



Options For College Funding, Resources and Career Services

fafsa.gov

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the key that opens the door to financial aid. It serves as the application for most financial aid from federal and state programs as well as from colleges and universities. Even if you are not sure that you will need financial aid, it is recommended that you fill out a FAFSA anyway—it's free. Prepare and submit your FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1 of the year **prior** to your college start date.

Federal student aid includes:

- Grants** – financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund)
- Loans** – borrowed money for college or career school; you must repay your loans, with interest
- Work-Study** – a work program through which you earn money to help you pay for school

Use **FAFSA4caster** to get an estimate of how much aid you might receive from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Federal Pell Grant Program

This program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain post baccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Students may use their grants at any of participating postsecondary institutions. Grant amounts are dependent on: ❶ the student's expected family contributions; ❷ the cost of attendance; ❸ student's enrollment status (full-time or part-time); and ❹ whether the student attends for a full academic year or less. A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid.

There is no specific application for a Pell Grant. **You will be considered for this award when you complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).**

American Job Centers

cotrainingproviders.org/local-area-workforce-centers

Your college program may qualify for training programs funded by the U.S. Department of Labor if you have been laid off from a job, are underemployed or unemployed. Contact or stop by the workforce center in your county to see if you are eligible for WIOA funds and/or other resources. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services and can help eligible job seekers acquire industry-recognized credentials for in-demand jobs.

The College Opportunity Fund

cof.college-assist.org

Created by the Colorado Legislature, The College Opportunity Fund (COF) provides a stipend to eligible undergraduate students. Eligible undergraduate students must apply, be admitted and enroll at a participating Colorado institution. Both new and continuing students are eligible for the stipend. **Students who do not apply will be responsible for the full amount of in-state tuition.** The stipend is paid on a per credit hour basis to the institution at which the student is enrolled.

Each eligible undergraduate student can receive stipend funding for up to 145 credit hours.

Eligibility Requirements if you attend a participating Colorado public college or university:

- ▶ There are no income qualifications
- ▶ You must be an undergraduate student, you do not have to be a full-time student
- ▶ You must be classified as an in-state student for tuition (if you are a student without documentation, visit ciccoloradoasset.org to see if you may be eligible for the COF)

Search for colleges at:

nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator



Financial Aid, Scholarships and Career Services at RRCC

Financial Aid Office

rrcc.edu/financial-aid

The Financial Aid Office at Red Rock Community College is committed to helping you attend college. You are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is required for you to be considered for grants, work-study and student loans. Financial aid is available for students in a variety of circumstances so do not hesitate to complete an application.

RRCC Types of Aid: rrcc.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid

Eligibility Requirements: rrcc.edu/financial-aid/eligibility-requirements

Work Study: rrcc.edu/financial-aid/work-study-and-student-employment

Foundation Scholarship Program

www.rrcc.edu/scholarships

The RRCC Foundation offers a wide variety of scholarships based on both need and merit. An applicant's grades, academic and professional goals, financial need, community service, and special circumstances are all evaluated in the awarding process. More than 200 scholarship awards are available based on a combination of merit and financial need.

General Eligibility Guidelines: Current RRCC students are eligible for admission, US Citizen or Permanent Resident (including DACA-eligible and ASSET-eligible students), Colorado Resident and planning to enroll and complete at least 6 credits at RRCC.

Additional Resources:

- ▶ collegeincolorado.org
- ▶ denverfoundation.org
- ▶ scholarships.com
- ▶ fastweb.com
- ▶ collegeboard.com
- ▶ nsls.ed.gov
- ▶ finaid.org
- ▶ cappex.com

Career Services

rrcc.edu/career-services

rrcc.edu/career-connect

RRCC is committed to helping students succeed in their pursuit of a quality education, including assistance in developing a career plan. Your Career Success Center at RRCC provides current students, alumni, and community members with individualized career counseling and coaching, employment resources, career assessments, resume and cover letter development, and job search skills assistance.

Find and apply for jobs and internships, post resumes/cover letters, register for career advising and transfer events, participate in employer recruiting events and access links to employment websites.



The Colorado Helps Advanced Manufacturing Program (CHAMP) is a U.S. Department of Labor TAACCCT-funded grant project serving to increase the attainment of degrees and certifications in manufacturing in high demand fields in Colorado. This factsheet was designed for potential students interested in enrolling in CHAMP funded programs who may need financial assistance.

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