

# FINANCIAL AID

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## What is FAFSA?

CCD uses the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine a student's eligibility for all forms of student financial aid, including grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans. Some student financial aid awards are based on limited funding and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For this reason, CCD encourages students to apply early each year. The FAFSA is available at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov) each year on October 1 for the following fall, spring, and summer semesters.

## Eligibility

In order to determine eligibility, students are advised to submit the FAFSA following the application process provided below. Eligible students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a citizen or eligible non-citizen of the United States.
- Be accepted for admission at CCD in a degree or eligible certificate program.
- Have a high school diploma, GED, or foreign school equivalent.
- Students who first enrolled in a program of study prior to July 1, 2012 may qualify under previously existing rules for meeting Ability to Benefit criteria. Please check with the Financial Aid Office for any questions about this eligibility status.
- Be registered with Selective Service (male students only).
- Be in good standing at the college and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements.
- Not be in default on a student loan or owe a repayment of a federal grant.

Other factors that impact eligibility:

- Students enrolled in programs that require fewer than 16 credits with less than 15 weeks of coursework are not eligible for financial aid.
- Students who have attempted more than 30 developmental education credits are not eligible for financial aid for additional developmental coursework.
- Students who have attempted a course more than twice may not be eligible to receive financial aid for the same course a third time and are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office to determine eligibility.

## Eligible Non-Citizens

To qualify for financial aid as a non-citizen, a student must be able to provide documentation of one of the following to the Financial Aid Office:

- An Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-151 or I-551) or a Conditional Permanent Resident Card (I-151C)
- An Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations:
  - Refugee, asylum granted
  - Cuban-Haitian entrant
  - Indefinite parole
  - Citizen of the Freely Associated States – Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau (considered for grant aid and federal aid only)
- Students attending CCD under DACA or ASSET do not qualify for federal or state financial aid but are encouraged to apply for scholarships at CCD after completing the FAFSA. See [www.CCD.edu/Asset-Daca](http://www.CCD.edu/Asset-Daca) for more information.

## FAFSA Application Process

1. Create an FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). The FSA ID must be used each year to electronically sign the FAFSA. A dependent student must also have a parent apply for a FSA ID.
2. Complete the FAFSA online at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov). The FAFSA becomes available on October 1 each year for the following fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students are advised to link their FAFSA to the IRS when possible.

- a. Students who do not elect the "Link to the IRS" option may be required to submit a copy of federal tax return transcripts to the Financial Aid Office.
  - b. In order to send the FAFSA to CCD, students can use CCD's school code: 009542.
3. After completing the FAFSA, the Federal Processor will send the student a Student Aid Report (SAR), outlining each response provided on the FAFSA. If necessary, students can use the FSA ID to make corrections to the FAFSA online.
  4. When CCD receives the student's FAFSA, the Financial Aid Office will send the student a Missing Information Letter, informing the student of additional required documentation before being awarded financial aid at CCD. This information will also be available online through CCDConnect.
    - a. All required documentation must be submitted by April 15 in order for the student to be considered for priority awarding of first-come, first-served funding, including some grants, scholarships and work-study funds.
  5. When the student's file is completed in the Financial Aid Office, the student will receive an Award Notice. This information will also be available online through CCDConnect.

## Cost of Attendance

Cost of Attendance (COA) includes actual educational expenses (tuition, fees, books, and supplies) and estimated living expenses (room and board, transportation, medical, and personal expenses based on Colorado Department of Higher Education guidelines). A student's financial aid cannot exceed the COA and there is no guarantee that a student's financial aid will cover all costs.

Sample Budget (actual amounts are subject to change)

Resident	Per Year	Per Month
Living with parents	\$15,031	\$1,670
Living away from parents	\$19,927	\$2,214
Non-Resident	Per Year	Per Month
Living with parents	\$24,464	\$2,718
Living away from parents	\$29,360	\$3,262

Students may request budget increases for certain expenses such as child care, a one-time computer purchase, or for medical expenses by contacting the Financial Aid Office. Such requests, if granted, do not guarantee the availability of additional funds.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress

[www.CCD.edu/SAP](http://www.CCD.edu/SAP)

Federal regulations require all financial aid recipients to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in order to receive financial aid. In order to maintain SAP standards at CCD, students must earn a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA, complete at least 67 percent of their overall attempted coursework, and complete at least one attempted credit each attending semester. SAP standards also require students to complete their degree/program within 150 percent of the published length of the program. All credit hours taken at CCD, including all credits attempted when not receiving financial aid and all transfer hours, are included in determining a student's SAP status. If determined ineligible for aid, students may appeal to have aid reinstated at the Financial Aid Office.

## Financial Aid Repayment

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Students are only eligible to receive aid for courses in which they establish attendance. If a student does not establish attendance in a course and/or fails to drop a course before the published census date, the student may be charged tuition and fees. The student may also be required to repay any aid released. Corequisite courses may also be dropped if non-attendance is reported for either course.

Students who do not complete at least one credit hour for each part of term may be required to repay a portion of any financial aid received to CCD and/or the U.S. Department of Education. If CCD reports an amount owed to the

U.S. Department of Education, the student will not be eligible to receive aid at any institution until the funds are repaid in full.