

## 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](http://ramweb.colostate.edu) and log in using your eName and ePassword. 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?**
  - Your Academic College(s)' scholarships
  - Anschutz Scholars Program (Entering freshman only)
  - Fostering Success Scholarship (Students who were in foster care system only)
  - Legacy Scholarship and Pueblo County Alumni (Alumni Association)
  - Monfort Scholarship (Entering freshman only)
  - Student Financial Services (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, Native American Legacy Award, Partnership, Presidential, Provost's, Ram Recognition Award, 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://osp.casa.colostate.edu/fgaappinfo.aspx>, due March 1.
  - Creative & Performing Arts Awards (except for Art) – contact awarding department (Music, Theatre, Dance, English)
  - Reisher Scholarship
  - 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
  - Transfer Student Scholarships: Bernard Osher Reentry, Griffin Foundation, Partnership Award, Phi Theta Kappa, Ram Transfer, Honors Transfer, Native American Legacy Awards, WUE, and Reisher Scholarship for Transfer Students – these are for entering transfer students and selection is via 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 (eName and ePassword), you are able to access [ramweb.colostate.edu](http://ramweb.colostate.edu) and 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).
- 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 (by February 5, 2014) 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 are granted only one major initially and cannot add a second until after the fall semester begins. You can complete the CSUSA section of your first major and be considered for scholarships in that college only.

**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, Fostering Success, Monfort, Anschutz, and Alumni Association sections.

**11. I have a renewable scholarship. Should I complete the CSUSA each year?** Yes, we recommend you complete the CSUSA each year. Complete the required sections of the CSUSA along with your college's section and the SFS section (if your renewable scholarship is from SFS).

**12. I am taking CSU OnlinePlus classes. Am I eligible for scholarships through the CSUSA?** You must be regularly admitted into Colorado State University in a degree/certificate program in order to receive a scholarship. If you are awarded a scholarship and enroll in OnlinePlus courses, contact your awarding college/department to see if you can receive the scholarship.

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

**15. What is the common essay for 2014-2015?** "What is most important to you in the Constitution of the United States and why? (Limit response to 500-600 words)."

**16. How will I know if I submitted the CSUSA successfully?** Successful CSUSA submission consists of agreeing to the Terms and Conditions; 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 click the "My CSUSA is Done" button, you are immediately sent an e-mail to your CSU e-mail address. The subject line reads: "CSUSA – Important Information – Please Read!"

**17. 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.

**18. 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.

**19. When do I need to submit my FAFSA for the CSUSA?** March 1 is not a deadline, but a priority date for the FAFSA. The longer you wait to submit the FAFSA after March 1, the more likely it becomes that your FAFSA data will not arrive at CSU when committees begin reviewing applicants. Therefore, it is advisable to submit your FAFSA no later than the first week of March if you wish to be considered for need-based scholarships.

**20. Are international students eligible to complete the CSUSA?** International students may complete the CSUSA. SFS has at least one scholarship that can be awarded 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.