



# affordability and financial access

COLORADO ACADEMY TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

## A Commitment to Access

Colorado Academy's priority is for all admitted students to have the opportunity to attend CA, regardless of their family's economic situation. Prospective families should not let the cost of tuition be a deterrent from considering CA.

For the 2025-2026 academic year, CA awarded a financial aid budget of more than **\$5.8 million in need-based aid** to 18% of our student body.

## How is Financial Aid Awarded?

Financial aid is awarded to current and newly admitted students on the basis of demonstrated need, as determined by factors such as income, family size, assets, and liabilities.

There are no repayment requirements; financial aid is treated as a gift from the school.

Families are required to complete the financial aid process on a yearly basis as circumstances and tuition change each school year.

The financial aid application is separate from the application for admission. After the Admission Committee decides to offer a space to an applicant, a separate Financial Aid Committee reviews the family's financial aid application.

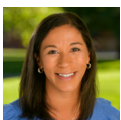
## Is There Additional Aid?

Families whose financial need is greater than 75% of tuition are also eligible for financial assistance to help with fees that are above and beyond the cost of tuition.

For example, the **Supplemental Grant Program** can provide support for students to participate in CA's Global Travel and Exchange programs, athletic team trips, test prep fees for college admission, on-campus after-school enrichment classes, books, CA bus service, and more.

## Need Help?

Please contact us at [financialaid@coloradoacademy.org](mailto:financialaid@coloradoacademy.org) or 303-914-2513.  
*Comuníquese con Abel Ramirez al 303-914-2573 si prefiere el español.*



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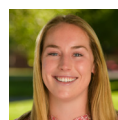
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### Financial Aid Checklist and Timeline

#### Due by Feb. 15 to Clarity

- ✓ Online Financial Aid Application
- ✓ 2024 Federal Tax Return including all Schedules
- ✓ 2025 W-2 statements, if applicable, or 2025 Profit & Loss Statement, if self-employed
- ✓ Copy of Dec. 31, 2025, paystub and Dec. 31, 2025, bank statement
- ✓ Copy of most recent mortgage statement, if applicable

#### Due When Available

- ✓ 2025 Federal Tax Return, including all Schedules

**Feb. 20** – Admission and financial aid decisions released for Grades 6–12.

**Feb. 27** – Admission and financial aid decisions released for Pre-K–Grade 5.

Families applying for aid after the deadline are considered for the financial aid waitlist.

Application for financial aid is through Clarity; CA also accepts FACTS if using that service for another school.  
Learn more:



# Comprehensive Tuition

At CA, tuition is as comprehensive as possible so that each student enjoys a challenging and rewarding experience. Tuition covers all basic educational expenses, including iPads for Grades 2–8, classroom supplies, field trips, yearbooks, student publications, computer use, lunch, athletic uniforms, and Commencement.

## Endowed Scholarships

Scholarships endowed by generous donors provide nearly \$500,000 in support for eligible students each year. Examples include:

- **Mustang Scholars:** Recognizes outstanding incoming CA students who exemplify the school's mission.
- **Malone Family Foundation Scholars:** Awarded to students in Grades 7–12 who meet the criteria of the Malone Family Foundation.
- **Nicole Luskey Scholar:** Support for a student with full financial need.

## Family Examples

The three fictional families below qualify for financial aid at CA. Each family's financial situation is unique, and CA's Financial Aid Committee reviews each application holistically and equitably.

### The Ramos family—financial aid eligibility: \$29,410

- Married couple with one child; one parent works full time, the other parent works part time; moderate assets
- One parent's income: \$43,000 (part time); second parent's income: \$78,000
- Home value: \$600,000; mortgage debt: \$290,000
- Non-retirement savings: \$30,000

Based on \$41,550 tuition, the family's estimated ability to contribute to tuition would be \$12,140.

### The Matthews family—financial aid eligibility: \$38,610

- Single parent with two children; few assets
- Parent's income: \$67,000
- Home value: \$265,000; mortgage debt: \$110,000
- Non-retirement savings: \$8,000
- **Eligible for bus stipend**

Based on \$41,550 tuition, the family's estimated ability to contribute to tuition would be \$2,940.

### The Robinson family—financial aid eligibility: \$29,200

- Married couple with four children—two applying to CA; one in child care; high assets
- One parent's income: \$80,000; second parent's income: \$112,000
- Home value: \$860,000; mortgage debt: \$410,000
- Other real estate value: \$165,000
- Non-retirement savings: \$40,000; investments: \$22,000
- **Eligible for bus stipend**

Based on \$41,550 tuition, the family's estimated ability to contribute to tuition would be \$12,350 per child.

### 2025-2026 Tuition

Pre-Kindergarten (full day):	\$33,360
Kindergarten (full day) – Grade 5:	\$37,990
Grades 6–12:	\$41,550

### Included in Tuition

#### All Students

- Daily lunch
- Routine academic support and enrichment
- Wellness counseling
- iPad for students in Grades 2-8
- Field trips and class trips
- Art supplies
- Yearbook
- Access to Athletic Center and trainers

#### Upper School

- Clubs
- Week-long Interim
- College counseling
- Athletic teams and uniforms
- Grade-level retreats

#### Middle School

- Outdoor Education trips in Grades 7 and 8
- Athletic teams and uniforms
- Week-long Interim

#### Lower School

- Classroom supplies
- Grade 5 Crow Canyon trip
- Grade-level field trips

### Not Included in Tuition (Eligible for Supplemental Grant Program)

- Bus transportation
- Extended Day Care
- Individual on-campus music lessons
- Tuition Refund Insurance
- Textbooks and supplies for Middle and Upper School (approximately \$170 for Middle School and \$280 for Upper School)
- Global Travel and Exchange programs
- Athletic team trips
- Laptop for Upper School (eligible families can loan a laptop from CA)

For more details about Extra Fee Services, visit CA's website.

