile New SAT score is 1140, and the 75th percentile SAT score is 1280. In other words, a 1140 places you below average, while a 1280 will move you up to above average. There's no absolute SAT requirement at CSU, but they really want to see at least a 1140 to have a chance at being considered.
  - Google: PrepScholar SAT Score Metro
  - Metropolitan State University of Denver SAT Score Analysis (Old 2400 SAT) The **25th percentile** SAT score is **880**, and the **75th percentile** SAT score is 1120. In other words, a **880** places you below average, while a 1120 will move you up to above average.
  - Google: PrepScholar SAT Score Stanford
  - Stanford SAT Score Analysis (New 1600 SAT) The **25th percentile** New SAT score is 1450, and the **75th percentile** SAT score is 1590. In other words, a 1450 places you below average, while a 1590 will move you up to above average.
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# Financial Aid 101

— FAFSA —

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# Financial Aid 101- FAFSA

## Notes about FAFSA

- DACA or undocumented students, please speak with school counselor before creating an FSA ID or starting the FAFSA
  - Non-citizen or undocumented parents, please come speak to Aly or have your student speak with Aly. You should not create an FSA ID and you will sign the FAFSA form instead.
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# Financial Aid 101- FAFSA Night

DPS Hosts multiple FAFSA nights!

Get help completing FAFSA if it seems overwhelming! These events change yearly, and hopefully we will be able to host one here next year!

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# Financial Aid 101- FAFSA: What to bring

- Social Security Numbers and Social Security Card (if applicable): Student must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident to receive federal aid. Non-US Citizens may be eligible for institutional aid in Colorado. Parent does not need to be U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Student's alien registration or permanent resident card (if applicable)
- Birthdates: Month/Day/Year (parent AND student)
- 2016 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned last year (parent AND student, if applicable)
- Student's 2016 Federal Income Tax Return (if applicable)
- Parents' 2016 Federal Income Tax Return
- 2016 untaxed income records (if applicable)
  - o Social Security benefits statement
  - o Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - o Veterans benefits records
  - o Disability benefits records
- Date and Year Parents were married and/or divorced
- Savings and checking account dollar amount (parent AND student, if applicable)
- Business and investment mortgage (not the home in which you and your family live) information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records (if applicable)
- Your FSA-ID or FAFSA PIN numbers (parent AND student, if previously applied for).

You can save a lot of time by creating your FSA-ID before the FAFSA workshop.

To create an FSA-ID, go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/nps/index.htm>. Be sure to write the username and password down and bring them with you.



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# Financial Aid 101

— Scholarships —

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# Financial Aid 101-Scholarships vs. Grants

## Scholarships

There are thousands of scholarships, from all kinds of organizations, and they're not hard to find. You might be able to get a scholarship for being a good student, a great basketball player, or a member of a certain church, or because your parent works for a particular company, or for some other reason. Find out more about [finding and applying for scholarships](#). You'll also want to be careful and [avoid scholarship scams](#).

## Grants

A grant is one type of [financial aid](#), usually disbursed by the government. For example, the federal government gives the [Pell Grant](#) to low-income undergraduate students to help pay for their tuition. The government also provides free money through the [Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant](#). In order to determine eligibility for these grants, you must fill out the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).

# Financial Aid 101- Scholarships

**Merit scholarships**- awarded based on academic achievement or on a combination of academics and a special talent, trait, or interest.

**Need based scholarship**- eligibility is based solely on the assets and income of the prospective student and his or her family. Factors such as test scores or athletic ability have no bearing on need-based aid. In order to identify needs based aid, students must complete the FAFSA.

**Institutional Scholarships**- Scholarships are awarded by the university/college on the basis of merit, academic achievement or special talents and do not have to be repaid. Some scholarships are also awarded on the basis of financial need.

**Outside Scholarship**-any scholarship not awarded by the government or the school, such as a scholarship provided by a private sector company, philanthropist or foundation.

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# ASCENT Program

- What it is:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Year concurrent Enrollment Program through DPS
  - Still enrolled in DPS, but DPS PAYS for your 1<sup>st</sup> year tuition at local community colleges (sometimes others)
- How to get it:
  - Complete 12 postsecondary credits before the END of 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Be admitted to a postsecondary institution
  - Apply December of your Senior year

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# Where to start?!

— Scholarship Edition —

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# Financial Aid 101- College websites

## MSU Denver Scholarships

There are numerous types of scholarships you can receive to help fund your education. There are scholarships provided by the MSU Denver Foundation, institutional scholarships, and external or private scholarships not specifically tied to MSU Denver. You will want to know the requirements for each scholarship you apply for and receive.

The Scholarship Application for 2017-2018 is now available. Click the button below to apply.

**Apply Now!**

General Scholarship Tips

## New York University Scholarships

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+ MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

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+ UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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+ GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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+ SEPTEMBER 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

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## CU Boulder Scholarship Application

The CU Boulder Scholarship application is available year-round, with the majority of scholarships being available from October 1 to February 15. Incoming students (freshmen, transfer students) access the application through [MyCUBoulder](#) and continuing undergraduate & graduate students access it through [MyCUInfo](#).

The general application requires information about extracurricular activities, community service, work and an essay. Additional recommended scholarship opportunities may display that require writing a special essay, submitting reference letters, or documenting eligibility. Any scholarship that has financial need as criteria for eligibility also requires completion of the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) by the scholarship deadline. Eligibility and application requirements for each scholarship vary and are available in the portal or the [CU Boulder Scholarship Search Tool](#).

# Daniels Fund Scholarship

**Application Period: September 30 - November 30, 2017 | Deadline: 4:00 p.m. MST**

What does it cover?

- The Daniels Scholarship is a comprehensive college scholarship that pays toward the costs of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and miscellaneous educational expenses. It is a supplemental or "last dollar" scholarship,

Where can you use it?

- Daniels Scholars may attend any two or four-year, nonprofit accredited college or university in the United States. **Scholars must intend to complete a bachelor's degree.**
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# Daniels Fund Scholarship

- Demonstrate financial need
  - Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
  - Be a resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming
  - Be a high school senior graduating from a school in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming
  - Earn ACT scores of at least 17 in each category (Math, English, Reading, Science); or an SAT Math score of at least 400 and Critical Reading score of at least 440. Writing scores are not required. All test scores must come from a single test and must be submitted by the application deadline. Super scoring is not accepted.
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# Boettcher Foundation

**Merit-based scholarships** for Colorado high school seniors provide what is essentially a full-ride to any four-year institution in Colorado.

## **WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE BOETTCHER SCHOLARSHIP?**

- Must be graduating Colorado high school seniors who have lived in Colorado for their junior and senior years of high school
  - Must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States OR Meet the requirements for [Colorado ASSET](#) and one of (a) or (b) below:
  - Hold legal status in the United States; or
  - Meet the requirements and have applied or started the process of applying for [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#).
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# Boettcher Foundation Scholarship

Boettcher Scholars averaged in the top two percent in their class by rank and scored 1405 on the SAT and 32 on the ACT.

A strong Boettcher Scholarship candidate also has strong potential for continued leadership and service.

School Counselor or Teacher must invite the student to the application.

Deadline is November 1st

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# Coca-Cola Scholars Program

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an **achievement-based** scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarship – High school seniors with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA may apply on our website in August of their senior year until the October 31 deadline. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.

[Apply now!](#)

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# GreenHouse Scholars

**Who should apply:** We are looking for high-performing seniors who come from **low-income communities** and have demonstrated true leadership and positive community contributions.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior planning to attend a four-year accredited academic institution
  - Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a legal resident of Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, or North Carolina
  - Have a cumulative, un-weighted GPA of 3.5 or above
  - Demonstrate financial need (annual household income no greater than \$70,000)
  - Possess excellent leadership skills, an ability to persevere through difficult circumstances, and a strong interest and commitment to their community
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# Denver Scholarship Foundation

To receive a DSF Scholarship you must meet the following requirements and complete the application process within one year of your graduation from high school:

- Attend a DPS High School for all four consecutive years before graduation and be included in the DPS October Count for all four years.
  - Graduate from a DPS High School with at least a 2.0 GPA (please see the High School GPA Requirement section for details).
  - Demonstrate financial need
  - Students who are ineligible for Federal Student Aid must be lawfully present in the United States or apply to be lawfully present in the United States.
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# Financial Aid 101- The list goes on.... But remember

- Stay organized & prioritize
  - Get a good foundation
  - Ask for references with time
  - You will most likely have to do this EVERY YEAR
  - DMHS Scholarship Newsletter
    - Created a goggle doc that will be updated weekley with scholarships and deadlines for next year!
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# Thank You!!

Please contact me if you have any questions

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LAEF

LATIN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
2018-2019

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SEPTEMBER 21-NOVEMBER 20, 2017

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Colorado resident
- Of hispanic heritage and/or actively involved in the hispanic community
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA

To learn more visit  
[www.LAEF.org/Scholarship](http://www.LAEF.org/Scholarship)  
Or contact Rigo Rangel at (303) 446-0541 x 12

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# Financial Aid 101- Outside Scholarships

Tips for finding and receiving scholarships

- Don't ignore smaller awards
- Dig into your network
- Try online
- Be aware of scholarship deadlines
- Check college websites
- Write a really good essay
  - Make sure to address the prompt and discuss financial need

Be aware of scams!!!

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# Financial Aid 101- Get Organized

Plan ahead; don't lose out by missing a deadline. Start your scholarship search early, many deadlines pass much earlier than the school year starts.

- Develop a list of your best scholarship prospects.
- Make a timeline with the deadlines for each scholarship and post it where you'll see it every day. Request or download copies of each application.
- Make a checklist of requirements for each.
- Order academic transcripts now. Complete your [FAFSA](#) (or Dreamer Application) early so a need analysis can be conducted.
- Ask for letters of recommendations early and allow sufficient time for reference providers to complete your letter.
- Write a general essay outline that you can later tailor to each scholarship you apply to, and remember to save your scholarship essays.
- Some may find that organizing a portfolio is a good way to stay organized.
  - Buy an accordion file folder and use the dividers to organize your scholarship application materials by documents, scholarship applications, essays, and letters of reference.
  - Keep searching for good prospects and add new files for every scholarship possibility.

# Financial Aid 101- The Essay

The Essay is the most important part of any scholarship application. This is your chance to make your application stand out.

Make the most of it!

**Step 1:** *Use an outline to organize your thoughts.*

- Hook readers early and make them care about you.
- Write a short and powerful paragraph expressing the theme of your essay.
- Address every question asked

**Step 2:** *Write your essay.*

- Focus on the question or topic requested.
  - Be honest, but make your strengths shine.
  - Follow essay instructions when provided.
    - Be mindful of word limits, and stay within that limit.
    - Answer each question clearly.
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# Financial Aid 101- The Essay Cont.

- Tell a compelling story that shows who you are and why you deserve this scholarship. You want to sell you! Some ideas to think about:
  - What makes you a good investment?.
  - What obstacles have you overcome?.
  - What is your family history?.
  - What are your educational and career plans and goals?.
  - How will this scholarship help you accomplish these goals?

## **Step 3:** *Review and edit your essay.*

- Standard font size and spacing margins.
  - Use language used in the question.
  - Use active verb form and descriptive language.
  - Be specific (early childhood education, not "education").
  - Proofread for grammar and punctuation more than once.
  - Don't rely on spell check!.
  - Ask a friend or instructor to review your essay to make sure it is clear and concise
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# Financial Aid 101- References

Asking for help can be difficult, however, typically your teacher, counselor, employer, or colleague will be very pleased to do what they can to help with your scholarship search. Unless the scholarship application specifically advises against it or requests that no additional materials be forwarded, don't hesitate to include a strong letter of reference!

- Carefully select the person.
  - Consider the particular scholarship requirements and select someone who can speak to your accomplishments or what makes you unique.
  - Ask a professor, mentor, supervisor, colleague, or associate in your community or volunteer work.
- Help them help you- make sure they are given all the information they need.
  - Provide any information about you and your future plans as they pertain to the scholarship.
  - Provide email addresses, or a stamped and addressed envelope if the letter is to be sent directly to the scholarship, also make sure they know who to address the letter to.
  - Provide ample time- this is critical! Allow 4-6 weeks for your references to write the letter.
  - Let them know when the letter is due.
  - Lastly, remember to write them a thank you letter and keep them updated on your scholarships.

# Financial Aid 101- Scholarships

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://www.fastweb.com>

<https://www.scholarships.com/about-us/>

<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/>

<https://www.cappex.com>

<http://www.chegg.com>

<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml>

<http://alhsfuturecenter.blogspot.com/>

<https://denverscholarship.org/students/scholarships/>

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# Scholarships

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship:** This [merit-based scholarship](#) goes to high-achieving students with financial need.

**Microsoft Scholarships:** [Microsoft](#) awards a variety of scholarships, some of which cover the full cost of tuition. To qualify, you must plan to study computer science, science, technology, engineering, or math. Winners have a strong academic and extracurricular background, along with demonstrated financial need.

**Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology:** The [Siemens Competition](#) is another national contest for budding scientists and mathematicians. After a long-term research project, finalists win between \$1,000 and \$100,000 for tuition. Students can work individually or in groups of two or three. Projects cover a range of scientific fields, but most are devoted to solving global problems.

**Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway:** The requirements for a \$100,000 [Dr. Pepper scholarship](#) are unique. First, you need to post your goal to change the world on Facebook. If you get 50 likes, then you make a short video. A committee reviews all the videos, and winners receive prizes anywhere from [\\$2,500 to \\$100,000](#) for tuition.

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# More Scholarships

**SMART: Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation** This [full-tuition scholarship](#) goes to aspiring STEM students who are interested in a career in national defense. Winners are expected to do a summer internship and work for a period as a Department of Defense civilian. The scholarship also includes a healthy stipend, health insurance, mentoring, and a [yearly allowance](#) of \$1,000 for miscellaneous supplies.

**USDA 1890 National Scholars Program:** The United States Department of Scholarship offers [this full-tuition scholarship](#) to students planning to attend one of the [1890 historically black land-grant universities](#), like Alabama A&M University or Tennessee State University. Winners have a record of leadership, plus they plan to study food, agriculture, natural resource science, or a related discipline. USDA scholars get summer jobs and potential employment with the USDA after graduation. (Deadline Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>)

The [United Negro College Fund](#) (UNCF) is famous for providing the scholarship funds necessary to send more than 10,000 students to college each year. One of the best college scholarships and as the nation's largest minority scholarship provider of more than 400 different scholarships, internships, and fellowships, UNCF helps low- to moderate-income students attend college when they otherwise might not have had the opportunity. Among the most unique UNCF scholarship programs is the Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Awards, with awards ranging from \$35,000 to \$85,000 for students in bioscience and biotechnology programs.

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# More Scholarships

The APIASF General Scholarship online application will open in September 2017 and close in January 2018. Please check back in September 2017 for the 2018-2019 APIASF General Scholarship Application. Scholarship awards range from one-time \$2,500 awards to multi-year \$20,000 awards. APIASF provides scholarships to underserved AAPI students with a special focus on those who:

- Live at or below the poverty level, or are otherwise of low socioeconomic status;
- Are the first in their families to attend college;
- Are representative of the AAPI community's diversity, geographically and ethnically, especially those ethnicities that have been underrepresented on college campuses due to limited access and opportunity; and
- Have placed strong emphasis on community service and leadership as well as solid academic achievement.

[http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship\\_apiasf.html](http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html)

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# More Scholarships

Although the [Davidson Fellows Scholarship](#) program does not reach annual giving goals as high as some other programs on this list, the program is especially impressive for its individual high-dollar awards. The award is one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships in the world, offering \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$10,000 scholarships to college students who have made significant contributions in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, literature, music, and philosophy. Students may also be eligible for a separate “Outside the Box” award. Since its inception, the Davidson Institute has given more than \$6.7 million to 286 scholarship recipients.

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# More

[Burger King Scholars Program](#) Applicants to this scholarship are judged on their **GPA, work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service**. Award amounts really range—they can be as small as **\$1,000** and as large as **\$50,000**.

- This scholarship is open to US high school seniors who plan on going to college or vocational/technical school.
- The application period typically opens in October and closes in December.
- Register [here](#) to apply for the scholarship.

[Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships](#) These award eligibility requirements will really vary based on your local Ronald McDonald House Charity chapter. Some scholarships have ethnic eligibility requirements, for example. Deadlines and award amounts will also vary by location, but some of the bigger national awards can be as large as **\$100,000!** You can read more about getting an RMHC scholarship by checking out our [how-to guide](#).

- These scholarships are open to high school seniors, but other eligibility requirements may apply based on the particular scholarship.
  - The scholarship application typically opens in October.
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# Some more....

## Horatio Alger Scholarship Award

This generous need-based scholarship is geared toward students who have faced and overcome great obstacles. To be considered eligible, your gross adjusted family income must be **at or below \$55,000**. At the [national level](#), there are 106 **\$25,000** awards; there are also [state scholarships](#) that range between \$6,000 and \$10,500.

**This one scholarship application will get you considered for many other national, state, and specialized scholarships**—which means less work for you and many more opportunities for scholarship funding!

- This scholarship is open to US high school seniors who plan on getting a BA.
- Application season typically runs from August to October.

## Jackie Robinson's Foundation Scholarship Program

Applicants to this need-based scholarship are judged on **leadership skills and commitment to community service**. To be considered eligible, you must identify as a minority student. As many as 60 new scholarships are awarded annually. The scholarships are four-year awards, and recipients can receive as much as **\$7,000 per year**.

- This scholarship is open to minority high school seniors.
  - This year's [application](#) period opens November 1, 2017, and ends February 15, 2018.
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# One more....

## Engebretson Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is pretty straightforward: it's awarded to one student each year who demonstrates **financial need**, in addition to impressive **academic performance and leadership ability**. The annual award winner receives **\$5,000 per semester** of college.

- This scholarship is open to current high school seniors.
- [Applications](#) must be submitted via mail.
- The application submission deadline is typically in March.

## Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship

Are you a proud vegetarian? This might seem like a uniquely niche award, but the scholarship is very real! The Vegetarian Resource Group judges applicants on their "compassion, courage, and a strong commitment to **promoting a peaceful world through a vegetarian diet/lifestyle**." If you've promoted vegetarianism in your school or community, you'll likely be a strong applicant. The first-place winner receives **\$10,000**, and two runners-up each receive **\$5,000**.

- The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors.
  - The [application](#) submission deadline is February 20, 2018.
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