

Colorado State University Scholarship Application

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 for 2010-2011. It goes "live" on December 1, 2009, and the deadline is March 1, 2010 11 p.m. MST.
- 2. How do I get to the CSUSA?** Go to ramweb.colostate.edu and log in using your eID. Then select the **CSU Scholarship Application** 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?**
 - Academic College scholarships
 - Monfort Scholarship
 - SFS scholarships (includes the CSU Women's Association scholarships)
 - Legacy Scholarship (Alumni Relations)
 - President's Public Service Award
- 5. What scholarships am I not applying for with the CSUSA?**
 - Dean's, Green and Gold, Honors, National Merit, Partnership, Presidential, Provost's (entering freshmen – considered via application for admission and other)
 - College of Engineering freshmen entering Fall 2010: no application required, all entering freshmen automatically considered using their admission application data
 - First Generation Award – application available in January at http://www.casa.colostate.edu/Student_Achievement/FirstGen.cfm, due March 1.
 - Creative & Performing Arts Awards (except for Art) – contact awarding department
 - 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
 - Partnership Award for Alliance High School Transfer students, Phi Theta Kappa Transfer, Ram Transfer – entering transfer students selected through separate process
 - Tribal College Transfer Scholarship – application available from Office of Admissions
- 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 ED). Once you have established your eID, you can access the CSUSA. The Office of Admissions will mail the letter snail mail if you don't have an e-mail address, or if you have not created an eID within a few weeks of receiving the e-mail. If you no longer have this e-mail or letter, contact the Office of Admissions at (970) 491-6909 or 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 first (by February 3, 2010) and then come back and complete the CSUSA, keeping in mind the deadline of March 1, 2010. 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.

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 may have only one major and cannot add a second until after the fall semester begins. You can complete the CSUSA section of your first major's college and be considered for scholarships in that college.

10. I am open-option. What scholarships can I apply for with the CSUSA? You can complete the SFS section and the Legacy Scholarship section (check the criteria). Entering freshmen can also complete the Monfort section (Colorado residents only) or the President's Public Service section (non-residents only).

11. What if I start the CSUSA and cannot finish it in one sitting? Go ahead and Save/Submit your application, and come back whenever you are ready to complete it, but before the deadline of March 1, 2010, 11 p.m. MST.

12. 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 "Enter" button at the bottom of the page of the CSUSA. This resets the time-out period. It is recommended essays be copied and pasted from a word processing program.

13. What is the common question for 2010-2011? "Who or what most-influenced you to further your education; describe the person, place, and/or event. (Limit response to 500 words)." Last year's question was, "Describe a significant personal experience or achievement and discuss its impact on you."

14. How will I know if I submitted the CSUSA successfully? As soon as you submit your CSUSA, you are immediately sent an e-mail to your CSU e-mail address. The subject line reads: "CSUSA – Important Information – Please Read!"

15. 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, 2010 at 11 p.m. MST.

16. 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.

17. When do I need to submit my FAFSA for the CSUSA? The CSUSA deadline of March 1 is set; it will disappear from RAMweb after that. For the FAFSA, the March 1 date is not as rigid. However, the longer after March 1 that you submit the FAFSA, the more likely it becomes that your FAFSA data will not be here when committees meet and review applicants. Some committees meet as early as one week after March 1. Therefore, it is advisable to submit your FAFSA no later than March 3. If you are not applying for need-based scholarships, the FAFSA is not necessary.