



**COLORADO**  
Department of  
Higher Education



**CASFA**  
COLORADO APPLICATION FOR  
STATE FINANCIAL AID

# Fact Sheet





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 successfully completing a high school equivalency examination in Colorado. One year is defined as two academic terms immediately preceding graduation.
- Have had a 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 an official high school equivalency examination transcript, if applicable.





### Who is eligible to apply?

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

Colorado students who do not qualify under 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 [cdhe.colorado.gov/casfa](https://cdhe.colorado.gov/casfa) for more information.

If you are a student, you can apply here: [cdhestudentxprod.regenteducation.net/signin](https://cdhestudentxprod.regenteducation.net/signin)

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](mailto:CASFA@dhe.state.co.us).

### For More Information

Colorado Department of Higher Education [cdhe.colorado.gov](https://cdhe.colorado.gov)

Strategic Plan: Building Skills in an Evolving Economy [cdhe.colorado.gov/about-us/cche/strategic-plan](https://cdhe.colorado.gov/about-us/cche/strategic-plan)