

FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID

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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

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- DEADLINES
- SAI, COA, AND FINANCIAL NEED
- TYPES OF AID
- APPEALS
- QUESTIONS

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid

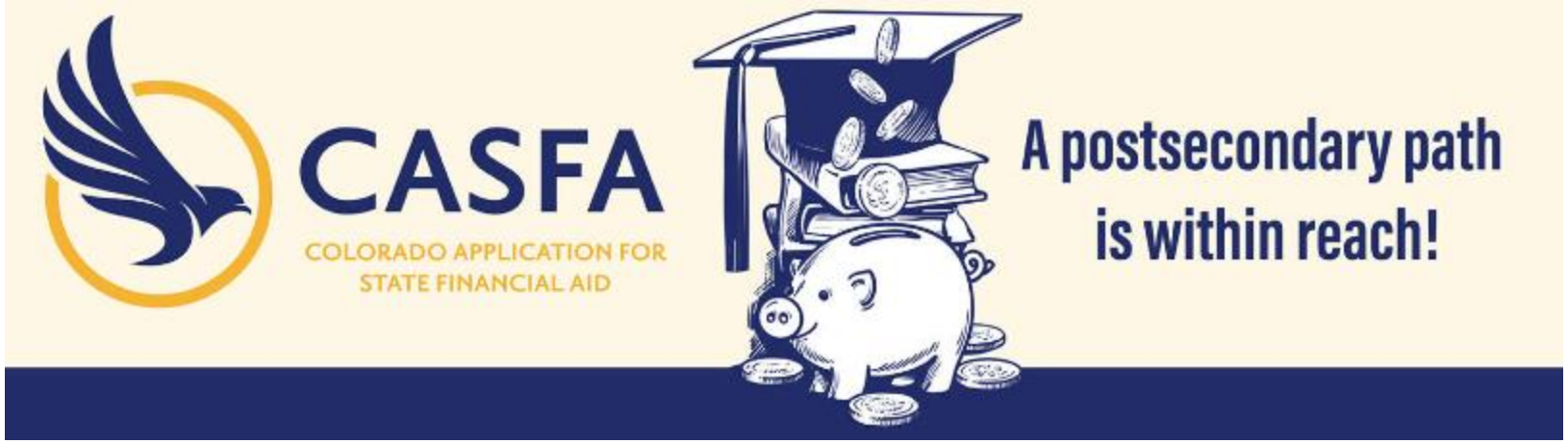
www.studentaid.gov

Created and maintained by the U.S. Department of Education and required to determine need-based financial aid eligibility

Used to gauge eligibility for different types of funds at each school



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- CASFA is for students who are **not** eligible for Federal Student Aid, undocumented students or students from mixed status families or other situations who prefer not to share their contributors' personal data beyond Colorado higher education institutions. Students who complete a CASFA are applying for State and institutional aid only (NOT Federal Student Aid).
- **Used at the majority of state schools in Colorado***
- **https://casfa.grantpropathway.com/login**

***Regis University uses an internal ASSET Application**

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CSS PROFILE

- https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/
- A supplemental Financial Aid application used at some schools around the country
- Asks for additional family income information to determine institutional grant aid
- Fee waivers available for families who make less than $100,000 per year
- Connect with financial aid offices to learn more!

***Regis University does not use the CSS Profile**

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HOW TO APPLY

- Student and parent must create their own individual FSA ID @ https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch
- Only the owner should create an FSA ID (parents do not create an FSA ID for your student and students don't complete for your parents)
- Student should log in and start the FAFSA. Once their section is complete, they will invite other required contributors to complete their section.



*TIP 1: Do not use your current school email! Students and parents should use an email address that they will have access to throughout their school career.

*TIP 2: Always be sure to save login details! Usernames and passwords can be challenging to reset.

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HOW TO APPLY

- Contributors can include parent, parent spouse or student spouse:
- If a required contributor does not complete their section, the student's FAFSA will remain incomplete.
- You can use this online tool to help determine which parent(s) should participate in the student's FAFSA form: https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents



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FUTURE ACT DIRECT DATA EXCHANGE (FA-DDX)

- Allows for an individual's federal tax information (FTI) to be directly transferred from the IRS to the FAFSA
- Consent is required by all contributors on FAFSA
- Eliminates manual entry of tax and income information
- **2027-28** FAFSA will pull in "prior-prior" year tax data from **2025**

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DEADLINES

- **October 1**: 2027-28 FAFSA should be available
- **March 1**: Regis University encourages **March 1** priority filing date**.** Check with each school if they have an institutional deadline to apply.
- **May 1:** National Candidate Reply Date (deposit deadline)
- The sooner the FAFSA is complete, the more time the FA Office has to award and notify the student so the family can make an informed decision/deposit on or before **May 1**

**If a deadline has passed, you may still have options! Be sure to contact your school's financial aid office for details!*

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SAI

STUDENT AID INDEX

The SAI is not the amount of money your family has to pay for college or the amount of financial aid you will receive

SAI is the number resulting from the evaluation of your (and your family's) financial resources on the FAFSA and determines your eligibility for need-based aid

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COST OF ATTENDANCE

DIRECT COSTS

- TUITION & FEES
- ON-CAMPUS HOUSING
- FOOD

INDIRECT COSTS

- BOOKS, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT
- TRANSPORTATION
- PERSONAL EXPENSES

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FINANCIAL NEED

Cost of attendance (COA)

– Student aid index (SAI)

= Financial need

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TYPES OF AID



SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

- Free funds awarded based on merit, talent and/ or financial need
- **Regis Admissions offers scholarships up to $32,000!**
- Federal and state of Colorado grants are awarded based on the FAFSA
- External Scholarships



WORKSTUDY

- Awarded based on the FAFSA and financial need
- Opportunity to find a job on-campus to earn a bi-weekly paycheck
- Helps build on-campus community/relationships and professional resume!



LOANS

- Money you must repay
- Must complete a FAFSA
- Students: subsidized (need-based) or unsubsidized
- Parent PLUS loan option available
- Parent must complete separate application

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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The FAFSA is based on prior-prior tax year information

- Example: 2027-28 FAFSA uses 2025 taxes

After you receive your initial financial aid award, you can appeal to respective FA offices due to extenuating circumstances or more recent financial information, i.e. 2026 taxes

Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of income/reduction in hours
- One-time adjustments to income
- Divorce/separation

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NET PRICE CALCULATOR

- Can review basic income info, GPA and test scores to estimate financial aid awards to give families an idea of “net price”
- The higher sticker price school may end up being the most affordable option
- Does not guarantee awards (but it’s a great conversation starter!)
- Net Price Calculator (regis.edu)

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The Admissions Process

A parent's guide to connection, support and opportunity



Presented by Peter Pham

BENEFIT 3 • GETTING INVOLVED

Opportunity can start early.

A smaller environment can make it easier for students to move from watching to participating.

YEAR 1

Explore

Apply to Regis , Join a club • meet faculty • attend events

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YEAR 2

Engage

Take on a role • seek internships • serve

→

YEAR 3

Lead

Research • mentor • lead organizations

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YEAR 4

Launch

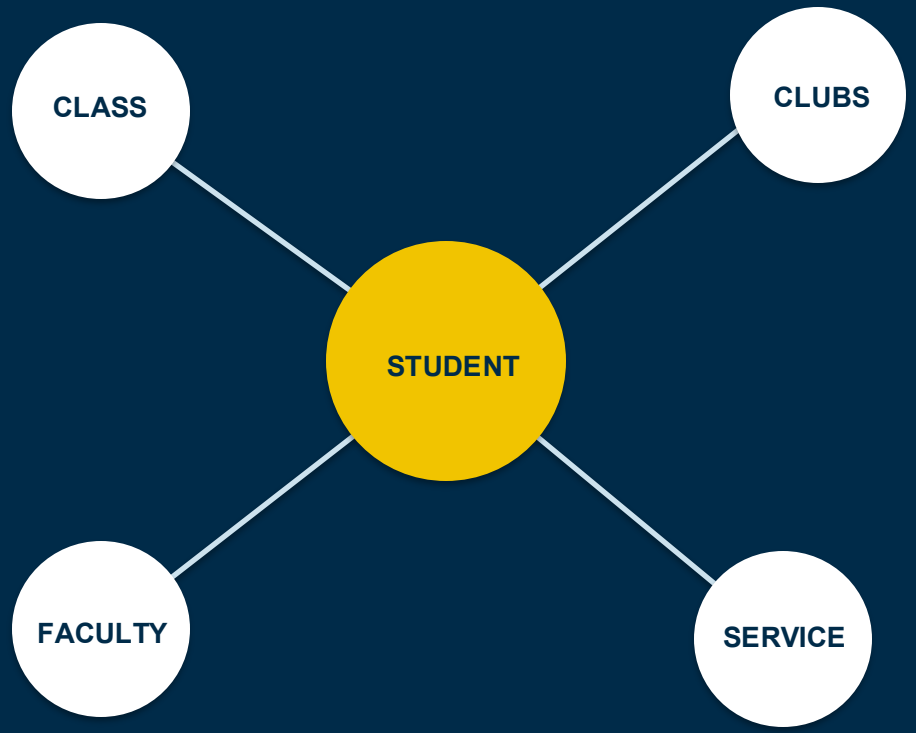
Career connections • graduate school • next steps

The goal: graduate with more than a transcript graduate with experiences, relationships and confidence.

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BELONGING MATTERS.

Finding community can be one of the biggest parts of the first-year transition. Don’t let your student feel lost in the crowd.



At Regis

40+ student clubs and organizations

69 organizations and programs offering volunteer opportunities

60,000+ service hours each year

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Independence with a support system.

College is a shift: parents' step back while students learn to step forward.

Students begin to own…

- Time management
- Communication with professors
- Asking for help
- Academic decisions
- Relationships and routines

Parents can support by…

- Asking questions instead of solving
- Encouraging use of campus resources
- Letting students communicate for themselves
- Normalizing that adjustment takes time
- Celebrating growth, not just grades

Support ≠ doing it for them.

A PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

Questions parents should ask on every campus visit.

1. How accessible are professors outside of class?
2. What happens when a first-year student starts struggling?
3. How soon can students get involved in research, internships or leadership?
4. What does advising look like after the first semester?
5. Where do students go when they need academic, personal or career support?
6. How will an education at this school transform my student, beyond their degree?

Listen for specific examples not just promises.

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THE REGIS EXPERIENCE

What this looks like at Regis.

A close-knit university experience in Denver grounded in Jesuit education.

11:1
student-to-faculty ratio

$72,000
2025 graduates median salary

40+
student clubs & organizations

94%
alumni employed or continuing education*

Regis describes its community around being known, challenged and supported as a whole person, with service and social responsibility woven into campus life.

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FIT MATTERS

Is a smaller college right for your student?

Look for the environment that makes it easiest for your student to become the best version of themselves.

LEARNING

Do they participate more when classes feel personal?

RELATIONSHIPS

Do they value knowing professors and classmates?

SUPPORT

Will they ask for help and can they find it easily?

INVOLVEMENT

Do they want opportunities to contribute early?

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BIG OPPORTUNITIES.
PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

The best college fit is a place where a student can be known, challenged, supported and encouraged to take ownership of what comes next.



Questions?

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