Colorado Application for State Financial Aid

The **Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA)** creates opportunity and access to higher education for undocumented students who do not have lawful immigration status. The **CASFA** allows Colorado ASSET students to receive state-funded financial aid at post-secondary institutions. Those who do not meet the eligibility criteria below are still encouraged to apply for institutional aid using the **CASFA.**

To qualify for Colorado ASSET in-state tuition per House Bill 22-1155 passed in 2022, an undocumented student must:

- Have attended a public or private high school in Colorado for at least one year immediately before graduation or completed a general equivalency diploma (GED) in Colorado. One year is defined as two academic terms immediately preceding graduation or completing the Colorado GED.
- Have continuous physical presence in Colorado for 12 months preceding the start of the semester.
- Apply for and complete an affidavit with the College Opportunity Fund (COF) indicating that you have applied for legal presence or will apply as soon as you are eligible to do so.
- Submit official final Colorado high school transcripts indicating one year of attendance at a Colorado high school immediately preceding graduation.
- Submit official Colorado GED transcript, if applicable.

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Who is eligible to apply?

CASFA is a safe, easy way to apply for **state financial aid** if you are an undocumented student.

Non-U.S. citizen resident and non-resident students who do not qualify as ASSET can use the CASFA to apply for **institutional aid.**

If you are eligible for federal financial aid, you should complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FASFA).

> "CASFA positively supports families and is a logical next step in efforts to erase equity gaps and put college in reach for the families who benefit most from a postsecondary education,"
>
> **Dr. Angie Paccione, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education**

How to Apply

Please visit https://cdhe.colorado.gov/colorado-application-for-state-financial-aid for more information.
If you are a student, you can apply here: https://cdhesnapprod.regenteducation.net/

If you have questions regarding the application, please contact the financial aid office at the institution you're applying to. If you have technical difficulties with your account, contact CASFA@dhe.state.co.us.