



## 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](#) (FAFSA).

“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**

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### How to Apply

Please visit [higher.ed.colorado.gov/CASFA](https://higher.ed.colorado.gov/CASFA) 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](mailto:CASFA@dhe.state.co.us).

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### For More Information

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

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