

Colorado State University Scholarship Application (CSUSA)

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the CSUSA?** CSUSA is the Colorado State University Scholarship Application. It is an online scholarship application for selected scholarships at CSU. It goes “live” on December 1, and the deadline is March 1 at 11 p.m. MST.
- 2. How do I get to the CSUSA?** Go to ramweb.colostate.edu and log in using your eID. Then select the **CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA)** under Financial Information.
- 3. What minimum equipment do I need to complete the CSUSA?** You will need Internet Explorer 6.0 and above or Mozilla Firefox 2.0 and above. It is nice to use a computer attached to a printer, but a printer is not required. If able to get on RAMweb, you have the minimum equipment.
- 4. What scholarships can I apply for with the CSUSA?**
 - Academic College scholarships
 - Anschutz Scholars Program
 - Fostering Success Scholarship
 - Hearst Foundations Scholarship
 - ITeC (Information and Science Technology Center at CSU) Scholarship
 - Legacy Scholarship (Alumni Relations)
 - Monfort Scholarship
 - SFS scholarships (includes the CSU Women’s Association scholarships)
- 5. What scholarships am I not applying for with the CSUSA?**
 - Dean’s, Green and Gold, Honors, National Merit, Partnership, Presidential, Provost’s, WUE: these scholarships are for entering freshmen and students are considered via application for admission and supporting documents.
 - First Generation Award – application available in January at http://www.casa.colostate.edu/Student_Achievement/FirstGen.cfm, due March 1.
 - Creative & Performing Arts Awards (except for Art) – contact awarding department
 - ROTC Scholarships – contact Army or Air Force ROTC
 - Liberal Arts Graduate students – contact the individual departments
 - PVM and Graduate students in College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences – contact Dean’s Office
 - Scholarships for Transfer Students: Bernard Osher Reentry, Griffin Foundation, Partnership Award for Alliance High School Transfer Students, Phi Theta Kappa, Ram Transfer, Honors Transfer, and Native American Legacy Awards – entering transfer students selected through separate processes
- 6. I applied to CSU but have not yet been admitted; how do I get to the CSUSA?** Once you submit an application for admission and it is processed, the Office of Admissions e-mails you information on how to establish your eID (electronic ID). Once you have established your eID, you can access the CSUSA on your ramweb.colostate.edu home page. The Office of Admissions will mail the letter snail mail if you don’t have an e-mail address, or if you have not created an eID within a few weeks of receiving the e-mail. If you no longer have this e-mail or letter, contact the Office of Admissions at (970) 491-6909 or admissions@colostate.edu.
- 7. I am planning on changing my major or adding a second major. What do I do?** Change your major or add your second major first (by February 1, 2012) and then come back and complete the CSUSA, keeping in mind the deadline of March 1. Your current major(s), minor, and concentration determines the section(s) of the CSUSA you will be able to complete. To change major, new students contact Admissions; current students contact the Registrar’s Office.

8. I have a double major in two different academic colleges (or I have a major in one college and a minor in another). Will I be able to apply for scholarships from both colleges? Yes, the CSUSA will bring up every college listed on your CSU records as a major, minor, or concentration and you can complete each of those sections. However, some colleges have a requirement that a scholarship recipient's primary major be within their college.

9. I am an entering freshman and I plan to have a double major. How do I apply for scholarships in the second major? As an entering freshman, you may have only one major and cannot add a second until after the fall semester begins. You can complete the CSUSA section of your first major's college and be considered for scholarships in that college.

10. I am open-option. What scholarships can I apply for with the CSUSA? You can complete the following sections if you meet the criteria for the scholarships: Student Financial Services, Legacy, Fostering Success, and ISTE C sections. Entering freshmen can also complete the Monfort, Anschutz, and Hearst Foundations scholarship sections (Colorado residents only).

11. I am taking CSU OnlinePlus classes. Am I eligible for scholarships through the CSUSA? If you have an eID, you can access the CSUSA and complete it. You must be regularly admitted in a degree/certificate program to receive a scholarship. Distance Degree students, enrolled in solely CSU OnlinePlus credits, have been awarded scholarships in the past. If you are awarded a scholarship and enroll in OnlinePlus and/or RI credits, contact your awarding college/department to see if you can receive the scholarship.

12. What if I start the CSUSA and cannot finish it in one sitting? Go ahead and save your responses and come back whenever you are ready to complete it, but before the deadline of March 1 at 11 p.m. MST.

13. What is the time-out period of the CSUSA? The time-out period is 2 hours. However, your internet provider's time-out period may be different. To prevent timing-out, click the "Save Responses" button at the bottom of each page of the CSUSA. This resets the time-out period. It is recommended essays be copied and pasted from a word processing program.

14. What is the common question for 2012-2013? "Describe a major personal experience, achievement, risk or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you. (Limit response to 400 words)."

15. How will I know if I submitted the CSUSA successfully? Successful CSUSA submission consists of agreeing to the Application Agreement on page 1; saving your responses and marking as complete the sections from which you wish consideration; and submitting your CSUSA by clicking, "My CSUSA is Done" on your CSUSA home page. You can still go back and make updates before March 1. Each time you submit the application, you are immediately sent an e-mail to your CSU e-mail address. The subject line reads: "CSUSA – Important Information – Please Read!"

16. I made a mistake on my submitted CSUSA. What do I do? You may go back and change, correct, and update your CSUSA up until the deadline of March 1 at 11 p.m. MST.

17. Do I have to do a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? No, the FAFSA is only necessary if you are applying for need-based scholarships, which are most of the SFS scholarships but only some of the academic college scholarships.

18. When do I need to submit my FAFSA for the CSUSA? The CSUSA deadline of March 1 is set; it will disappear from RAMweb after that. For the FAFSA, March 1 is not a deadline, but a priority date. However, the longer after March 1 that you submit the FAFSA, the more likely it is that your FAFSA data will not arrive to CSU by the time committees start to review applicants. Therefore, it is advisable to submit your FAFSA no later than the first week of March.

19. Are international students eligible to complete the CSUSA? International students may complete the CSUSA. Student Financial Services has at least one scholarship that can go to international students. Students must demonstrate need, however, so must complete the FAFSA converting foreign income and assets to US dollars and entering all zero's in the Social Security Number field if no Social Security Number. For scholarships from Academic Colleges for international students, contact the individual's Dean's Office.