



FINANCIAL AID TOOLKIT

Applying for Financial Aid

Getting Ready for FAFSA/CASFA:

- [DSF Financial Aid Resources](#)
- Creating a StudentAid.gov account (also called FSA ID) for FAFSA
 - [Students](#)
 - [Parents](#)
 - Note that parents without SSNs may experience challenges with creating accounts or completing FAFSA right now
- [Information you need to complete the FAFSA or CASFA](#)

Resources for help completing the FAFSA:

1. Educational Opportunity Center (housed at Community College of Denver, but serving Denver metro students regardless of college plans)
 - 303.352.8746 or eoc@ccd.edu
 - Sign up for an appointment: ccd.edu/org/educational-opportunity-center
2. Helpful videos from Federal Student Aid: youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid
3. College Financial Aid Offices (they often host workshops to help students with their financial aid applications)

Resources for help completing the CASFA:

1. [Should I Submit FAFSA or CASFA?](#)
2. [Information about completing CASFA](#), including FAQs (available in Spanish & English)
3. College Financial Aid Offices (they often host workshops to help students with their financial aid applications)

Resources for help with Colorado residency or ASSET:

1. denverscholarship.org/coloradoreidency
2. [Qualifying for ASSET](#) (scroll to *ASSET – Undocumented Students*)

CSS Profile (additional financial aid application used by some private colleges):

- College/university's financial aid office – if a college requires the CSS Profile, it will have trained staff who can help answer questions
- Everything You Need to Know to Complete the CSS Profile
[usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/everything-you-need-to-know-to-complete-the-css-profile](https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/everything-you-need-to-know-to-complete-the-css-profile)
- Guide to Filling Out the CSS Profile
road2college.com/guide-to-filling-out-css-profile/
- CSS Profile FAQs
cssprofile.collegeboard.org/frequently-asked-questions

Scholarships

Am I eligible for the Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) Scholarship? How do I apply?

- denverscholarship.org/eligibility

Scholarship Ideas:

- Most colleges/universities offer **institutional scholarships** (scholarships offered by the college), which are a great way to get additional financial support. Visit the college's financial aid webpage to learn more and apply.
- [DSF Scholarship Directory](#)
- [Info for Scholarship Seekers](#) (from the National Scholarship Providers Assoc.)

Student Loans

- Repayment options
studentaid.gov/manage-loans/repayment
- Forgiveness
studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation
- Veterans
studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation (scroll to Military Service Benefits)

Graduate School

How to pay for graduate school?

- Grants & fellowships:
salliemae.com/student-loans/graduate-school-information/graduate-school-grants-and-fellowships/
- Scholarships:
usnews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/articles/how-to-find-scholarships-for-graduate-school