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## **The Academy and Beyond**

### ***Post-Graduate Pathways***

#### **Class of 2025**

#### **THE ACADEMY MISSION**

*The Academy's mission is to help all students grow into college-ready, exemplary citizens by combining academic mastery with personal empowerment to drive life-long success. We serve our full community by intentionally developing a school culture that embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion.*

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# THE ACADEMY MISSION

## Class of 2025 Goals

1. 100% graduation rate
  2. 100% of our students have post-secondary plans
  3. Students will fulfill the CDE graduation readiness requirements that best fits their needs
  4. Students feel prepared and empowered to pursue their post-secondary goals upon graduation
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## Academy Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
World Language	2 credits
Physical Education	1 credit
Academic Electives	2 credits
General Electives	5 credits
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>24 credits</b>

**Join Our Google Classroom!**  
**slupkmv**

# Senior Year Calendar 2024-2025

## September

- Join the Senior Google Classroom - slupkmv
- Stay strong academically throughout your Senior year
- Attend an Senior Meeting with your counselor to plan postgraduate steps
- Research colleges
- Create a [Common App](#) account (if you plan to apply to college)
- Add colleges and request letters of recommendation via [Naviance Student](#) account
  - Make sure your applications in Naviance match your applications in your Common App account
- Keep your college research organized
  - Goals, choices, applications, essays, recommendations, financial aid, and scholarship applications
- Set up a calendar with important deadlines
- Request letters of recommendation from counselors and teachers; remember to complete the [Letter of Recommendation Request Form](#)
- Plan to attend college fairs
- Understand the differences between early decision and early action
- Register for the [College Opportunity Fund](#) if you are planning to attend college in Colorado
- Review your Instagram/Social Media content as colleges may check it out
- Let Counseling Office know where you've been accepted
- **Check your emails!**

## October

- Register with [FAFSA](#) (\*\*opens October 1st); keep looking for scholarships (be sure to check the financial aid website of the college(s) you're applying to)
  - \*\*Please note: The FAFSA application process is changing this year. The Counseling Office will share updates about the new form as soon as they are available.
- Attend college fairs
- Continue to follow up with teachers and counselors regarding recommendations
- Narrow down college list to three to five options
- Make sure your applications in Naviance match your applications in your Common App account
- Continue college research
- Check application dates for colleges
  - Colorado Free Application Day: October 10/15-10/17
- Write your essays and have at least two people edit them
- Complete early deadline applications by the end of the month
- Continue with scholarship searches
- Let Counseling Office know where you've been accepted and any scholarships you've been awarded
- **Check your emails!**

## November

- Watch deadlines for applications
  - General rule: Out-of-state applications should be completed by Thanksgiving
- Keep a copy of your application materials
- Make sure your applications in Naviance match your applications in your Common App account

- Let Counseling Office know where you've been accepted and any scholarships you've been awarded
- **Check your emails!**

## December

- Complete remaining college applications no later than winter break
- Be sure FAFSA information has been submitted to colleges
- Keep looking for scholarships (see list of websites later in packet and on Naviance)
- Make sure your 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades are accurate
- Make sure your applications in Naviance match your applications in your Common App account
- Let Counseling Office know where you've been accepted and any scholarships you've been awarded
- **Check your emails!**

## January-February

- Submit required documents to financial aid office at chosen school
- If any major awards, championships, honors have been received since initial application, send information to the college for consideration
- Let Counseling Office know where you've been accepted and any scholarships you've been awarded
- **Check your emails!**
- Update contact information with your college, if applicable

## March-April

- Check your acceptance status
- Keep your grades up
  - Colleges always accept applicants conditionally – and one of those conditions is maintaining or improving 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades
- Complete scholarship applications by deadlines
- Let Counseling Office know where you've been accepted and any scholarships you've been awarded
- **Check your emails!**

## May

- Send tuition and housing deposits as early as possible, thereby reserving a spot in the dorms
- Take Advanced Placement exams if applicable
- Write thank you notes to teachers, scholarship organizations, and anyone else who has been helpful to you in this process of being a successful young adult
- Let Counseling Office know where you've been accepted and any scholarships you've been awarded
- Complete graduation checkout and GRADUATE 😊
- **Check your emails!**

## 2024-2025 College Test Dates

Most schools are going “test optional” for **admissions** this year. See this [link](#) for the full list.

\*\*Note: This option may not apply to qualifying for **scholarships**.

The Academy is not a test center, so selection is made for your test site when you register. The CEEB code for The Academy is 061-351.

Check [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for SAT Subject Test Policies

### SAT

Register at: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

### ACT

Register at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## 2025 AP EXAM DATES

May 5-16, 2025

May 5, 8am: AP Biology

May 6, 8am: AP Chemistry

May 6, 12pm: AP Government & Politics

May 9, 8am: AP US History

May 9: AP Art submissions due by 6 PM MST

May 12, 8am: AP Calculus AB / AP Calculus BC

May 14, 8am: AP Language and Composition

May 15, 8am: AP Spanish Language

May 16, 8am: AP Physics

# 2024-2025 College Information Sessions/Fairs

## College Fairs of Greater Denver:

Virtual Panel Presentations are pre-recorded and can be viewed by following the link: (<https://www.strivescan.com/greaterdenver/>).

These free 45 minute sessions include:

- The Road Ahead College Search and Selection
- Scholarships: Tips to Find Them and How to Develop a Solid Application
- Financial Aid - Navigating the Financial Aid Maze and Resources

Scholarships are available to students who attend a fair run through College Fairs of Greater Denver. This year we awarded \$20,000 in scholarships.

## In-Person College Fairs

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**Out-of-State College Fair - Monarch High School - 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Thursday, September 26, 2024**

**Out-of-State College Fair - Denver South High School - 5:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Friday, September 27th**

**Conifer High School - 10:30am-11:30am**

**Saturday, September 28, 2024**

**In and Out-of-State College Fair - Mountain Vista High School - 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**October 21, 2024**

**In and Out-of-State College Fair - The Academy High School 9:00am - 10:00am**

**Monday, October 28th, 2024**

**DSST Cole High School - 6:00pm-7:30pm**

## There is a College for You!!

The important part of this process is the match between the student and the college. Do you want a broad education and plan to attend graduate school? Do you want an education very focused on a particular area? Who are you and what settings give you the best results? Are you an extrovert or an introvert? Are you self-motivated? Do you need some assistance to structure your time? Now is the time to think about and answer these questions – as you take charge of your future.

Consider your likes, dislikes, strengths, weaknesses, and interests – both academically and non-academically.

Complete the SuperMatch College Search on [Naviance Student](#). Discuss these questions and the answers with your parents and your counselor. You'll be surprised at how easily you can narrow down your choices!

## What Are Colleges Looking For?

The NACAC ([National Association of College Admission Counseling](#)) surveys colleges and universities to determine the top factors used to influence admission decisions. The following are important factors:

1. Grades in College Prep Courses
2. Grades in All Subjects as well as Academic Rigor
3. Essay Writing or Writing Sample
4. Counselor Recommendation
5. Teacher Recommendation
6. Community Service
7. Leadership/Work/Extracurricular Activities
8. Class Rank
9. *\*Interview*



## Resources for the College Search

There are many websites, guidebooks, and people serving as helpers for your college search. Listed here are some of the recommended sources:

- Naviance Student is your #1 go-to resource: <https://student.naviance.com/tamc>
  - Login: Academy email address
  - Password: Can't remember yours? Reset it.
- Both ACT and SAT have very informative and helpful websites. They contain a plethora of information from reliable sources:
  - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Individual colleges and universities each have their own websites usually designated by .edu suffix.

## People

Your counselor is an excellent resource to help guide you. They are your partner in this process and want to make sure that you are successful.

Teachers, coaches, and other significant adults in your life can also be helpful. Those who know you may have distinct opinions about a “good fit” for you.

Recent Academy graduates and other friends who are currently enrolled in college are other good resources. They will tell you their stories, both positive and negative.

Parents, family, friends, and relatives are great resources.

In Denver, many of the larger universities have alumni organizations, and they would love to be contacted by you to talk about their alma mater.

College admissions officers/counselors provide enormous amounts of information, and they can be contacted via email, phone, at college fairs, and on campus. Remember that their time is limited, so have your questions ready for them. Do some homework ahead of time so you already have basic information on the school.

Social Media can provide many helpful, personal accounts of recent admission stories, tips, and anecdotes that students find helpful! Anything from essay writing to scholarship hunting can be found on Instagram, TikTok, & more! **Please keep in mind that these resources are *not always* accurate, they are based on *personal experiences*.**

## A Few Words about Deadlines...

Application deadlines are critical in the college admissions process. Missing a deadline often means that you have *lost the opportunity to apply at all*. Due to this, it is important that students and families monitor and stay ahead of deadlines. Additionally, please remember that the Counseling Office has its own deadlines to keep, and we are not open during the breaks. Generally, you must give the office **two weeks prior** to your college's deadline to get the transcripts and supporting documents ready.

## Early Decision, Early Action, and Regular Decision Applications...

These terms can be confusing and colleges often use more than one type of process:

**Early Decision** is the process in which students make a commitment to a first choice institution where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll. Students should only apply early decision if they are ready to fully commit to that school. A good rule of thumb is to only apply early decision if you plan to attend that school no matter what it takes.

**Early Action** is the process of applying well-in advance of the regular deadline for admission to a particular institution. Admission under Early Action is non-binding. Each school has different requirements surrounding this option, so be sure to check the institution's guidelines.

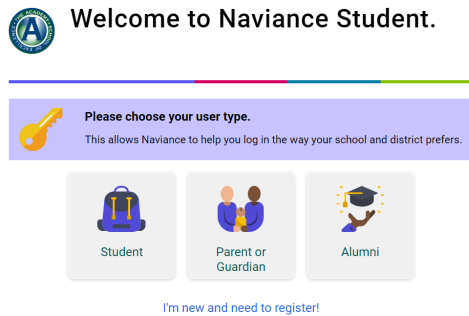
**Regular Decision** is the process by which a student applies by a particular date and receives a response from the school by a particular date. These dates are usually in March, but not later than April 15.

**Rolling Admission** is the process through which an institution reviews applications as they are completed and decisions are made throughout the admissions cycle.

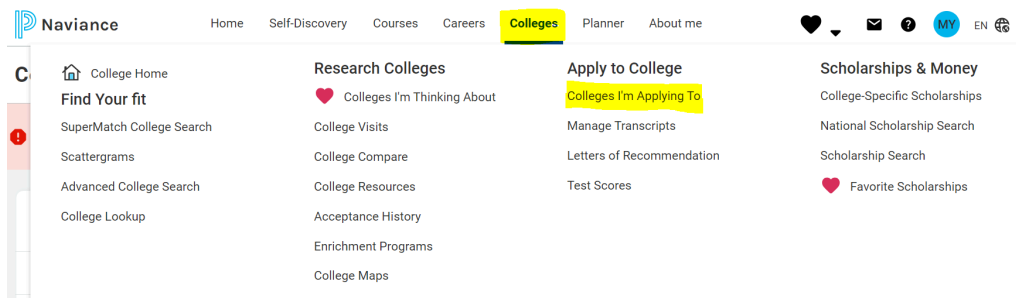
**Wait Listing** is a process by which institutions attempt to hedge against under enrollment. They place students on a list, and then as their acceptances come in, they may offer admission to wait-listed students.

# Linking Your Accounts and Signing FERPA Waiver

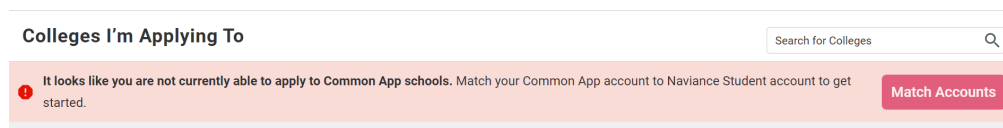
**Step 1:** login to Naviance by visiting [student.naviance.com/tamc](https://student.naviance.com/tamc) and select “Student”



**Step 2:** At the top of the page, click “Colleges” and then select “Colleges I’m Applying to”



**Step 3:** Click the red button that says “Match Accounts”

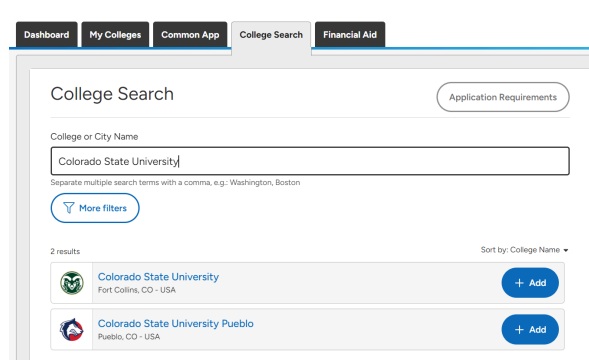


**Step 4:** You will be redirected to the [Common App](https://www.commonapp.org/) - sign in with your username and password  
\*\*This should be your personal email address, not your Academy email

- Agree to match accounts, then choose Continue

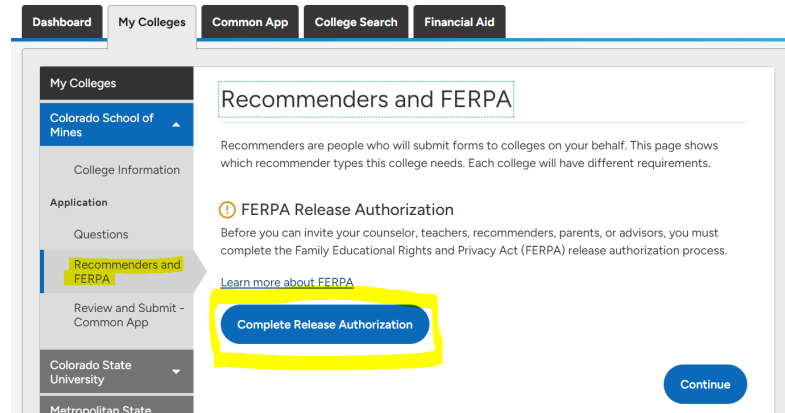
**Step 5:** Add a college to your Common App account

- Choose “College Search” and use the search bar to type the name of a school you’re applying too, then click the blue “Add” button



## Step 6: Sign your FERPA Waiver in your Common App

- Choose “My Colleges” and then under the school you added, choose “Recommenders and FERPA” and “Complete Release Authorization”
- This allows your Counselor to send your transcripts and letters of recommendation to the schools you’re applying to



- Read the FERPA Waiver, choose “I agree that...” and “I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.”
- Enter your electronic signature and the date, then choose “Save and Continue”

## The Application Itself

Colleges have different applications. Most require some or all of the following parts:

- **Application Form** – These are typically online. You may apply via the school’s website or the Common Application. You will be asked for biographical and parent information as well as school information.
  - ❖ Common Application: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- **Application Fee** – The fees usually range from \$0-\$100. The fee is non-refundable and many colleges offer fee waivers for low-income families.
- **High School Transcripts** – Transcripts must be official and submitted from the Counseling Office via Naviance.
  - ❖ Be sure your [Naviance Student](#) account is updated.
- **College Transcripts** - Transcripts must be official and can be obtained directly from [Front Range Community College](#) if you have completed any Concurrent Enrollment (CE) course. The Academy *does not* have access to these transcripts and students are responsible for providing them directly to their college of choice.
- **Admission Test Scores** – Most schools have gone test optional/ test free. This means an SAT or ACT score is **NOT** required for admission to the university and will not be a basis for decision or admission.
  - ❖ See this [link](#) for the full list.
  - ❖ If you must submit SAT, SAT Subject Tests, or ACT scores, most schools require that scores are sent directly from the national testing agency, i.e. ACT or College Board.
- **Letters of Recommendation** – Many colleges ask for one or more letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other significant adult who knows the student well. The letters of recommendation are due at the time of the application deadline. Please allow **at least two weeks** for teachers and counselors to write your letter of recommendation.
  - ❖ Remember, even though the person writing the letter knows you, please also complete the [Letter of Recommendation Request Form](#).
- **Essay** – The essay is an opportunity for colleges to get a glimpse of your thinking process, your writing skills, and your personal story. This is a chance to express your individuality and to set yourself apart from others. The College Essay is your first major assignment in Senior English or AP Literature classes. Use this opportunity to complete the essay that you will submit to colleges.
  - ❖ **\*ChatGPT** - Universities have screening tools to discern if your essay has been influenced by AI software such as ChatGPT.
- **Interview** – Some schools and programs may require an interview. Please contact your counselor to schedule a mock interview before going to an interview.
- **Audition/Portfolio** – If applying to a program such as art, music, theater or design, students may need to submit work examples. The college or university will guide you as to ways to submit your portfolio. In some cases, a personal audition may be required.

The entire application should present a single picture of a student. Fill out the application honestly and carefully to reflect your best, authentic self.

**October 15-17 - FREE Application Day\$ for all in-state college applications received to any college on these days only!!**

## Letters of Recommendation

Many colleges and universities require a specific number of letters of recommendation. They may also be specific about who should write them. Typically, the requirement includes two academic teachers and a counselor recommendation. Choose teachers with whom you have a strong, positive relationship (not a family member). Please remember to complete the [Letter of Recommendation Request Form](#) and provide ample time (*at least two weeks*) to whomever has agreed to write your letters. Note that some colleges do not require any letters of recommendation and some colleges only need one. If you request several letters and the college only takes a specific amount of letters, some of those requested letters will not be sent to the college.

## Tips for Campus Visits

Brochures and websites give you a lot of information, but you are not able to get the “feel” of the campus and truly imagine yourself there. A campus visit allows you the opportunity to visit the residence halls, to get more specific information about the school and the programs offered, and to get a general sense of campus life.

Sometimes it’s not feasible to visit an out-of-state campus. Other options include a virtual tour online, calling the admissions office to gather more information, or ideally, speaking to a student who attends or has graduated from the college or university.

### **Before Visiting...**

Schedule a guided tour either via the school’s website or through the admissions office. While there, you may want to visit the bookstore, library, and student union. The tour often includes question and answer sessions with current students. Consider some questions you might want to ask. Some examples may include:

- Why did you choose this school?
- How many hours per week do you study and where?
- How big are the classes?
- Where do students go to socialize?
- What is there to do in the surrounding town/city/around campus?
- Are there sororities and fraternities?
- What kind of school-sponsored activities are there (eg. sports)?
- What type of student supports are available for diverse populations?

## Paying for College

Cost is always one of the first concerns when choosing a college. There are several options to help fund a college education. Financial aid (income based) and merit (scholarship) are two categories of funding. The Net Price calculator on each college's website can be used prior to applying to estimate the amount of financial aid or scholarship money your family may qualify for.

**Financial aid** is money that is given, borrowed, or earned for educational purposes. Sources of financial aid include federal and state governments as well as the school, college, university, and private businesses. Much of financial aid is dependent upon the income of the family and is determined through FAFSA, CSS Profile, or both.

## Types of Financial Aid

**College Opportunity Fund (COF)** - This is a stipend paid for by the state of Colorado and covers a portion of your total **in-state** tuition when you attend a participating Colorado public or private institution. The state pays the stipend directly to the college. Sign up for COF online at [cof.college-assist.org](http://cof.college-assist.org) and click on "Apply for a Stipend."

COF will cover the following tuition costs:

- Public Institutions: \$116/credit hour
- Private Institution: \$58/credit hour

**To be eligible for COF financial aid, a student must:**

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Comply with Selective Service registration required by law for men between the ages of 18-25
- Enroll at least half-time in an eligible program
- Have a high school diploma, GED, or enroll at a community college and successfully complete six credit hours
- Be enrolled or accepted as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program at a school that participates in the federal student aid programs
- Not have a drug conviction for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid
- Not owe a refund on a federal grant or be in default on a federal student loan
- Demonstrate financial need

**Grants** – Money from the federal or state government, college/university, or private companies or organizations. Most grants are need based, and do not need to be repaid. Many families in the typical middle income bracket do not qualify.

**Scholarships** – Money that is won or given for a variety of reasons, such as academic, athletic, personal attributes, or affiliations. Some are need based but others are not. They do not need to be repaid.

**Work Study** – *(This question no longer is on the FAFSA application - Most universities are looking at the College Application to make this determination)* Money that is earned typically on campus when in college. Work study does not need to be repaid and may be based on need. The student receives the income as he/she works, so the funds are not available upfront to pay tuition. Many students use these funds for living expenses.

**Loans** – Money that is borrowed from the federal or state government, a lender, or other private sources which has to be repaid and is considered to be a loan. Each of the loans has different stipulations regarding interest rate and deadline for repayment. It is important to understand the parameters of a specific loan. It is best not to borrow more than you need. Two common forms of loans include subsidized loans & unsubsidized loans. A **subsidized loan** is when the government pays the interest for you while you're in school (a minimum of half time), during your post-graduation grace period, and if you need a loan deferment. An **unsubsidized loan** begins to accrue interest when funds are dispersed and continues for the life of the loan.

## The Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA)

The [Colorado Application for State Financial Aid \(CASFA\)](#) is the application by which students that meet the qualifications can apply for this aid. Students who do not have lawful immigration status and who do not meet the qualifications listed above are still encouraged to apply for institutional aid using the CASFA. Students who are eligible for Federal Title IV aid by completing the FAFSA should not complete the CASFA.

In 2022, the General Assembly passed [HB22-1155](#), which allows In-state Tuition For Colorado High School Graduates, which updates the eligibility criteria for Colorado students to receive in-state tuition.

The law requires an institution to classify a student as an in-state student for tuition purposes if the student:

- Graduated from a Colorado high school or was physically present in Colorado for at least one year immediately preceding the date the student successfully completed a high school equivalency examination in Colorado; and
- Has been physically present in Colorado for at least 12 consecutive months prior to enrolling in an institution.
- There is no longer a requirement for the student to be admitted to college within 12 months of graduation.

If your parent cannot electronically sign your CASFA application, please send their signed materials to: *CASFA Office, 1600 Broadway, Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202*

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the universal application for financial aid for all schools in the United States. The **only** legitimate place for you to complete a FAFSA is [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Also, one parent and the student must apply for a PIN (Personal Identification Number) to electronically sign the FAFSA form.

The earliest possible date you can complete the **FAFSA is October 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year before the student plans to attend school, i.e. If a student plans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2025, the earliest day to submit FAFSA is October 1, 2024. To complete the FAFSA you need: the students' and parents' Social Security Numbers, driver's licenses, W-2 forms, and other earning records for the family, current bank statements, business and farm records, and investment records.



The SAI (Student Aid Index) [formerly called the EFC (Expected Family Contribution)] is sent to the family after completing the FAFSA. This is the amount the government believes your family can afford to send your student to school. The COA (Cost of Attendance) minus the student aid index equals the family's financial need. COA varies by college, so a family may appear to have a need at some schools and not at others.

**Please be aware:**

- If parents are divorced, students should only answer questions about the parent with whom they primarily lived with for the past 12 months.
- Be aware that scam websites will charge you to submit your FAFSA – ONLY apply at <https://studentaid.gov>
- Tips for filling out the FAFSA: (<https://formyourfuture.org/the-guide/>)

## **CSS Profile (Non-Federal Financial Aid)**

This application can be completed on your College Board website at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). On October 1st, complete the Financial Aid PROFILE where you apply online for financial aid with one form whereby almost 400 colleges, universities, professional institutions, and scholarship programs utilize.

# Web Resources for Financial Aid Information and Scholarships

**\*\*The financial aid website for the college/university you are applying to will have the most specific and up to date information regarding your scholarship opportunities\*\***

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>

[www.mycoloradojourney.com](http://www.mycoloradojourney.com)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

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

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>

[Search Financial Aid Tools and Resources | Federal Student Aid](#)

[Paying for college | Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#)

[Discover Subject Specific Scholarships](#)

## Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

WUE (pronounced “woo-ee”) is the Western Undergraduate Exchange, a program coordinated by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Through this program, students in the western states may enroll in participating two- and four-year public college programs at a reduced tuition level. In all cases, WUE tuition is considerably less than nonresident tuition.

Each institution determines the eligibility criteria. Check the school you are interested in for qualifiers. There are also a limited number of slots available, so it is very important to **apply early!** When you apply, be sure to indicate WUE candidacy. If there is no indicator on the application, contact the admissions office for instructions. The WUE website is most informative at [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue).

## State-Wide Scholarship Opportunities

### CDIP

- If you are working towards a certification that makes you more marketable to businesses - let us know!

### Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative

- The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative works to reduce barriers to postsecondary education by providing funding across the state for student programming. COSI programs offer student scholarships and support services. Programs include Matching Student Scholarships, Community Partner Program, Back to Work, Finish What You Started, Fund My Future, and Second Chance Scholarship.

### CARE Forward:

- Care Forward Colorado is revitalizing Colorado’s healthcare workforce through zero-cost, short-term training programs at community and technical colleges. In a year or less, trainees can learn skills to become a certified nursing assistant, emergency services professional, and many more professions that are desperately needed in Colorado’s healthcare facilities.

### Foster Ed

- The FosterEd program pays for the total cost of attendance for qualifying students who attend public institutions of higher education within Colorado. This state-funding program pays for the remaining balance

of the total cost of attendance after scholarships, grants, and other financial aid awards have been applied. To qualify for this program, students must have been in foster care or in non-certified kinship care in Colorado on or after their 13th birthday.

### **Behavioral Health Incentive Grant**

- The Behavioral Health Incentive Program provides financial incentives to rural and low-income Colorado students to obtain a credential in certain behavioral health programs of study. The program covers an eligible student's in-state tuition in approved programs at Colorado institutions of higher education.

### **TREP**

- The Teacher Recruitment Education and Preparation (TREP) program creates the opportunity for qualified students in an educator career pathway to concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses and earn college credit at no tuition costs to them or their families, for up to two years after the 12th grade year.
- For more detailed information on eligibility and steps, please look through [this resource](#). If interested, students must complete the [following application](#).

### **ASCENT**

- Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) is a fifth-year high school program that allows students to participate in concurrent enrollment the year after 12th grade to enroll in postsecondary courses and earn college credit at no tuition cost to them or their families.
- More information on the next page

## **Transferring Concurrent Enrollment and Advanced Placement Credits**

**Concurrent Enrollment:** Be sure to request your final transcript from Front Range Community College and submit it to the college or university you will be attending. The Academy cannot submit these transcripts. This must come directly from Front Range Community College.

**Advanced Placement:** Students who took AP exams can submit their scores for possible college credit via [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

**Transferring Credits:** [AP Credit Transfer Policy](#)

**Not sure if/how your credits will transfer? Check out [Transferology](#)**

# ASCENT

## Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment

### What is it?

- A 5th year concurrent enrollment program
  - Allows students to participate in CE the year after 12th grade
  - Students participate and in graduation at the end of 4th year, and received high school diploma upon completion of the 5th year
  - Student remains on high school roster for funding purposes (allows for high school to pay for student's college tuition)

### Why ASCENT?

- An opportunity to earn college credit toward an associate's degree or certificate without paying tuition
- Decrease time required to earn a college degree or certificate

### Who is eligible to participate?

- Students eligible to participate in ASCENT must:
  - Complete 4 years of high school prior to acceptance into ASCENT (*meaningful coursework*)
  - Complete 9 postsecondary (CE) credits before the end of 12th grade
  - Not be in need of remedial courses in their selected pathway
  - Be selected for participation by high school counselor/principal
  - Be admitted into a postsecondary degree or certificate program
  - Not have participated in ASCENT in previous years

### Next steps

- Begin enrolling in concurrent enrollment classes as early as possible (eg. CE World History or CE courses on Westminster FRCC campus)
- Continue to meet with counselor and FRCC CE Coordinator each semester prior to registering for FRCC courses
- Begin to develop your postsecondary course plan
  - Meet with Academic Advisor at Front Range to determine which courses should be completed
- By the end of 1st semester of 12th grade, you must confirm with your counselor that you would like to participate in ASCENT in the following year
  - This is the only way you might receive a slot from the state

### More information:

- [www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ce\\_ascent](http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ce_ascent)

# Academy of Charter School's Post-Graduate Pathways and Postsecondary Workforce Readiness Information and Resources

## **Adams County Workforce and Business Center: <https://adcogov.org/workforce-business-center>**

- The Adams County Workforce and Business Center offers a wide variety of free services to registered job seekers. Individuals can register with Colorado's workforce system by visiting a workforce office. Register online at [Connecting Colorado](#).
- Classes and no-cost workshops are offered by the Workforce and Business Center to assist job seekers with computer skills, job searches, career assessments, résumé writing and effective interview skills. Other specialized opportunities provide qualified job seekers with more intensive training and supportive services.
- A primary focus of the Workforce and Business Center is to provide people from all backgrounds with the basic resources and tools to gain and sustain long-term employment. Individualized attention ensures that job seekers identify appropriate career options and educational / training opportunities to excel in their chosen field and career.

## **Broomfield Workforce Center: <https://www.broomfield.org/2963/Workforce-Center>**

- The Broomfield Workforce Center supports the economic vitality of the community by connecting businesses to a skilled workforce. Through an array of no-cost services and supports, workforce specialists connect talented people and businesses.
- Services to job seekers include offering resources and workshops for self-directed job search, one-on-one career coaching, and career exploration. Services for business partners include job posting, recruitment assistance, and local labor market information.
- Register with the statewide network of workforce centers through Connecting Colorado and gain access to workforce resources, services, and screened statewide job openings.

## **Career Wise Colorado: <https://www.careerwisecolorado.org/en/>**

- CareerWise Colorado works every day to create opportunities for students and employers through modern youth apprenticeship. We envision a world in which work-based learning such as apprenticeship is integrated into our K12- and higher-education systems so that the economy is fueled by practical skills and any student can find a path to economic prosperity.

## **Colorado Department of Higher Education: <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/>**

- The mission of the CDHE is to support students and advocate to develop policies to maximize higher education opportunities for all.
- The vision of the CDHE is to ensure that all Coloradans have an education beyond high school to pursue their dreams and improve our communities.

## **Colorado Department of Labor and Employment: <https://cdle.colorado.gov/>**

- CDLE connects job seekers with great jobs, provides an up-to-date and accurate picture of the economy to help decision making, assists workers who have been injured on the job, ensures fair labor practices, helps those who have lost their jobs by providing temporary wage replacement through unemployment benefits, and protects the workplace - and Colorado communities - with a variety of consumer protection and safety programs.
  - **CDLE Labor Market Information: <https://shorturl.at/acxT5>**

- Colorado's LMI Gateway, is a powerful career assessment and labor market information system. It was specifically designed for job seekers, students, case managers, training providers, workforce professionals, and others seeking easily accessible career and labor market information. The system provides fast access to a complete set of labor market research tools in one website.
  - **CDLE WorkForce Centers:** <https://cdle.colorado.gov/wfc>
    - Workforce Centers provide a variety of free services to assist employers and job seekers alike. These include:
      - Job listings
      - Computer and internet access
      - Career counseling and training for job seekers
      - Recruitment of workers, pre-screening, and referral services
      - Tax credits and training reimbursement for employers
      - Customers can choose either self-service or staff-assisted options to meet their employment needs.

**Colorado Workforce Development Council:** <https://cwdc.colorado.gov/>

- The vision of the Colorado Workforce Development Council is that every Colorado employer has access to a skilled workforce and every Coloradan has the opportunity for meaningful employment, resulting in individual and statewide economic prosperity.
- The CWDC's mission is to enhance and sustain a skills-based talent development network that meets the needs of employers, workers, job seekers, and learners for today and tomorrow.

**Connecting Colorado:** <https://www.connectingcolorado.com/>

- ConnectingColorado is part of a state- and county-run system that delivers immediate, tangible results for your future.
- You can post your résumé, apply for a specific job or do a self-directed job search through our jobs database.

**Construction Education Foundation:** <https://www.cefcolorado.org/>

- CEF's mission is to recruit, develop, and serve students of the construction industry by promoting innovative educational pathways to rewarding careers in an inclusive, highly-skilled and prosperous construction workforce.

**My Colorado Journey:** <https://www.mycoloradojourney.com/>

- My Colorado Journey connects job seekers and students to careers, education planning and support resources through a guided process that drives action and goal completion.

**For more information, please contact Timothy Fifer, Director of Postsecondary Workforce Readiness at [timothy.fifer@theacademyk12.org](mailto:timothy.fifer@theacademyk12.org); 970-618-4136.**

## Utilizing VA Benefits

<https://www.va.gov/>

### Other Post Graduate Opportunities

**Apprenticeship:** Students can choose on-site training in the career field he or she is pursuing to get tailored experience from a master in the field. This opportunity allows students to practice developing skills in the career path most desirable. The company is able to give recommendations for future interviews or may even hire based on your performance.

**Military:** Options include U.S. Army, U.S Navy, U.S Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, National Guard, U.S. Coast Guard with standard enlistment and Delayed Entry Program (DEP) which allows you to enroll today and delay training for up to 365 days.

#### Recruiter Contact Information:

U.S. Army: Marvin Browning, 720-839-0896 or marvin.r.browning.mil@mail.mil

U.S. Navy: Lane Morgan, 909-572-1390, 303-229-8013 or lane,morgan@us.navy.mil

U.S. Marine Corps: Sgt Bishop Guerrero, 303-912-5329 or bishop.guerrero@marines.usmc.mil

National Guard: Kyle Warren, 720-584-3754 or kyle.warren2.mil@mail.mil

Coast Guard: 303-252-0919 or RODenver@uscg.mil

U.S. Air Force: Isaac Fifer, 720-601-4230 or isaac.fifer@us.af.mail

## 2024 - 2025

# Important Dates for Seniors

August 30	No school/ Teacher work day
September 2	Labor Day
September 20	No school/ Teacher work day
October 8 and 9	Parent/TeacherConferences
October 10 and 11	No School: Fall Break
October 15-17	Free Application Days
Early October 2024 (Dates TBD)	Jostens Graduation Meeting Order packets for cap and gown, announcements, class rings distributed. Please see Mrs. Picaso in the Counseling Office if you did not receive an order packet.
October 25	No school/ Teacher work day
October 2024, (Dates TBD)	Jostens Graduation Order Day
November 1	Senior pictures due for yearbook Senior Quote Due
November 8	No school/ Teacher work day
November 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Break
December 20	End of Semester 1 (half day of school)
Dec. 23, 2024 - Jan. 6, 2025	Winter Break
January 20	No School/Martin Luther King Day
February 11 and 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 13 and 14	Mid-Winter Break
February 17	No School/Presidents' Day
March 7	No school/ Teacher work day
March 24-28	Spring Break
April 25	No School / Spring Day / Prom
May 5-16 2025	AP Testing
May 14 and 15	Senior Check-Out and Cap & Gown Distribution Day
May 15	Seniors last day of school
May 15	Bridging Ceremony/ Senior BBQ
May 16	Parade of Champions / <b>Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal</b>
May 17	<b>CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION DAY</b>