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RESOURCE GUIDE

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AURARIA CAMPUS



COMMUNITY
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METROPOLITAN
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Glossary

ASCENT – A first year college / fifth year high school program where a student takes classes full-time at the college and the school district pays the student tuition.

Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow (ASSET) - Undocumented students will be charged in-state tuition by meeting specific criteria. For more information, refer to the section “Asset & DACA”.

Concurrent Enrollment – taking college classes while a still in high school (See section “Preparing for College”)

College Opportunity Fund (COF) – This is money the state will pay toward the cost of each credit hour taken by eligible students attending Colorado colleges and universities. DREAMer students are eligible as well. For more information, refer to the section called “Funding your Education”.

Community College of Denver (CCD) - Located on the Auraria Campus in downtown Denver, Community College of Denver is student-centered and dedicated to providing an exceptional education. Our diverse community of motivated learners applaud our small-class sizes and flexible schedules, award-winning professors, extensive advisory and support services, world-class facilities, easy access via RTD light rail, and affordable tuition.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) - an American immigration policy that allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country before their 16th birthday and before June 2007 to receive a renewable two-year work permit and exemption from deportation. For more information, please go to the section “Asset & DACA”.

DREAMer – individuals who could apply for and benefit from DACA (see above) often refer to themselves as DREAMers after an immigration reform bill that was first introduced in 2001, but ultimately failed. There are roughly 1.8 million immigrants in the United States who might be or might become, eligible for the Obama Administration’s “deferred action” (DACA) initiative for unauthorized youth brought to this country as children. In this guide, we will refer to students who are undocumented or have received DACA status as “DREAMer” students.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - a form that can be prepared annually by current and future college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid. DREAMer students may be asked to complete this form by their schools or scholarship organizations, even if they are not eligible for state or federal aid. For more information, refer to the section called “Funding your Education”.

Matriculation – To become a student at a school and especially in a college or university; to enroll in college.

Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver) – located on the Auraria campus, Metropolitan State University of Denver is a fully accredited university offering various bachelors and masters degrees in downtown Denver.

Official transcripts – To be admitted, colleges require official transcripts – that means that your school, not you, must send sealed transcripts to the college you will be attending. Talk to your high school counselor or secretary to have your official transcripts forwarded so your application can be processed.

Subsidized/unsubsidized loans – The Federal Government pays the interest for Direct Subsidized Loans while the student is in college or while the loan is in deferment (payments are postponed). On the other hand, interest begins accruing for Direct Unsubsidized Loans as soon as the loan is taken out.

University of Colorado, Denver (CU Denver) – located on the Auraria campus, CU Denver offers more than 130 programs in 13 schools and colleges at the undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and first professional (health) levels.

Work-study – a federal program that funds student workers on campus; since this federal program can unfortunately not be used to hire DACA or undocumented students, students with DACA status should look for hourly positions on a campus.

DREAMer Resource Guide: Guide for DREAMer, Asset, DACA and Undocumented Students on the Auraria Campus

WELCOME TO AURARIA CAMPUS

Whether you're a City Hawk, Roadrunner, or Lynx, you're now a part of a community of learners, doers, and DREAMers! As a DREAMer at the Auraria campus, you'll need to know some information that's unique to you. The three institutions here on campus have worked together to create this resource guide to help you as you begin, continue, and finish your journey as a student. Your experience with admissions, financial aid, and enrollment, to name a few, looks a little different than for other students on this campus, and this resource guide has the right information to help you navigate your college experience.

How to Use This Guide

You'll find information for all three schools (CCD, MSU Denver, and CU Denver), but you will just need to follow the information specific to your school's processes. You'll find three checklists, one for each school, at the beginning of the guide. Use that checklist to help as you go through the resources specific to your school. You'll also find general campus and community resources at the end of this guide, so be sure to check those out as well.

ASSET & DACA

What is DACA?

On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal. These students are also eligible for work authorization. "Deferred action" is a use of prosecutorial discretion to defer removal action against an individual for a certain period of time. Deferred action does not provide lawful status.

For more info, go to: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

What is ASSET?

New or continuing DREAMer students are eligible for in-state tuition at Colorado's public higher education institutions under the [ASSET bill](#) if they meet the necessary qualifications. CCD, UC Denver, and MSU Denver all have different application processes to receive in-state tuition under the ASSET bill, so make sure to check with the Admissions office at your school.

To Request DACA you need:

- Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Came to the United States before reaching age 16;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

To Qualify for ASSET you need:

- Have graduated from a high school in Colorado or completed a general equivalency diploma (GED) in Colorado
- Have attended a public or private high school in Colorado for at least three years before graduating high school or completing the GED
- Be admitted to a Colorado college or university within 12 months of graduation from a Colorado high school or completion of a Colorado GED OR show continuous physical presence in Colorado for 18 months
- Apply for the College Opportunity Fund (<https://cof.college-assist.org/Apply>) and complete an affidavit with COF indicating that you have applied for legal presence or will apply as soon as you are eligible to do so.

Starting College Early – Concurrent Enrollment and ASCENT

What is Concurrent Enrollment?

Through concurrent enrollment, high school students take college classes while they are still in high school. College classes are offered both at the high school and college campuses. Students earn both high school and college credit for these classes since they are true college classes that follow college standards and expectations, even when they take place at a high school campus. Courses will appear on a student's college transcript and if a student takes Guaranteed Transfer (GT) courses, these will apply to a degree at any public college or university in Colorado. High schools pay the student's tuition and this program is open to all students regardless of residency status, so this is a great way for DREAMers to earn college credit at little or no cost. Concurrent Enrollment is offered through the Community College of Denver, MSU Denver, and CU Denver (through the CU Succeed program) as well as other colleges.

What is the ASCENT program?

The ASCENT program allows students to complete a year of college while enrolled in a fifth year of high school. Students take classes full-time on a college campus and the school district pays the student's tuition. This is typically done at community or technical colleges because funding is set at the community college rate. Students are responsible to pay for books and fees; however, there are appeals to Denver Public Schools for hardship cases. To qualify, students must have met their high school graduation requirements, placed into college-level classes and have earned at least 12 college credits. ASCENT is a great way to make progress on and even complete college certificates and degrees while in high school.

How do students participate in concurrent enrollment and ASCENT?

Because the high schools and/or district is paying the student's cost of tuition for concurrent enrollment, students must work with their high school counselors to participate. Students do not register directly for classes; instead they follow a process and may need to complete a college application for admission, sign-up and register for the College Opportunity Fund, complete and sign a concurrent enrollment agreement and registration forms, and meet the pre-requisites or co-requisites for the course they would like to take. For more information, students should speak to their high school counselors or the contacts listed below.



College Pathways Office

The College Pathways program at CCD enables high school students just like you to take college classes while you are still in high school through Concurrent Enrollment and the ASCENT Program. CCD partners with many high schools in Denver, including special partnerships with CEC Early College and Southwest Early College.

Concurrent enrollment classes are not high school classes for college credit, but true college classes with the same standards and expectations as all CCD courses. Because area schools and districts pay the cost of tuition, you can achieve success at the college level with little to no cost.

What is the ABC Scholarship at the Community College of Denver?

The ABC Scholarship is up to \$2,000 and is exclusive to the Community College of Denver for students who participated in ASCENT or 5th Year Early College programs to complete their Associate's Degree at CCD. Students must be able to complete their Associate's Degree within 2 semesters post ASCENT / 5th year Early College. Students must have a 2.75 cumulative college GPA minimum and have passed gatekeeper MAT and ENG courses for their degree. DREAMer students are encouraged to apply as there is no residency or citizenship requirement. Through Concurrent Enrollment, ASCENT and the ABC Scholarship, DREAMer students can complete a college degree at little to no cost.



Ascent Program

This program is for the high school student who has fulfilled all local school district graduation requirements at the end of 4 years, and has completed, or is scheduled to complete, 12 credit hours of postsecondary course work. Students must be college ready in accordance to the pathway they enroll. Any remedial coursework previously taken does not qualify as a part of the 12 credit hours of required college coursework. The school district pays for tuition (not fees or books) up to the community college tuition rate and the remainder will be billed to the student.

Concurrent Enrollment (CE) Program

This program is for high school students under 21 years of age who are enrolled in the 9th – 12th grade and who demonstrate academic preparedness. Concurrent Enrollment students earn both high school and college credit for the same course, and the student's share of college tuition (not fees or books) is paid by the school district up to the community college tuition rate and the remainder will be billed to the student.

Student Education & Enrichment (SEE) Program

This program is for high school students 16 years or older and it allows them to enroll in college courses at MSU Denver as special non-degree-seeking students. SEE students are eligible to take classes year-round—fall, spring and summer. There are no limits on the type of courses other than academic prerequisites and assessment test requirements. These enrollments are not state-funded nor is the tuition paid by the school district. Home-schooled students may participate in the SEE Program.

If you'd like to apply for one of these programs, download and complete the Concurrent Enrollment Options Agreement and Registration Form.

Contact:

Main Office:
303-352-3301

Brandon Protas, Director (se habla español)
Brandon.Protas@ccd.edu
303-352-3305

Anitra Galicia, Program Advisor
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303-352-3354

Contact and Info:

Bethy Tessema
btessema@msudenver.edu
303-556-3058

Concurrent Enrollment Options Agreement and Registration Form:
msudenver.edu/media/content/admissions/documents/ConcurrentEnrollmentOptionsAgreementandRegistrationForm2016-2017.pdf

Pre-Collegiate Academic Outreach

The Center for Pre-Collegiate and Academic Outreach Programs at the University of Colorado Denver administers pre-college and pipeline programs. These programs are designed to educate, motivate, and prepare students to be successful in secondary and post-secondary education with the goal of obtaining a higher education degree.

For more details and eligibility information, below is the website link and contact information: ucdenver.edu/academics/degrees/pre-collegiate

CU Denver High School Concurrent Enrollment

High School Concurrent Enrollment is an option for high achieving high school students in the Denver area! Students can apply to take classes at the University of Colorado Denver and receive academic credit on both their high school and college transcripts. Participation is dependent on approval from the student's parent/ guardian and current high school counselor.

To be considered for admission, students need to complete the High School Concurrent Enrollment Application, provide a \$50 non-refundable application fee, official high school transcript and SAT or ACT score (if available). Click here to learn more: ucdenver.edu/admissions/K12Outreach/Concurrent/Pages/HSConcurrentEnrollment.aspx

Claim Credit – AP, IB, and other programs

Credit may be considered for Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations upon receipt of official score reports. Credit awards are for programs completed entirely at the Denver Campus; the Anschutz Medical Campus has different AP, IB and CLEP credit award and prerequisite policies. Please click onto the link below to learn more:

www.ucdenver.edu/admissions/bachelors/freshman/getReady/Pages/APIB-Credit.aspx

CU Succeed Program

The CU Succeed Silver and Gold Programs collaborate with more than 90 high schools in Colorado to offer high school students the opportunity to gain exposure to the college experience! Students enroll in University of Colorado Denver courses, located at their high school, taught by qualified teachers, at a reduced tuition rate.

For more information about the CU Succeed programs, including registration and the application link, below is the website link and contact information:

ucdenver.edu/ACADEMICS/CONTINUING-EDUCATION/CUSUCCEED

Contact and Info
pcdp@ucdenver.edu
303-556-2322

Application Materials
Available for Download
In order to download and
view Adobe Acrobat *.PDF
files, you will need to have
Adobe Acrobat Reader
installed on your computer.
If you do not have Adobe
Acrobat Reader, you may
[download a free copy.](#)

Angela Alton
CU Succeed Program
Coordinator
angela.alton@ucdenver.edu
303-556-2717

Before You Are Admitted

CCD

Steps to Enroll:

- **Submit your online admission application at www.ccd.edu/apply**

- ASSET/ DACA must choose "Non-U.S. Citizen" when asked citizenship status.
- DACA students can provide their Social Security number.
- SELECTIVE SERVICE - All males between the ages of 17 years, 9 months and 26 years must register with Selective Service. If you are DACA and have an assigned Social Security Number, you may apply at www.sss.gov
- ASSET and Undocumented Students without an assigned Social Security Number must print and submit [Selective Service Registration form](#) at your closest Post Office. If this is not completed a hold will be placed on your account.
- If you have any technical issues, please email: CCD.Admissions@ccd.edu

- **Check your residency classification with Admissions, Registration & Records and submit the required documents to change your nonresident status.**

- Students will be notified of your residency classification via your college-assigned email address. Make sure to check your student email on a regular basis for important information regarding your account.
- Students with DACA status may qualify for in-state tuition under the ASSET tuition requirements. DACA students that do not qualify via ASSET may qualify for in-state tuition if Colorado domicile requirements are met.
- Complete the [Amended Application](#), with parental information if under the age of 23. The Amended Application will be reviewed within 3-5 business days and is due by the earliest census date for all registered courses.
- ASSET/Undocumented students must only apply for the **College Opportunity Fund (COF)** and complete the COF Affidavit. Students should submit the COF affidavit to Admissions, Registration & Records.
- Students will need to obtain your State Assigned Student Identifier (SASID) from your high school in order for COF to be applied.

- **Access CCDConnect & Your Student Email Account.**

- CCDConnect is your student portal account. Your log-in credentials are given to you in the official welcome letter after applying to CCD. Be sure to log-in frequently to review your account and student email. Your college-assigned student email is the official means of communication between students and the college, and students are expected to check their student email regularly for important messages.
- Students can access their CCDConnect student account by going to ccd.edu and clicking "CCDConnect" at the top right corner of the page.

- **Demonstrate College Readiness.**

- All students must demonstrate college readiness prior to starting classes. CCD provides several options for you to demonstrate college readiness, go to ccd.edu/CollegeReady.

- **Complete the Student Orientation.**

Register for an on-campus or online orientation at ccd.edu/NewStudentOrientation. The on-campus orientation is full service, helping all students to: demonstrate college readiness, meet with an academic advisor, register for classes, start/update/finish your financial aid package, tour campus and get your campus ID/bus pass. Online orientation is available if you cannot, or choose not to, attend on campus.

Contact and Info:

Michelle Garcia (Admissions Specialist, ASSET/DACA point of contact). Se habla español.
michelle.garcia@ccd.edu
303-352-3326

Nu Tran (Interim Assistant Registrar, Mgr Int'l Admin & Student Services)
Nu.Tran@ccd.edu
303-556-3564

Selective Service Registration form:

sss.gov/Portals/0/PDFs/regform_copyINT.pdf

Amended Application Form:

ccd.edu/docs/amended-application

In-state tuition through ASSET and DACA info

www.ccd.edu/DACA.

COF stipend info

www.ccd.edu/COF

If you have trouble accessing your CCD account, please contact the 24/7 help line at 1-888-800-9198.

Steps to Enroll:

- **Submit your online admission application at msudenver.edu/admissions/apply/**
(On questions #2, a DACA social # can be used; on question #10, DACA/undocumented students should select “no visa”)
- Submit high school/college transcripts (you should talk to your high school counselor to have the official transcripts forwarded)

After Admission:

- **Complete in-state correction form to get in-state tuition**
msudenver.edu/media/content/admissions/documents/studentforms/In-StateCorrectionForm7-26-16.pdf
- **Complete College Opportunity Fund((COF) (cof.college-assist.org/Apply)** for a \$75.00 cost reduction per credit; for more information on and eligibility requirements COF, go to the “Funding Your Education” section in the Resource Guide.
- Depending on SAT/ACT/college credit transfer, you may have to do the Accuplacer placement testing for English and Math; you can do this at the Testing Center, in the Tivoli student building, room 347; you can call them directly with questions here: (303) 556-3677
- **Sign up for a New Student Orientation at msudenver.edu/nso/**
At the orientation, you will learn about campus, get important information, and register for classes
- Show **immunization records to Health Center**, take tests to prove current immunization status, or request an exemption.
- Encourage your parents/family to sign up for **Orientación Familiar**, a Spanish-language family orientation for parents and family of MSU Denver students; you can do this here: msudenver.edu/nso/orientacionfamiliar/
- **Apply for financial aid** - see section on “Funding Your Education” in Resource Guide.
- **Meet with the Immigrant Services** team for additional support and resources (English-language tutoring, additional scholarship opportunities for DREAMer students, degree/career planning, community resources, etc.)

Steps to In-state Tuition for DREAMer students:

- Visit Admissions, Excel, or Immigrant Services to complete the In-State Correction Form (msudenver.edu/admissions/forms)
- Through Colorado’s ASSET bill, you and all other DREAMer college students will receive in-state tuition if you have:
 - Attended a CO high school for at least 3 years
 - Were admitted to a college within 12 months of graduating
 - Have successfully applied for College Opportunity Fund (cof.college-assist.org/Apply)
 - Males only: completed Selective Service registration at sss.gov/Home/Registration (this can also be done on paper and without a social security number through any US Post Office)
- If you are undocumented or have DACA status, check “DACA/Undocumented” on the in-state correction form
- If you answer “Yes” to question 1. and 2., provide the date when you received your high school diploma or GED, and do not complete the section below the box
- If you have submitted the in-state correction form and anything is missing, you will be contacted by Admissions, so check your school email regularly!

Contact:

Aubrey Winbigler (Tuition Classification Officer)
awinbigl@msudenver.edu
303-556-2693

Luis Sandoval (Excel Pre-collegiate Coordinator)
lsando19@msudenver.edu
303-352-7202

Gregor Mieder (Immigrant Services Program Coordinator)
gmieder@msudenver.edu
303-352-7117

MSU Health Center
msudenver.edu/media/content/healthcenter/AurariaImmunizationComplianceForm.pdf
or 303-556-2525

Steps to Enroll:

- **Submit your online admission application at www.ucdenver.edu**

Click on **Apply Now** button and follow the prompts.

- Under the section “**Your Citizenship**,” there are several options. Students who are DACA will select “**DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)**.” Undocumented students who do not have DACA, will select “**None of the Above**.”
- Submit official high school and/or college transcripts. CU Denver only accepts official transcripts. How to submit official transcripts:

Transcripts can be mailed to:

Undergraduate Admissions & K-12 Outreach
Campus Box 167, P.O. Box 173364
Denver, CO 80217-3364
University of Colorado Denver

Paper copies of transcripts must arrive in a sealed envelope. They can be hand delivered or mailed, but must arrive in a sealed envelope. Students are allowed to submit hand deliver copies as long as the transcripts arrive in a sealed envelope.

If applicable, please remember to submit your final, official copies of transcripts.

Freshmen – upon graduation from high school, please submit a copy of your final high school transcripts that show graduation date.

Transfer Students – If your submitted college transcripts have any semesters that do not have posted grades, please remember to submit another copy of transcripts that have the posted grades once those semesters have been completed.

ASSET Students (both Freshmen and Transfer) -- since proof of graduation from a Colorado high school is one of the requirements for Colorado ASSET, it is important to submit a copy of your final high school transcript with graduate date.

After Admission:

- Activate your UCD Access student Portal and student Email– Student portal can be set up once student matriculates. Matriculation for Fall occurs in March and matriculation for Spring occurs in October.

Electronic communications are the preferred method of the university. Please check UCD Access Student Portal and check email regularly to keep with updates.

To activate account, myaccount.ucdenver.edu

- Sign up for and attend **Orientation** – Orientation is required for Freshmen and optional for transfer students. ucdenver.edu/life/services/orientation

- **Authorize College Opportunity Fund (COF)**

If eligible for COF, a student can authorize by term or select “Lifetime Authorization” which will authorize COF for all terms attended.

To activate your account, visit cof.college-assist.org/

ASSET Students (both Freshmen and Transfer): Please remember to complete the COF affidavit since it is one of the requirements for Colorado ASSET.

- **Complete the CU Denver Scholarship application**

Send Proof of Immunization – More details are listed under Health Insurance

Get involved – There are a ton of ways you can get involved on campus:

ucdenver.edu/life/services/studentlife/Pages/StudentLife.aspx

- **Contact your advisor** – Further details are listed under the Registrar’s/Bursar’s” section. Complete the FAFSA – www.fafsa.ed.gov

Contact:

Jaime Alvarez

(Assistant Director, K-12 Outreach)

303-315-2614

Jaime.Alvarez@ucdenver.edu

Application Materials Available for Download

In order to download and view Adobe Acrobat *.PDF files, you will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer.

If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you may

[download a free copy.](#)

Funding Your Education

There are many ways to fund your education: through grants, scholarships, loans, and of course self-pay. There are also ways to reduce college costs. Here is a quick overview over some of the most common options and processes you will encounter.

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR COLLEGE

FAFSA — FAFSA stands for “Free Application for Federal Student Aid”. This form is used to determine the amount of money a family is expected to contribute to the price of attending a postsecondary institution, and it is also an application for federal and state aid. The results of the FAFSA are used in determining student grants, work study, and loan amounts. Generally, in Colorado, DREAMer students do not have access to the grants, work study, or loans available through the state or federal government, but some scholarships and schools will require students to complete a FAFSA as a financial assessment tool. Some schools will have their own financial assessment and aid application forms. (For the specific steps you need to take to apply for financial support, please look at the specific school’s sections below.)

It is important to remember that FAFSA does not report immigration status to the federal government under any circumstance, but DREAMer students should seek help from their Financial Aid office in completing this form. Complete this form only if you are specifically asked to by your scholarship or Financial Aid office.

CCD Financial Aid Office: 303.556.5503

MSU Denver Financial Aid Office: 303-556-8593

CU Denver Financial Aid Office: 303-315-1850

Grants/scholarships – these are funds made available to students, and are usually disbursed to the Financial Aid office instead of the student. Some scholarships have specific requirements (major, ethnic background, a certain grade point average, etc.), and others do not. Schools may offer scholarships, and there are also many private and non-profit organizations that make them available. Talk to your financial aid office or DREAMer support organizations about scholarships that are available to you and for your specific situation.

For a small sample of private scholarships available to DREAMers, look at the end of this section.

Loans – Federal loans (“subsidized” or “unsubsidized”) are not available to undocumented/DACA students, but private or bank loans may be available – check with your bank or credit union. Frequently, banks who provide loans to non-citizens will ask for a co-signer who meets citizenship requirements. (For more information on “subsidized” vs. “unsubsidized” loans, please refer to the Glossary section.)

On-campus employment – Students with DACA status may qualify for an on-campus job to help them earn money to pay for school

REDUCING THE COST OF COLLEGE

The College Opportunity Fund—referred to as COF—is Colorado’s way of providing financial support for resident undergraduate students. In other words, all admitted undergraduate students who are eligible for in-state tuition are eligible for COF, and DACA and DREAMer students are eligible for the COF stipend. Eligible undergraduates may apply for a state-funded COF stipend to put toward the cost of undergraduate education. Currently, COF provides \$75.00/credit for those who qualify, so a regular 3-credit course would cost \$225.00 less. You can apply here: cof.college-assist.org.

After you've submitted your COF application, you MUST complete the one-time authorization of the stipend. For specifics on how to authorize your COF stipend, see your specific school's policies and procedures (in the "Registrar's" section.)

In-state tuition – Under Colorado's ASSET bill, undocumented students are eligible for in-state tuition. This is an important step to make college affordable, and every college has different forms to apply for in-state tuition. Please note that to receive in-state tuition, undocumented ASSET students must provide an affidavit (a written statement that is part of a form) indicating that they have applied for legal presence or will apply as soon as they are eligible to do so.

THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IN FINANCIAL AID IS TO PLAN AHEAD



Applying for Financial Aid at CCD

In order to be considered for CCD scholarships, students are required to submit the DREAMER Income Information Form available at www.ccd.edu/asset-daca

Apply For Scholarships: Scholarship Priority **Deadline April 15**

- Complete the CCD scholarship application with a 500 to 900 word essay and submit high school transcripts or GED scores if applicable.
- DACA/ASSET/Undocumented students must select "Yes" to the following question: Are you a Deferred Action DACA, ASSET or Undocumented Student? (If you are a U.S Citizen, Permanent Resident or international student "F1 visa" click NO) If you respond YES, Institutional and Foundation Scholarships are available to you. Please be advised that this information is confidential and it is only used for scholarship purposes.
- Register in at least six (6) credit hours

If you need assistance with your DREAMER Income Information Form or scholarship application, you may attend the Scholarship Walk-In Hours. For information about Scholarship Walk-In Hours contact the Financial Aid Office at 303-556-5503 or visit www.ccd.edu/scholarships.

DACA students are not eligible for federal or state financial aid (Grants, Loans or Work-Study).

Contact:

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(Scholarship Manager)
Ivonne.Kossik@ccd.edu
303-556-3592

Melanie Romero
(Scholarship Coordinator)
Melanie.Romero@ccd.edu
303-352-3142

Scholarship Walk-In Hours
each Wednesday 12:30 PM –
4:30 PM throughout the
semester.

Contact the Financial Aid office
or the Resource Center

Financial Aid Office
303-556-5503

Resource Center
303-556-4964



Applying for Financial Aid at MSU Denver

All students applying for scholarships/institutional aid must have a complete financial aid file in order to qualify. Students who are not eligible for state/federal aid can submit an electronic **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

(www.fafsa.ed.gov), but are encouraged to submit the **DREAMer application (DAIA)** in place of the electronic FAFSA. This form is located in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (SSB130), or online at msudenver.edu/financialaid/forms; Financial Aid (303-556-5361) or Immigrant Services (303-352-7117) can help you complete the FAFSA or the DAIA form.

- Make sure you have completed the online scholarship application (msudenver.edu/financialaid/scholarships/), and for this application, you have to submit a short personal essay. Immigrant Services will gladly review and give you feedback on the required scholarship essay (250-500 words) addressing these questions:

- 1) Describe your interest in your chosen field of study and how you will use your degree upon graduation,
- 2) How will a scholarship assist you in attaining your goals, and
- 3) Share any unique experiences or qualities that may distinguish you from other deserving candidates.

College Opportunity Fund

- This is an automatic reduction of your tuition by \$75/credit; for information on how to receive COF, go to the “Registrar’s” section.

Applying for Private Scholarships

→ There are **private scholarships** available for DACA/undocumented students; for a list of private scholarships specifically for DREAMer college students, please contact Immigrant Services.

→ Some of these may require a completed **FAFSA** – Immigrant Services or Financial Aid can help you complete this form.

The deadline for all students applying for financial support is March 1st.

All financial aid requirements will be available via student hub. To access this information please log into your student hub, click on the financial aid link > My Eligibility > Student Requirements. You may also contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at 303-556-8593.

Contact:

Brittany Gonzales (Financial Aid Counselor)
bgonza30@msudenver.edu
303-556-2944

Ricardo Sarabia (Financial Aid Counselor)
rsarabia@msudenver.edu
303-556-5361

Gregor Mieder (Immigrant Services Program Coordinator)
gmieder@msudenver.edu
303-352-7117

Rachel Lundstrom (Retention and Success Advisor, Institute for Women’s Studies and Services)
rlundst2@msudenver.edu
303-556-5602

Immigrant Services
303-352-7117

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
303-556-8593
msudenver.edu/financialaid/

Applying for Financial Aid at CU Denver

- **ASSET/Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**

ASSET students are allowed to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.FAFSA.gov

- Students who complete the FAFSA will be rejected for federal aid, but the \$200 deposit is automatically waived.
- DREAMers who do not complete the FAFSA can speak to the Bursar's Office to waive the deposit.
- Please see instructions below for Social Security Format on the FAFSA.

Social Security Format on the FAFSA

- Your assigned social security number or
- Your assigned DACA number (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) or,
- If none of the above are available to you, please use the following number format 001-01-0001, if that number does not work you will need to increase the last digit by one, Example: 001-01-0002, 001-01-0003, 001-01-0004 etc. until an available number is reached.
- While students are not permitted to use all zeroes as their SSN, undocumented parents should continue to use all zeroes.

- **Scholarships – CU DREAM Scholarship**

Open to all DREAMer students at CU Denver.

Complete the application at forms.ucdenver.edu/secure/cuden_dream

- **Automatic Consideration Scholarships (No Scholarship Application Required)**

- Awarded by the Office of Admissions
- Merit based

- **CU Denver Online Scholarship Application**

- Opens December 1st each year
- Apply through the CU DENVER Access Portal
www.ucdenver.edu/scholarships

- **College Opportunity Fund, COF** - For information to use COF to reduce your college tuition costs, look at the beginning of this section

Contact:

financialaid@ucdenver.edu

303-315-1850

Private Scholarships for DREAMer Students

Dream.US Scholarship

<http://thedream.us>.

Year: Undergraduate students

Award: up to \$25,000

Eligibility: TheDream.US provides scholarships to help cover tuition, fees, books, supplies and transportation for a two-year or four-year degree at Partner Colleges such as MSU Denver. This scholarship is available to high school seniors or high school graduates with demonstrated financial need who are first time college students; students who are currently enrolled in college are not eligible.

My Rights Immigration Law Firm Scholarship

myrightsimmigration.com/daca-scholarship/

Due: August 15, 2016

Year: Undergraduate students

Award: Varies

Eligibility: Copy of your Employment Authorization indicating category C33 (DACA), 2 Letters of recommendation, evidence of High School Graduation or GED, and evidence of enrollment in College or University

Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Award

hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/

Due: October 2, 2016

Year: High school seniors

Award: \$3000

Eligibility: Award is presented by the Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF) and their sponsors. Latino high school seniors have the opportunity to apply. The students will be honored during 10 regional ceremonies with an audience of community leaders, receive grants for their education or for an idea or project to impact their communities, and funneled into the award-winning LOFT (Latinos On Fast Track) program as they attend college and enter their careers.

LatPro Scholarship

learn.latpro.com/scholarship/

Due: April 30, 2017

Year: Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Award: \$3,000

Eligibility: Students must be enrolled in a school that has registered for LatPro's scholarship program, be a full-time student when applying for the scholarship, like us on Facebook, and complete the scholarship application or other types of post-secondary programs, high school dropouts or potential dropouts.

LAEF Scholarship

www.laef.org/Scholarship

Due: November

Year: Undergraduate and Graduate students

Award: Varies

Eligibility: Applicants must have an overall grade point average of 3.0, be Colorado residents, and must be actively involved in the Hispanic community or of Hispanic origin.

Great Minds in STEM Henaac Awards

greatmindsinstem.org/college/henaac-scholarship-application-guidelines

Due: April 30, 2017

Year: Undergraduate students

Award: \$500-\$10,000

Eligibility: Applicants must demonstrate merit through academic achievements, leadership and campus/community activities, must be pursuing a science, technology, engineering or math degree, must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, must be of Hispanic origin and/or must significantly demonstrate leadership or service within the Hispanic community, must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program for the preceding fall semester, at an accredited 2-yr or 4-yr college/university in the U.S. or its territories.

A list of scholarships available for DREAMer students is available msudenver.edu/sas/immigrantservices/dreamerzone/. This is just a **small** sampling of available private scholarships available outside of your school. For a more comprehensive list, contact your school's Financial Aid office, DREAMer/Immigrant Resource Center, or Academic Advisor.

Registrar's Office & Bursar's Office

Registrar's Office

- Handles your transcripts (the grades you have earned at your high school and any previous colleges)
- Ensures that your COF is correctly applied (see "Funding Your Education"), helps with holds, and other issues.

Bursar's Office

- Calculates your tuition bill, provides financial information/services and payment options
- Educates students and parents about their financial rights and responsibilities.



Tuition Costs & Important Information

Popularly known as the Cashier's Office, the Business Office at CCD exists as a point of reference for all your educational and academic payments.

You can find information regarding tuition and fees at www.ccd.edu/Tuition
For CCD's payment plan options please visit <https://www.ccd.edu/Payment>

For COF stipend questions and information visit www.ccd.edu/COF

- 1) Make sure financial aid award covers your whole tuition & fees bill, 2) pay your tuition in full 3) or set up a payment plan. Note: If you register after the payment deadline, payment is due by the following Monday to avoid being dropped for non-payment. If you miss the deadline, you may be dropped from all classes and your seat will be offered to other students.
- Make sure your mailing address is up to date with us on CCDConnect, as you will be sent instructions on how to select your refund preferences should you have any refund issued to you by CCD. This information will be mailed to you within 7-10 business days after registering for classes.

Contact:
Cashier's Office
303-556-2075
BusinessOffice@ccd.edu

COF Questions:
Admissions, Registration & Records
303-556-2420
arr@ccd.edu



Tuition Costs & Important Information

You can find information about current tuition and fees here:

msudenver.edu/media/content/officeofbursar/documents/FY16-17UGMain.pdf

Payment plans at MSU Denver

MSU Denver will never drop your classes for non-payment; instead, you can choose your own payment plan, but keep the following in mind:

1. During the first month (the month that ends before the semester starts), you will be charged 4% on any unpaid bill for that semester; any subsequent months will accrue a 1.5% charge on any unpaid bill.
2. To enroll for the following semester your tuition balance must be below \$200.00.

College Opportunity Fund (COF) Information

COF provides undergraduate students who qualify for in-state tuition with a stipend that pays for a portion of in-state tuition (\$75.00/credit). Apply at cof.college-assist.org.

After you've submitted your COF application, you MUST complete the one-time authorization of the stipend. You do this in your student hub, here:

msudenver.edu/studenthub/ (Main menu > Financial Aid > Student Records > COF Stipend Authorization, choose "Lifetime Authorization").

Once you click submit, the page will display a "changes were saved" notification. This is your confirmation -- you will not be directed to another page nor will you receive any additional confirmation notification. The stipend may take up to 1-2 weeks to process.

If you do not see it applied to your account at the end of the second week, please contact the Office of the Registrar at 303-556-3991.

Contact:
303-556-6188
bursar@msudenver.edu

Office of the Registrar
303-556-3991



Registrar

As stewards of student records and enrollment data, the CU Denver Registrar's Office provides judicious management and dissemination of student data for students, faculty, staff, and community constituents.

- For student records please contact the Registrar's Office.
- Order your official or unofficial transcripts.
ucdenver.edu/registrar

Student Billing/Bursars Office and Cost and Financing

This site has information on paying your bill and tuition and fees. The site includes a billing guide and a billing calendar.

ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/CostsAndFinancing/Pages/CostsFinancing.aspx

Contact:
Registrar
registrar@ucdenver.edu
303-315-2600

Bursar
bursar@ucdenver.edu
303-315-1800

Health Insurance

Kaiser Permanente's "Colorado Bridge" Program

– One option for an affordable Health Insurance for DREAMer students offered by Kaiser Permanente.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Low-income applicants under the age of 35 years at the time of the effective date of the Kaiser Permanente plan.
2. Family size and household income help to determine if you qualify. To see a Colorado Bridge income eligibility chart, findyourplan.org/sites/default/files/KP_COBridgeIncomeGuidelines-English_062716_English.pdf
3. Must live within the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado service area based on county zip code. Click here to check your eligibility: findyourplan.org/en/colorado-bridge
4. Must not have access to any other public or private health coverage including, but not limited to:
 - Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program)/CHP+
 - Connect for Health Colorado
 - Medicare
 - Job based health coverage

For questions about the program or help signing up, contact Kaiser Permanente:

Denver/Boulder - 303-338-3800

Northern Colorado - 1-800-632-9700

Southern Colorado - 1-800-681-7878

findyourplan.org/en/colorado-bridge

The enrollment period will start again in November 2016, possibly allowing you to be covered for the spring 2017 semester.

Immunization requirements at all three campuses:

All students must provide proof of immunization against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) to the Health Center at Auraria, Plaza Building, Room 149 (Tel. 303-556-2525). Below you will find the deadline by when you need to provide proof of immunization (using the **Auraria Immunization Compliance Form**:

msudenver.edu/media/content/healthcenter/AurariaImmunizationComplianceForm.pdf)

Immunization Deadline

October 1st for new fall/summer students

March 1st for new spring students

For more information about the immunization requirement, please visit

msudenver.edu/healthcenter/immunizationrequirements/ or contact the Health Center directly at 303-556-2525.

If the Auraria Immunization Office does not receive your completed measles, mumps and rubella records by the deadline, an **immunization HOLD** will be placed on the student's account preventing future registrations.

For any questions, contact the Health Center or contact your physician.



Health Insurance

CCD does not have a health insurance requirement.

Immunization requirement – see above.

Contact:

Health Center

Plaza Building, Suite 150
303-556-2525



Health Insurance

All students at MSU Denver taking 9 credits or more must have eligible health insurance, or purchase health insurance through the institution.

Spring/Summer Semesters 2017: \$1613.00

Coverage period is January 17, 2017 – August 20, 2017 for 7 months of coverage.

Summer Only: \$690.00

Coverage period is June 5, 2017 – August 20, 2017 for 2 ½ months of coverage.

As an alternative to MSU Denver’s health insurance, Kaiser Permanente’s “Colorado Bridge” Program is an affordable way to receive coverage – look at the beginning of this section for more information.

Immunization requirement – see above.

Contact:

Gregor Mieder (Immigrant Services Program Coordinator)

gmieder@msudenver.edu

303-352-7117

Carla Castillo (MSU Denver Colorado Challenge Counselor)

ccasti25@msudenver.edu

303-556-6271

Health Center

Plaza Building, Suite 150
303-556-2525



Health Insurance

CU Denver is no longer offering an optional health care plan for domestic students.

Immunization requirement – see above.

Contact:

Health Center

Plaza Building, Suite 150
303-556-2525

Student Engagement

Volunteer opportunities on and off campus

Volunteering is a great way to support the DREAMer, refugee, and immigrant community at Auraria campus, and it also vastly improves your résumé and your chances to get a scholarship! To give you a small sampling from the many opportunities, you can become involved with these great organization:

1. Mi Familia Vota

mifamiliavota.org 303-375-6304

Mi Familia Vota Education Fund (MFVEF) is a national non-profit organization working to unite the Latino community and its allies to promote social and economic justice through increased civic participation.

2. CIRC – Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

coloradoimmigrant.org/index.php 303-922-3344

The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) is a statewide, membership-based coalition of immigrant, faith, labor, youth, community, business and ally organizations founded in 2002 to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees by making Colorado a more welcoming, immigrant-friendly state

3. Queer Undocumented Immigrant Project

unitedwedream.org/about/projects/quip/

The Queer Undocumented Immigrant Project (QUIP), a program of United We Dream seeks to organize and empower Undocumented Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer immigrants, LGBTQ immigrants and allies to address social and systemic barriers that affect themselves and the broader LGBTQ & immigrant community.

4. Journey Through Our Heritage

msudenver.edu/journey/ 303-556-3032

Sponsored by Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver) Department of Chicano/Chicana Studies and Department of Africana Studies, JTOH partners college peer mentors with local high school students. Our goal is to engage students in a yearlong program that enhances the public school systems curriculum in the areas of African American, Native American Chicano/a, Mexicana/o, Mexican American and Latina/o Studies. For volunteer opportunities (such as peer mentoring, office/technology support, and coordination duties), call 303-556-3032 or email jtoh2011@hotmail.com

5. Undocublack

undocublack.org/

The **UndocuBlack Network (UBN)** is a national network of Black undocumented immigrants working to uplift undocuBlack stories and facilitate access to resources for the community. The **UndocuBlack Network's** mission is twofold: 1) to "Blackify" this country's understanding of the undocumented population and 2) to facilitate access to resources for the Black undocumented community. Ultimately, our vision is to have truly inclusive immigrant rights and racial justice movements that advocate for the rights of Black undocumented individuals, provide healing spaces, and kinship to those with intersecting identities.



Dreamers United Student Organization

Our vision is to empower students to overcome the adversity and stigma that is associated with being a Dreamer by creating a positive impact in the community through volunteer opportunities and campus involvement. Being unified as a support network for student's leads to innovation in an ever-evolving community. We will strive to provide information regarding the post-secondary educational process for Dreamers.

Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life is committed to enhancing the college experience by involving students in co-curricular programs, cultural experiences, leadership training, and community building.

Contact:

Dreamers United Student Club:

Dreamers.United@ccd.edu

For information about joining and starting a Student Organization visit ccd.edu/StudentLife

Office of Student Life
303-556-2597



RISE

Rise is a student organization dedicated to the support and empowerment of DACA, ASSET, undocumented, and refugee students. The organization was recognized by MSU Denver in October 2014. The mission of Rise is to gather and generate information about resources available for undocumented, DACA/ASSET, refugee students at MSU Denver. Rise provides opportunities to discuss issues and challenges faced by these populations. It also aims to provide a network of support to help increase retention and graduation of these communities.

Contact:

Gabriela Rodriguez

sagabby@msudenver.edu



Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life provides student led clubs and organizations, on campus events and activities, and volunteer, leadership and cultural arts programs.

The PAL Program - 1st Year Resources

The Peer Advocate Leaders (PAL) program provides peer mentoring, advocacy and student leadership development.

CU Dreamers

CU DREAMers is to empower students to overcome and appreciate adversity that is associated with being an undocumented person in the United States of America. Visit their Orgsync page for more information.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

We provide services to support underrepresented students and to foster a diverse and inclusive campus for all students, faculty and staff. EOP houses Latin@ Student Services, Asian American Student Services, Black Student Services, and American Student Services. They support many student clubs and organizations and for further information about these clubs visit their webpage or call the EOP main phone number.

Contact:

Student Life

303-556-3399

studentlife@ucdenver.edu
www.ucdenver.edu/studentlife

PALS

303-556-5801

PAL@ucdenver.edu
ucdenver.edu/life/services/studentlife/PeerAdvocateLeaders

EOP

303-315-1880

diversity.eop@ucdenver.edu
ucdenver.edu/about/departments/odi/EOP/Pages/default.aspx

Student Resources



DREAMers United Student Organization - Our vision is to empower students to overcome the adversity and stigma that is associated with being a Dreamer by creating a positive impact in the community through volunteer opportunities and campus involvement. Being unified as a support network for students' leads to innovation in an ever-evolving community. We will strive to provide information regarding the post-secondary educational process for Dreamers.

Resource Center - The Resource Center offers support programs that will provide you guidance and support that is essential to creating and growing your "toolbox of strategies" in the areas of academic, financial, and personal wellness.

YOUR TOOLBOX CONTAINS

[LINK to Student Success](#): LINK with Retention Specialists to assist, guide, and coach you throughout your college journey. Also, use these links to find your way around CCD's website.

[First Year Experience Program \(FYE\)](#): The FYE Program ensures a beneficial, worthwhile, and helpful transition into college for first-year students who are starting CCD.

[Denver Scholars Program](#): A required program for scholarship recipients. Participants in this program are coached to help you be a successful college student with the goal of retaining your scholarship.

[Wise Program](#): Empowering women through educational, leadership and professional development is the overall objective of the Community College of Denver's (CCD) Women Intentional about Success and Excellence (W.I.S.E.) Program.

[Urban Male Initiative](#): This unique program serves all male students of Community College of Denver (CCD) by recognizing the unique challenges you face as an urban male. Through UMI, CCD works to develop you as leaders, who are ethically disciplined, morally wise, and intellectually capable.

Additional tutorial services offered through CCD and the Accessibility Center:

- ccd.edu/administration/non-academic-departments/academic-support-center/tutoring-center
- ccd.edu/academics/centers/math-science/tutoring-resources
- ccd.edu/org/accessibility-center

STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

Any CCD student can participate in our free Success Workshops, and can also add the workshops to your resume! For workshop event information visit: ccd.edu/ResourceCenter or call 303.556.4964 to reserve your seat.

Each year, the Success Workshops are designed to give you additional insight on many different topics, including finances & money matters, time management, study skills, transferring from CCD to a four-year university, and many MORE!

Transfer Success Center - Are you considering transferring to another university or college? The Transfer Success Center (TSC) can help. The process is not as complicated as you think and we've outlined the steps for you. The TSC helps you learn about transfer options and supports you as you develop your transfer plan.

Contact:

Michelle Garcia
(Admissions Specialist)
Michelle.Garcia@ccd.edu
303-352-3326

Ivonne Andrea Kossik
(Scholarship Manager)
Ivonne.Kossik@ccd.edu
303-556-3592

Transfer Success Center
303-556-2461
Transfer.edu@ccd.edu



Immigrant Services Program

This program serves MSU Denver's undocumented, DACA, refugee and immigrant students and any student whose home language is not English. We provide personalized advising and academic support services for students beginning with the admissions process through graduation. Likewise, our peer mentors promote academic achievement and assist with everything from class assignments, language skills, financial aid and scholarship advice, and college success strategies. We also provide assistance and consultation for MSU Denver faculty and staff.

Listed below are some of the services we offer:

- Academic support & advocacy
- Degree and career planning
- Answering financial aid questions and help with forms
- Institutional and private scholarships, ASSET and COF support
- Peer mentoring and personalized tutoring for non-native English speakers
- Referrals to resources on campus
- Consultations with MSU Denver faculty and staff

First Year Success (FYS)

First Year Success program is the entry point for all beginning MSU students. Here students set the stage for future success through community-based learning, peer support, and a wide range of meaningful co-curricular activities. In the end, students will have developed foundational college-level skills while making connections with faculty, other students, and the campus as a whole. Overall the program is dedicated to helping students build a community and grow as leaders at MSU Denver.

Good to know about FYS:

- Students with 29 credits or less are eligible to participate in the program
- Incoming students can register for Learning Communities during orientation or any time after they have completed their orientation requirements
- Students who participate in the program are assigned a Student Ambassador who can support their transition into MSU Denver and help them navigate through the University systems
- Peer facilitators offer sessions to first year students outside the classroom where they provide support to students outside of the classroom

Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is an academic assistance program that is meant to increase student performance and retention. Supplemental Instruction Leaders attend an assigned class with students and provide regularly scheduled, out-of-class, peer-facilitated study sessions. SI Leaders nurture collaborative learning and encourage students to integrate course content with effective learning strategies.

Tutoring Center

The MSU Denver Tutoring Center is not only for students who are having difficulty with the course material, but also for students who are looking to excel. Whether your goal is to **catch up, keep up, or do better** in your studies, the Tutoring Center is here to help you to achieve that goal by offering free one-on-one, or group academic support in a variety of subjects. We are committed to excellence in the services we offer:

- Group walk-in Tutoring
- One-on-One Tutoring
- Accuplacer Tutoring
- Remote Accuplacer Tutoring
- Online Tutoring
- A satellite location in the Administration Building, Suite 520 for Business Majors.

Contact:

Immigrant Services Program
303-352-7117
msudenver.edu/sas/immigrantservices/

Gregor Mieder
gmieder@msudenver.edu

FYS
303-352-4195
msudenver.edu/fys/

Cynthia Baron
baron@msudenver.edu

Supplemental Instruction
303-556-4889
msudenver.edu/sas/supplementalinstruction/ or
Mark Baccei
mbaccei@msudenver.edu

Keno Nagasa
knagasa@msudenver.edu

Tutoring Center
303-556-4048
msudenver.edu/sas/tutoring/

Hediyeh Arasteh
harasteh@msudenver.edu

Undocumented Student Services

Undocumented Student Services creates a safe space for undocumented students and to inform students about resources available to them.

Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP)

EOP provides services to support underrepresented students and to promote a diverse and inclusive campus for all students, faculty, and staff. American Indian, Asian American, Black and Latin@ Student Services.

Learning Resources Center (LRC)

The LRC offers tutorial services, academic development workshops, study groups, conversation groups, and English second language (ESL) support.

Student and Community Counseling Center

The CU Denver Student and Community Counseling Center provides mental health counseling services to CU Denver students and the Denver Metro community.

Career Center

The Career Center strives to provide assistance with choosing a major/career, job searching, networking, resumes, and interview skills.

Experiential Learning Center

Over 6,500 Employers utilize interns from CU Denver. DACA students are eligible for internships through this center.

Disability Resources & Service (DRS)

The DRS determines eligibility for academic accommodations, determines reasonable accommodations and develops plans for the provision of such accommodations for students attending the university.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center provides one-on-one assistance to undergraduate & graduate students with essays, papers, and professional workshops

Lynx Center

The Lynx Center is a resource center that provides all prospective and current CU Denver undergraduate and graduate students with quick and easy access to resources, referrals and solutions.

Contact:

Taylor Washington (Graduate Assistant)

Undocumented Student Services

taylor.c.washington@ucdenver.edu

EOP

Diversity.EOP@UCDenver.edu
303.315.1880

LRC

tutorialservices@ucdenver.edu
303 315-3531
ucdenver.edu/life/services/LRC/OurServices/Pages/default.aspx

Student & Community Counseling Center

303-556-4372

ucdenver.edu/life/services/counseling-center

Career Center

303-556-2250

ucdenver.edu/careercenter

ELC

ucdenver.edu/ELC

303-556-6656

DRS

303-315-3510

ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/disability-resources-services

Writing Center

writing.center@ucdenver.edu

303-556-4845

ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/CLAS/Centers/writing/Pages/TheWritingCenter.aspx

Lynx Center

lynxcenter@ucdenver.edu

303-315-5969

ucdenver.edu/lynxcenter

Tips for Parents of DREAMer College Students

We are incredibly honored to have your son's or daughter attend college with us. We are grateful that you trust us with his or her education, and we will always do anything we can to support their path through higher education. Here are some tips that can help you be a resource and support for your college student:

1. Be prepared for change.

Explorations of new lifestyles and beliefs are common amongst college students. Try to remain open and non-judgmental when your student opens up to you about their new opinions and experiences.

2. Learn to let go and begin adjusting to a new adult relationship.

At this time in your student's life, your role will likely shift from one of close monitoring to one of mentorship.

Encouraging your student to make their own decisions, solve their own problems and pick their own courses will begin to prepare them for an independent adult life.

3. Have conversations with your student about lifestyle choices and financial expectations.

Talk to your student throughout their college years about their lifestyle choices and what is expected from them financially. Open communication will help your student feel like they can share all their questions and concerns with you.

4. Understand that academic expectations are high.

It is important to understand that college courses are much more advanced and rigorous than the courses that your student took in high school. If your student's grades are lower than they were in high school, it is essential to let them know that you are still proud of them and that their best effort is all that you expect.

5. Keep track of important dates.

Once your student is in the swing of the semester, their life will become much busier. Knowing the tuition payment deadlines, the class drop dates, the exam schedules and other important dates will help you to understand what your student is going through and how you can assist them.

6. Know what services and resources are available to your student.

Oftentimes, your student will open up to you about their academic, financial and social troubles. This is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign that your student is self-aware and proactive. You can help relay this message to your student by making them aware of the various helpful campus resources that are available to them.

7. Encourage your student to get involved.

It can be difficult for students to adjust to a completely new social environment when they start at college. Although this can be challenging, there are many opportunities for students to meet new people if they make the extra effort to get involved outside of their classes.

8. Encourage your student to get to know faculty members.

Although it may be intimidating at times, getting to know professors can be extraordinarily rewarding for your student. From help with coursework to benefits with internship opportunities, professors can be an invaluable resource.

9. Listen to concerns and reassure your student.

Your student will probably get overwhelmed at different periods throughout their college career. It is vital for you lend a listening ear and reassure them through these difficult times.

10. Connect with us if you are concerned, need reassurance or have unanswered questions.

CCD, MSU Denver, and CU Denver all have great resources for parents! For CCD, please contact Admissions, Registration, & Records, 303-556-2420. For MSU Denver, please contact Immigrant Services, 303-352-7117. For CU Denver, please contact 303-315-0491.

CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR SEMESTER STARTS

1. Meet with your academic or general advisor

Don't know who that is?

For CCD, call 303-556-2481 (advising)

For MSU Denver, call Immigrant Services 303-352-7117or

For CU Denver, call 303-315-LYNX (5969) (Lynx Center)

2. Find your semester schedule and other information

Where can I find it?

For CCD, go to CCD Connect: myportal.cccs.edu/jsp/misc/schoolLoginNew.jsp?school=ccd

For MSU Denver, go to Student Hub: msudenver.edu/studenthub/

For CU Denver, go to UCD Access: passport.ucdenver.edu/login.php