

About the Application

Test scores, grades, and recommendations can give only a partial picture of you as a candidate for admission. With this application you will have the opportunity to reveal some of your experiences and ideas. This will help distinguish you as an individual among many other candidates in a way that scores and statistics cannot. Your application will always be evaluated by at least one admission officer. On occasion, it may also be read by a faculty member, a student, or another trained reader.

Submitting the Application

Fill out the Common Application and supplement completely and mail to:

Colorado College Admission Office
14 E. Cache La Poudre St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903 USA

Phone: (719) 389-6344; (800) 542-7214
Fax: (719) 389-6816

Your application must be postmarked no later than:

November 15 for Early Action applicants
January 15 for Regular Action applicants

- Attach your \$45 non-refundable application fee (made payable to Colorado College) to your application. Do not send cash. Colorado College participates in the College Board fee waiver program; see your counselor for details.
- If you need additional space to answer any question, you may attach additional sheets to the application. Each one should be labeled with your name and birthdate.
- Unless your handwriting is very legible, fill out the application with a typewriter or computer.
- Remember to relax, to be honest, and to be yourself. The Admission Committee just wants to know you better.

Test Information

- Take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I) or the American College Test (ACT). To register for the SAT I, go to <www.collegeboard.com>. The Colorado College code for SAT is #4072. To register for the ACT, go to <www.act.org>. The Colorado College code for the ACT is #0498.
- If English is not your first language, you should also take the TOEFL or an equivalent <www.toefl.org> and send the score to Colorado College (Code #4072).
- We recommend that you take tests no later than the fall of your senior year. SAT Achievement Test (SAT II) scores are accepted, but not required.
- You may have your scores sent directly to Colorado College or they may be reported on your secondary school transcript. We consider either report official.

Transcript, School Report, and Recommendations

Be sure to give the applicable forms mentioned below to the appropriate people **well in advance** of the deadline:

- Have your school counselor or other appropriate official complete the School Report included in this application.
- Request that an official copy of your secondary school transcript be sent to the Admission Office. If you have attended more than one secondary school or received credit for college courses, make sure our office receives transcripts reflecting that experience as well.
- Request that your school submit the Midyear Report with first semester or first trimester grades of your senior year when they become available.
- Have two teachers who have taught you in **academic** subjects complete the evaluation forms included in the application. Be sure to deliver the forms to your teachers well in advance of the application deadline.

Early Action

Each year, several hundred students choose to apply to Colorado College through our Early Action program.

Whenever possible, we will notify Early Action candidates of our decision before the end of December. Students requesting Early Action may be offered admission, denied admission, or deferred for a second reading and notified of a final decision in early April. The early action process at Colorado College is not binding or contractual. Applicants offered early admission will not be required to reply to us before May 1.

Although any student may request Early Action, those who receive early offers of admission usually have exceptionally strong academic records through their junior year of high school. Call the Admission Office if you have questions about early action.

If you are interested in applying for early action, remember:

- Mail your application and all other necessary materials to be postmarked no later than Nov. 15.
- Complete the Common Application Supplement and include this form with your application.
- Ask your school to send mid-semester or first-trimester grades when they become available.

Winter Start Program

Approximately 10 percent of the entering class of first-year students come to Colorado College under the Winter Start Program. These students are free during the fall for work, travel, or off-campus study, and begin their studies in January, continuing with the regular college calendar thereafter.

The Winter Start Program enables the college to enroll an additional 60 first-year students for whom we would otherwise have no room. More information on this program is available from the Admission Office.

Campus Visit

Colorado College does not require campus visits or interviews. We do, however, encourage you to visit the college and see first-hand what makes us so distinctive. During your visit you may meet with an admission officer in a group information session. You may also attend a class, have lunch in the student center, take a tour, and spend the night in a residence hall with a student host. To arrange your visit, call (800) 542-7214 or (719) 389-6344 or e-mail <Admission@ColoradoCollege.edu>.

Transfer Applicant Status

Any student who has not yet graduated from high school (even having already earned AP, IB, or college credit) should apply as a first-year student. Any student who has been a regular-status college student should apply as a transfer student. If you plan to apply as a transfer student, contact the Admission Office to have a transfer application mailed to you, as the Common Application does not include all required forms. If you are somewhere in between, it is usually better to apply as a first-year student.

Financial Aid — Helpful Hints

We remain committed to the philosophy that cost should not deter a student from considering Colorado College. In keeping with this philosophy, the college administers a substantial financial aid program and uses financial need as the primary consideration in awarding aid. Colorado College considers financial aid eligibility for U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents who apply by the priority dates in the Financial Aid Application Instructions.

We realize that the financial aid process can be confusing. However, if you follow the Financial Aid Application Instructions, it should be manageable. Keep a few things in mind as you follow that checklist:

- **Apply for admission**, since the admission and financial aid application processes are entirely separate. Admission applications and information are available at (800) 542-7214 or (719) 389-6344.
- **Apply for financial aid over the Internet. It is faster, more efficient, and produces more accurate results.**
- **Read all instructions carefully**, both on this document and on other financial aid documents.
- **Respond to all requests** for more information as soon as possible.
- **Make a copy** of every financial aid form you complete for your own records.
- **Answer all questions** precisely and accurately.
- **Avoid missing any priority dates.** If you believe you are in danger of missing a priority date, **let the Financial Aid Office know immediately** (800) 260-6458 or (719) 389-6651 so that we may help you with the problem. Colorado College cannot guarantee that late applicants for financial aid will receive the full institutional financial aid for which they are eligible.
- **Don't get discouraged** — call us! The Colorado College Financial Aid Office telephone number is (800) 260-6458 or (719) 389-6651.

Early Action Applicants: If you follow the Financial Aid Application Instructions and you are accepted for admission, you will receive a preliminary financial aid award by mid-January. You must still continue to follow the checklist instructions to receive an official financial aid award later. If you do not wish to see a preliminary award before your final award, simply follow the Regular Action timeline.

International Citizen Applicants: Contact the coordinator of international admission at <IntlAdmis@ColoradoCollege.edu> or (719) 389-6344. Permanent Residents — holders of "Green Cards" — are eligible for the same financial aid consideration given to U.S. citizens.

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<www.ColoradoCollege.edu/Admission/FinancialAid/>

U.S. citizens and permanent residents must complete the College Board PROFILE form and the federal government's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form listed in the table below to apply for financial aid. Applying for financial aid at Colorado College is a separate process from applying for admission. Colorado College practices a 'need-blind' admission policy: admission decisions are not based on your need for financial assistance. Please follow the priority dates carefully. *Put this checklist on a bulletin board, refrigerator, etc. and check off each box as the weeks progress.*

'EA' designates the priority date for Early Action candidates. Funds for international citizen applicants are limited. Such applicants should ignore this page and contact (719) 389-6342 or <IntlAdmis@ColoradoCollege.edu> for more information.

<p align="center">You must send the documents below by the priority dates listed at right, although we do encourage you to send them even earlier.</p>	<p align="center">Priority Date</p>	<p align="center">Check When Done</p>
<p>PROFILE REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION Register for and complete your customized PROFILE Application online at www.collegeboard.com. Click on "CSS/PROFILE Online" on the College Board home page. You must pay with a credit card and your registration fee is \$2 less online. The PROFILE code for Colorado College is 4072. We strongly recommend you register for the PROFILE online and choose the online application process. Using the phone registration and paper PROFILE application process requires additional processing time and increases the chance for errors or delays. If you decide not to do the PROFILE process online, begin the paper process early by picking up a PROFILE Registration Guide at your high school or the CC Financial Aid Office, complete the questions in the guide, then call (800) 778-6888 or (305) 816-2550 to request a customized paper copy.</p>	<p align="center">Dec. 1 EA Feb. 15</p>	
<p>FAFSA APPLICATION (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID) Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Colorado College Federal school code for the FAFSA is 001347. The FAFSA web site will provide worksheets and helpful instructions, including a process for you and your parents to request a PIN number to sign your FAFSA online. Double check your Social Security number on this form to ensure you've written it correctly. The FAFSA may be completed any time after January 1st. If you do not receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) within four weeks, check the status of your FAFSA online or call the Federal Department of Education at (800) 433-3243. When you receive your SAR, carefully read and follow its instructions. A paper FAFSA is available at high school counseling centers.</p>	<p align="center">Feb. 15</p>	
<p>FAFSA VERIFICATION FORM If the Federal Government randomly selects you, your SAR will indicate that the Financial Aid Office will need to verify your information. In this event, you should download a verification worksheet from our web page http://www2.coloradocollege.edu/FinancialAid/ and send it to our office.</p>	<p align="center"><i>If selected, send A.S.A.P.</i></p>	
<p>NONCUSTODIAL PARENT'S STATEMENT (IF DEPENDENT) If applicable, you will need to download this form when filling out your PROFILE form online (if you do the paper PROFILE the College Board will send it to you as an addition to the application). You also may download the form at http://www2.coloradocollege.edu/Admission/FinancialAid/Deadlines.html. After your noncustodial parent completes this form, they should mail it to the Financial Aid Office.</p>	<p align="center">Dec. 15 EA Mar. 1</p>	
<p>PARENTS' (IF DEPENDENT) & STUDENT'S FEDERAL TAX RETURN(S) & W-2 FORM(S) Write your name in the upper right hand corner of your parents' tax return(s) and W-2(s). Send Colorado College signed copies of all pages and schedules and include all W-2 forms. Do not send state or business tax returns. Note that we require tax forms prior to the federal filing deadline of April 15. Therefore, we strongly urge you to prepare your tax forms as early as possible. If you are unable to provide tax returns by the priority date at right, you must send the college a written explanation from your tax preparer explaining the delay and providing estimates. Copies of the tax returns must then be submitted as soon as they are available. Otherwise, we must consider your application late.</p>		
<p>ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL AID AFFORDABILITY PLAN Colorado College will mail a final financial aid affordability plan letter to you with your regular admission letter in March, or by early April. If you choose to accept the award and enroll at Colorado College, sign the award notification letter and return it to us.</p>	<p align="center">May 1 EA May 1</p>	

Colorado College awards merit financial aid based on your achievements and other characteristics, and generally without regard to the financial circumstances of your family. You must apply for admission to Colorado College by January 15 to be considered for any of these scholarships. Some of these scholarships have additional application requirements. If you are applying for need-based financial aid, pay close attention to the Financial Aid Application Instructions and timeline on the reverse side of this page. Most of the aid we award is based on need.

Athletic Scholarships

Colorado College athletic scholarship are available only to students who participate in NCAA Division I sports – women’s soccer and men’s ice hockey. Other varsity sports at CC are NCAA Division III. NCAA regulations prohibit athletic scholarships to students participating in Division III sports. Contact the CC Athletics Department at 719-389-6476 for specific information.

Barnes Scholarships

The college has two separate renewable, full-tuition scholarship programs in the natural sciences. The Otis A. and Margaret T. Barnes Scholarships are available to outstanding first-year students planning to major in chemistry (including biochemistry). The Margaret T. Barnes Scholarships are available to outstanding first-year students planning to major in biology, environmental science, geology, mathematics, physics, and psychology (including neuroscience). By February 1 you need to send a letter to the specific department to which you are applying, describing your background in science and your reasons for majoring in that department. You may apply only to one department. Also by February 1 the department will need letters of recommendation from three high school teachers. One of these should be from a teacher most closely related to the discipline for which you are applying, and it should specifically address your potential for this award. Finally, by February 1, you must send the department a photocopy of your CC admission application as well as copies of high school transcripts and test scores. Contact the Admission Office for more information, and feel free to contact the departments directly for information about their major.

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Boettcher Scholarships

The Boettcher Foundation selects top students who are Colorado residents to receive renewable Boettcher Scholarships. The Boettcher Foundation and Colorado College provide funds for full tuition and an allowance for room, board, and books. Students apply for this scholarship through the Boettcher Foundation. You may obtain specific information via the Internet at <www.boettcherfoundation.org>.

National Merit Scholarships

The National Merit Scholarship® Corporation and Colorado College provide scholarships to National Merit Finalists each year. If you are a National Merit finalist you must communicate to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that Colorado College is your first choice college. The minimum National Merit award is \$1,000 with the college providing additional merit funds to bring the total for CC National Merit finalists to \$2,000.

Trustee Scholarships

The college awards a very limited number of four-year \$28,000 scholarships, in increments of \$3,500 per semester, to excellent students. The college chooses Trustee Scholars based on outstanding academic and extracurricular achievement as determined by the credentials submitted in the application for admission to the college. There is no separate application for this scholarship.

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