

## **Colorado State University Scholarship Application (CSUSA) Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. What is the CSUSA?** It is an online scholarship application for many of the scholarships awarded at CSU. There are scholarships for new and continuing Undergraduate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bachelor's, Master's, PhD, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, residents and non-residents; it also includes need-based and merit awards. The CSUSA officially opens on RAMweb 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 at <https://ramweb.colostate.edu> and log in using your CSU eID (eName and password).
  - Select **CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA)** under Financial Aid (available December 1 to March 1).
  - Or, you can sign in directly any time of the year at <https://colostate.academicworks.com/>.
- 3. If I am not yet admitted, can I get to the CSUSA?** You must be admitted first. Once you are admitted and have established your eID, you will be able to access the CSUSA. If you need help establishing your eID, contact the Office of Admissions at (970) 491-6909 or [admissions@colostate.edu](mailto:admissions@colostate.edu).
- 4. How do I complete the CSUSA?**
  - Once you are logged into the CSUSA (see Question 2), complete and submit the General Application.
  - Then, complete and submit any supplemental application(s) that may appear. Only certain majors require a supplemental application.
  - The CSUSA enters you into the applicant pools of any scholarships for which you are automatically eligible.
  - Some scholarships, however, require further action in order to be considered (i.e., letters of recommendation, other documents, and/or essays). When you are on the CSUSA, these will be listed on the 'Opportunities' tab (upper left of screen) as 'Recommended.' Click on 'Recommended' and further requirements will be described when you click the 'Apply' button.
  - Most scholarship deadlines are March 1 so ensure ample time for completion of the above steps by then.
- 5. What system requirements are necessary to complete the CSUSA?**
  - The CSUSA is provided through AcademicWorks (<https://colostate.academicworks.com/>).
  - AcademicWorks supports only the current and the immediately previous major releases of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, and Microsoft Internet Explorer.
  - You may receive emails from AcademicWorks. To ensure proper delivery, add [no-reply@academicworks.com](mailto:no-reply@academicworks.com) to spam filters or safe sender lists.
- 6. What CSU scholarships can I apply for with the CSUSA?**
  - Academic college scholarships: Agricultural Sciences, Business, Engineering, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts, Natural Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, or Warner College of Natural Resources.
  - Alumni Association Scholarships, including the CSU Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship
  - Anschutz Scholars Program (entering freshman only)
  - Departmental scholarships at CSU, i.e., scholarships from Adult Learner and Veteran Services, Student Affairs, etc.
  - Fostering Success Scholarship (students who were in foster care system only)
  - Monfort Scholarship (entering freshman only)
  - Student Financial Services' scholarships (includes CSU Women's Association scholarships)
- 7. What CSU scholarships am I NOT applying for with the CSUSA?**
  - Colorado Merit, Dean's, Green and Gold, Honors, National Merit, Partnership Awards, Presidential, Provost's, Ram Recognition Award: these scholarships are for entering freshmen and students are considered via application for admission.
  - First Generation Award – apply through <https://colostate.academicworks.com> by selecting Opportunities, then "Ours" at the top of the page. Then type in "First Generation Award" in the search bar. You can also follow this link <https://colostate.academicworks.com/opportunities/16101>
  - Creative & Performing Arts Awards (except for Art) – contact awarding department (Music, Theatre, Dance, English).
  - Reisher Scholarship – application available on <https://colostate.academicworks.com>

- ROTC Scholarships – contact Army or Air Force ROTC.
  - Transfer Student Scholarships: Partnership Awards, Phi Theta Kappa, Ram Transfer, Honors Transfer, and Reisher Scholarship for Transfer Students.
  - For information on WUE, visit <https://financialaid.colostate.edu/scholarships-for-entering-non-resident-freshman/>
  - For information on the Native American Legacy Award, visit <http://admissions.colostate.edu/nativeamerican/>.
  - For information on scholarships outside of CSU, visit <https://colostate.academicworks.com/opportunities/external>.

**8. I am an ‘undeclared’ major. What scholarships can I apply for through the CSUSA?** By completing the CSUSA, you may be automatically eligible for scholarships from the Office of Financial Aid if you also complete the FAFSA and demonstrate financial need. Additionally, you may apply for Fostering Success scholarships, the Monfort, the Anschutz, the Alumni Association scholarships, and various departmental scholarships at CSU, if you meet their criteria. Be certain to check your ‘Recommended’ opportunities as described in Question 4 and take action on any ‘Apply’ scholarships in order to be entered into the eligibility pools for these scholarships.

**9. I plan on changing my major or adding a second major.** Change your major or add your second major by early February and then come back and complete the CSUSA, keeping in mind the deadline of March 1. Allow one week for your change to take effect on CSU records. Your current major(s), minor, and concentration determines your eligibility for certain scholarships. For a major change, new students contact Admissions; current students the Registrar’s Office.

**10. 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 considered for scholarships from both colleges?** Yes, however, some colleges require students to have their primary/first major in that college in order to be considered. Follow the steps in Question 4 to be certain to apply for all scholarships for which you are eligible.

**11. What if I start the CSUSA and cannot finish it in one sitting?** Go ahead and save your responses (or even submit them) and come back whenever you are ready to complete, but before the deadline date.

**12. What is the time-out period of the CSUSA?** The time-out period is 30 minutes. To prevent timing-out, click the ‘Save and Keep Editing’ or ‘Update Your Application’ button at the bottom of the General Application.

**13. What is the common essay for 2018-2019?** “Describe a current event or issue affecting our world today that has influenced your goals and aspirations for the future.” (Limit response to 250 words.) It is recommended that essay answers be composed in a word processing program, spell-checked, and then copied and pasted into the CSUSA.

**14. How will I know if I submitted the CSUSA successfully?** You will receive an email from Colorado State University Scholarships ‘no-reply@academicworks.com’ that says ‘CSU Scholarship Application Submission Confirmation.’ Additionally, your General Application will say ‘Complete.’ You can still make changes and update until the deadline date.

**15. I made a mistake on my submitted CSUSA.** You may go back and change, correct, and update your CSUSA up until the deadline date.

**16. Do I have to do a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?** No, the FAFSA is only necessary if you wish to be considered for need-based scholarships through the CSUSA.

**17. When should I submit the FAFSA in order to be considered for need-based scholarships through the CSUSA?** It is advisable to submit the upcoming academic year’s FAFSA no later than February 15 so that your FAFSA data will arrive at CSU in time to be automatically entered into the CSUSA database by March 1, the deadline date. FAFSA data is used to determine eligibility for need-based scholarships awarded via the CSUSA.

**18. Should I complete the CSUSA each year?** Yes, it is recommended you complete the CSUSA each year.

**19. I am a CSU Online degree-seeking student. Am I eligible for scholarships through the CSUSA?** Yes, you are eligible; however, it is very competitive as the majority of scholarships are for on-campus degree-seeking students.

**20. Are international students eligible to complete the CSUSA?** International students may complete the CSUSA. They may be considered for scholarships which do not require U.S. Citizenship or financial need.

**21. Will I be notified if I did or did not receive a scholarship?** In most cases, only recipients are notified. The majority of scholarships are awarded by April 1. If you are awarded, you will receive an award offer notification email from ‘no-reply@academicworks.com’ with a link to colostate.academicworks.com to view the details.