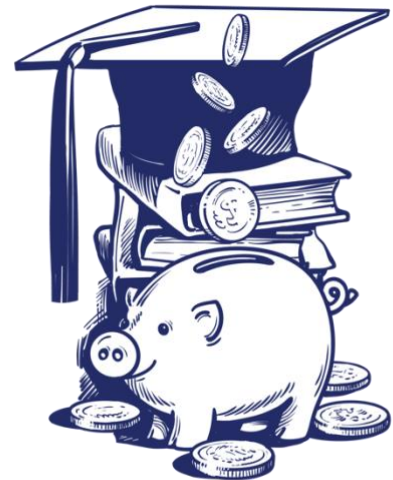


Colorado Application for State Financial Aid

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 postsecondary 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 High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma in Colorado. One year is defined as two academic terms immediately preceding graduation or HSE examination in Colorado.
- 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 or submit official HSE transcript, if applicable.



**A postsecondary path
is within reach!**

Who is eligible to apply?

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

Students who are not eligible for Colorado 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 the [CASFA webpage](#) for more information and to apply directly.

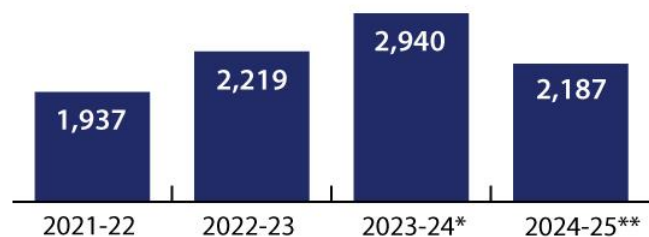
If you are a [student, you can apply here](#).

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.

CASFA Status Update July 2024

The number of financial aid applications processed has been increasing annually, with the 2024-25 application cycle expected to surpass previous records.

Colorado Students with Processed Applications for State Financial Aid



* Aid year closed June 30, 2024

** Aid year open until June 30, 2025

For More Information

Colorado Department of Higher Education <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/>
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