

Scholarship Newsletter

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COLLEGE ADMISSIONS GUIDE: HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR - JANUARY

Congrats – you’ve reached the coveted “second semester senior” status.... However, you can’t kick back just yet. Here are a few items that should be a top priority for you:

College is an expensive investment. Make sure you complete the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile and the FAFSA. Don’t stop there! You should continue researching scholarship opportunities.

Deadlines haunt us and yet they cannot be ignored. You should complete any remaining college applications, along with apps for honors programs, dual-degree programs, ROTC, etc.

You’ve heard this numerous times before: the best way to get a feel for a college is to walk around the campus. If you have the opportunity, use this time to visit the schools that made your final list. You’ll thank yourself when admissions decisions start rolling in.

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Before you depart for winter break take the following into account:

We cannot stress this enough; for many college bound students, financial aid is essential. Talk to your parents to be sure that the FAFSA and other financial aid documents are being submitted on time. And, as always, continue to research scholarship opportunities.

You’ve fantasized about donning that cap and gown for quite some time. Make sure that moment becomes a reality! Meet with your counselor to be sure you are on track for graduation.

Are you feeling anxious and overwhelmed by the college application process? Are you nervous about leaving your home and familiar surroundings? It’s quite normal to feel uneasy with so much change headed your way. Talk to your peers, parents, and counselor about your emotions. We promise you’ll feel better (and get some sympathy to boot).

Write "thank you" notes to teachers for their recommendations. While they might not have guaranteed you a spot at your dream school, they did do you a favor.

If you’ve already received an acceptance or three, congrats! Begin making plans to visit your potential new schools and start reviewing housing options. After all, just like college in general, some dorms will be a better fit than others.

When you have received acceptance letters from colleges, please get online and research scholarships those particular colleges offer and then **APPLY FOR THEM**. For example, Adams State University offers automatic scholarships based on merit or other criteria, and the ASU foundation offers over 100 scholarships that you need to apply for. Application must be made by **March 1st** prior to the academic year. Trinidad State also offers Institutional scholarships and Foundation scholarships. Application must be made by **March 1st**.



Don’t miss out on this opportunity to help fund your education!

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Presidents Leadership Program Colorado State University-Pueblo

Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$8,000 per academic year and the scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years. To receive the \$1,000 scholarship, students must meet two

of the following criteria: 3.2 cumulative GPA, 22 ACT, or be in the top 20 percent in their class. These scholarships cannot be combined with other institutional scholarships, with the exception of the First Generation Scholarship, which is an automatic \$1,000 scholarship for First Generation college students with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Deadlines:	March 1:	Online scholarship application deadline
	May 15:	Housing application deadline
	August 1:	Admission application deadline

Campus visits: Daily tours Monday through Friday, at 11 a.m. and at 2 p.m.

www.csueblo.edu



The Society of American Military Engineers will be awarding multiple scholarships to Engineering students this year. Applicants must be enrolled in a full time undergraduate Engineering degree program at an accredited college or university in the fall term. All applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis to apply).

Applicants must be pursuing a four-year degree in Engineering from an accredited college or university and either is interested in pursuing a military career or has at least one family member (sibling, parent, or grandparent) who is either an active SAME member, a current member of the US military, or retired from the US military.

Deadline for enrolling is March 1st 2020

<http://www.same.org/get-connected/find-a-post/pikes-peak/programs>

Grossman Scholarship

The Grossman Scholarship Program helps make educational dreams possible for those who have been involved in outdoor volunteer stewardship.

Graduating High School Seniors in Colorado

Two scholarships are reserved for graduating high school seniors. An eligible candidate:

- Is a Colorado resident
- Is pursuing a degree program at an accredited 4-year college/university or a 2-year community college within the state of Colorado
- Has volunteered in at least 3 outdoor stewardship projects** within their high school career with VOC or other Colorado stewardship organization (eg: all projects could have occurred in 1 year or over a 4-year span of time)

Is pursuing a degree program with an environmental, natural resource, or outdoor recreation emphasis. See Colorado eligible programs at getoutdoorscolorado.org/career-guide-signup

Applications will close at 11:59pm on Monday, March 16, 2020. For more info click: <https://www.voc.org/scholarship>

Please [contact Taylor Driver](#) at 303-715-1010 ext. 114 with any questions.

MVHS Jean Ritchey Scholarship

Jean Ritchey graduated from Monte Vista High School and went on to pursue a career as a nurse in the United States Navy. After her passing, the Monte Vista School District received a portion of funds from her trust with specific instructions to create a scholarship in her name. Funds will be managed by Monte Vista Education Foundation. This is the third year that MVHS students will have the opportunity to apply for this new scholarship.

Purpose: To recognize MVHS students for achievement in academics and determination to pursue post-secondary goals at either a 2-year or 4-year college/university, or a vocational/trade school. Students who receive the Jean Ritchey Scholarship can reapply for the scholarship each year.

Award Components: Three \$3000 (\$1500 per semester) scholarships are available for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee made up of MVHS staff, the school counselor, a member of the Monte Vista Education Foundation, and community members. After the school counselor receives proof of attendance, scholarship monies will be sent directly to the college/university/school for tuition and fees or associated costs.

Eligibility:

- Must be a graduation senior of Monte Vista High School
- Preferred fields of study in education, healthcare, or vocational/trade
- Must have a GPA of 2.5 or better
- Involvement in community service
- Participation in extracurricular activities
- Preference given to non Pell grant eligible students

Application Process:

- 1) Complete the application form-type written is preferred
- 2) Submit a cover letter addressed to the scholarship committee including a brief description of biographical information and why you would be a good candidate for this scholarship
- 3) Two letters of recommendation-one from a school staff member and one from a community member with significant knowledge about the applicant
- 4) Personal essay-completely answer the questions stated on the application form
- 5) Provide a copy of PAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- 6) Provide a copy of high school transcripts

Deadline: The completed scholarship application must be turned in to the MVHS Counseling Center by **March 15**



Gerald Vigil Scholarship

Gerald "Big G" Vigil was prominent member of the Monte Vista Community and passed away in a tragic accident this past summer. His children have created a scholarship fund in his honor. They will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1000.

Requirements:

- ◆ 2019-20 Scholarship Application (Be prepared to list extracurricular activities and community service)
- ◆ Academic Resume
- ◆ High School Transcript
- ◆ Short Essay (1 page or less, double-spaced) explaining your plans for higher education and the future
- ◆ 2 Letters of Recommendation (from non-family members)

See the Counseling Center for an application. **Deadline is March 20th, 2020.**

Diane Hoppe Memorial Scholarship



The Colorado Water Conservation Board is pleased to administer the Diane Hoppe Memorial Scholarship. The award is a one-year scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 for a Colorado high school student interested in western water issues planning to attend a public institution of higher education in Colorado. The deadline to apply is March 16, 2020. For more details, please visit: <http://cwc.state.co.us/about-us/Pages/DianeHoppeScholarship.aspx>

Mail the application form and all required items in one packet to: Colorado Water Conservation Board, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 718, Denver, CO 80203, Attn: Anna Mauss

Or email as a single PDF to: Anna.Mauss@state.co.us



The Colorado Mayflower Society

The Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants scholarship is presented to two seniors with a one-time scholarship for \$1,620. The students do not need to be a descent of a Mayflower passenger, but if they are they would love to hear about it on the application. The 400th Anniversary will be 2020 and the amount (1620) reflects the year they landed. Students need to include 2 complete copies of the application and sent by February 1, 2020. For more info please click on their link <http://wp.coloradomayflowersociety.org/>

PINNACOL
FOUNDATION

The Pinnacol Foundation provides scholarships to children whose parents have been injured or killed in work-related accidents, regardless of insurance carrier. To qualify for a Foundation Scholarship, a student must be the natural, adopted, step-child or full dependent of a worker who was injured or killed in a compensable work-related accident during the course and scope of employment with a Colorado-based employer. Awards criteria include academic achievement, financial need, extracurricular activities and community service. Students must have minimum 2.0 GPA and be between the ages of 16 and 25 at the time of application. The average scholarship is \$3,500 and the funds can be used for any accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Please inquire in the counseling center concerning the online application. **Deadline is Feb 15th**

<https://www.pinnacol.com/foundation/apply-scholarship>

Colorado Garden Foundation Scholarship

Four-Year Full-Ride Scholarship Available!

This scholarship offered by Colorado Garden Foundation is a four-year full-ride scholarship available to and incoming freshman resident from Colorado at a publicly funded Colorado college or university. This scholarship includes tuition, fees, room & board, and all required books for the four years. In addition, the student will be given a laptop computer and printer at the start of their freshmen year.

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| *Agriculture Business | *Nursery & Landscaping Management |
| *Agriculture Education | *Environmental Horticulture |
| *Horticulture | *Agronomy |
| *Floriculture | *Plant Pathology/Science |
| *Landscape Architecture | *Plant Biology |
| *Botany | |



Applicants must be majoring in one of these fields of study. Approval must be granted by the Colorado Garden Foundation Scholarship Committee for application to be made in any major other than the ones listed.

For more information on this scholarship or if you have any questions, call 1-303-932-8100x203 or email: jim@coloradogardenfoundation.org. Application deadline is March 15th, 2020.

Outcalt Foundation

San Luis Valley Student Achievement Scholarship

The Outcalt Foundation embraces and supports the strength of the San Luis Valley and Colorado. The Foundation is the model for demonstrating hope in practice by directly supporting individuals and organizations that are capable and committed to the advancement of the community. This scholarship supports extraordinary students to experience and achieve their full potential. The individuals will be the pillars of communities worldwide.

This year the foundation anticipates awarding up to four \$5,000 scholarships to qualifying high school seniors graduating from a San Luis Valley institution of secondary education. These are one-year scholarships. Selection is dependent on:

- Academic Achievement
- Financial Need
- Letters of recommendation
- Experience and commitment to serving the broader San Luis Valley community
- Application essay.

Applications may be found in the Counseling Center or online @ <http://www.outcaltfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

The application form and all required supporting materials must be **postmarked no later than March 16th, 2020.**

Mason's Scholarship

The Colorado Mason's Benevolent Scholarship/Grant Programs are open to all graduating seniors in public high schools in the state of Colorado who have been accepted to, and will attend a Colorado institution of higher learning. There is no advantage given to any race, creed, sex, national origin, or Masonic relationship. The Mason's Scholarship is worth up to \$7,000 per year, renewable annually for up to four years. The Vocational Grant is a one-time award of \$2,000 intended to assist student in obtaining a vocational skill from a vocational training program within the state of Colorado. The Benevolent Fund will match up to \$500.00 of grant money that each local lodge presents to a student of their choice. The application and selection process is determined by each lodge. High school seniors who are interested in this program should contact a local Masonic lodge.

See <http://www.cmbfa.org/scholarships/forms/> for more information and an application.

Deadline for submissions is March 15, 2020.



Who Qualifies for this Scholarship?

- Full time students at an accredited U.S. college or university or an ASE/NATEF Certified post-secondary automotive, heavy duty, or collision repair school
- Graduating high school seniors planning to be full time students at any of the above
- No GPA requirement

Over 400 Scholarships to be Awarded!

Hundreds of available scholarships to be awarded for the 2020-21 academic year to students training to become automotive, heavy duty or collision repair technicians, as well as those studying engineering, accounting, business or other courses of study. Graduating high school seniors, full-time post-secondary students, and former recipients are welcome to apply. Each completed application is considered for all scholarships where the student meets the qualifications. Applications for 2020 may be made online and must be completed by **March 31, 2020**. For more info click on: <https://uofa-foundation.org/qualifications/>



Colorado Lions Foundation

The purpose of the Colorado Lions Foundation's Educational Scholarship Endowment Fund is to provide undergraduate educational scholarship funds to legal citizens within the State of Colorado and MD-6 who may or may not be associated with a Lion, Lioness or Leo. A Lion, Lioness or Lions Club is required to sponsor any applicant for this Scholarship. Scholarship Eligibility To be considered for an Educational Scholarship, an individual must be a Colorado High School graduating senior and accepted for enrollment at an accredited Institution of Higher Learning. To be considered for an Educational Scholarship, an individual must be a Colorado High School graduating senior and accepted for enrollment at an accredited Institution of Higher Learning. A few of the application requirements: A personal essay of introduction stating your present and future goals in less than 350 words; In 250 words or less tell how your participation in a community service activity affected you; A brief description of your work experience and/or community service activities while attending high school. There is no minimum GPA, ACT or SAT score needed. See the Counseling Center or <http://www.colionsfoundation.org/>



THE DENVER FOUNDATION

RBC Wealth Management Colorado Scholarship

The RBC Wealth Management Colorado Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for post-secondary education to outstanding Colorado high school seniors. This scholarship rewards students for exceptional achievement, above and beyond their peers.

Eligibility:

- Graduating from a Colorado high school in the spring of 2020
- Intending to pursue a science, mathematics, or engineering degree at a college or university in the United States
- Have an unweighted cumulative **GPA of at least 3.75**
- Have a score of at least **31 composite on the ACT** or a math and critical reading combined score of **1400 or above on the SAT**
- Have completed college preparatory coursework relevant to the field of study that student will pursue in college or university
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident
- Planning to enroll at an accredited college or university in the United States for the fall 2018 semester/term
- Students that have a relative (parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother or sister) who is employed by RBC Wealth Management or The Denver Foundation are not eligible for this scholarship.

Selection: This program aims to support students who have displayed academic excellence, a passion for their intended field of study, leadership ability, engagement in their school and community, and a strong aptitude for science, mathematics, or engineering. Financial need and any significant challenges that have been overcome in order to achieve excellence will also be taken into consideration. Applicants will be divided into three geographic regions and at least one recipient will be chosen from each area.

Award: Scholarship awards will be paid directly to a recipient's educational institution and can be used toward tuition, fees, and other required educational expenses for full time undergraduate study only. Please note that award disbursement is contingent upon the outside scholarship policies of a recipient's college or university. Awards must be used for the 2018-2019 academic year. **Online applications are DUE March 1st 2020.** Apply @ <https://denverfoundation.academicworks.com/opportunities/375>

Two-Year vs. Four-Year Colleges: Which One is Right for You?

<http://www.collegeview.com>

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

About

Although four-year schools get all the media hype, many high school graduates head right to a two-year institution. Looking at the facts, it's no surprise why. Cheaper, quicker, and highly vocational, two-year schools offer students the chance to start their careers sooner and with less (or no) debt. You can also use a two-year school as a launching point to start earning your bachelor's degree.

Who Goes There

Students looking to go directly into a trade or technical vocation, those with blemished high school transcripts looking to work their way into a four-year school, and students who simply want to save money on their general education courses before transferring to a more expensive four-year institution.

What You'll Take

Depending on your degree program, two-year students typically either focus on taking general pre-requisite courses that can transfer to a four-year institution or courses in their specific trade. Since community colleges are closely linked to area industries, students will find a wide array of courses that cater directly to the local job market.

Other Learning Opportunities

In addition to in-class learning, two-year college students frequently take on apprenticeships and internships within their local community. Beyond getting an insider's look at their future job, interns and apprentices also gain valuable industry connections they can use to land a job upon graduation.

The Cost Factor

Here is where two-year institutions shine. Since most two-year colleges are designed for commuters, students are responsible for finding their own housing and get to avoid the high costs of room and board. Two-year students get a huge break on tuition as well.

According to the College Board, the average cost of tuition and fees at a two-year school is only \$3,131, just over one-third of the cost for a year at a four-year public institution.

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

About

Get ready to make an investment. Students who put the time and money into a four-year education will reap the benefits throughout their lives. Though four-year schools require at least twice the amount of time as two-year schools AND three times the tuition, they offer students on- and off-campus learning opportunities you simply can't find anywhere else.

Who Goes There

Those who want a well-rounded education and a flexible degree. While four-year students are required to take a much broader range of courses than two-year vocational students, four-year students graduate with degrees that can be used for a wide spectrum of jobs in the real world.

What You'll Take

Everything—math, biology, English, history, even music therapy. Although four-year students typically spend the first two years taking generalized courses then the last two years taking courses in their major, students are free to take electives in any field of study.

Other Learning Opportunities

This is where four-year institutions shine. In addition to in-class learning, four-year institutions offer an enormous spectrum of on- and off-campus learning opportunities. On campus you can attend performances, cultural events, and guest lecture series, as well as participate in student-run clubs and honor societies. Students also go off campus for service-learning projects, study abroad trips, internships, cooperative education programs, and field trips.

The Cost Factor

Get ready to cough it up. The College Board reports that the average cost of one year of in-state tuition and fees at a public four-year school is \$8,655. Tack on another \$9,205 in room and board costs and you're looking at an average yearly bill of \$17,860. For private school students, the situation is even worse. The average private school student pays \$29,056 in tuition and fees per year and \$10,462 in room and board for a grand total of \$39,518. While four-year college students are forced to fork over the dough now, they'll reap the financial benefits later with higher salaries in the future.

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CCCA Colorado County Clerks Association

The Colorado County Clerks Association has established a scholarship fund to aid outstanding seniors who are residents of Colorado in furthering their education at any university, college, junior college, or technical institution. Selection will be based on 3.25 GPA minimum, community involvement with an interest in government, business or political science, financial need/hardship. One-time awards will be granted, for \$1000 or \$500 to seniors.

Each applicant must furnish three complete copies.

Applications are in the Counseling Center or online @ <http://www.clerkandrecorder.org/scholarship>

Completed applications must be **RECEIVED to the county clerks office in person or by mail by March 27th, 2020**

Rio Grande County Clerk
965 6th Street
PO Box 160

Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Application

The South Fork Fire Rescue Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship is awarded once a year to individuals looking for a career in EMS, Paramedic, Fire or Rescue. In order to apply, you must be a resident of Alamosa, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, Saguache, Mineral, Archuleta, or La Plata county and be a high school graduate or possess a G.E.D.

Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020

For more information or to apply, please visit the link below.

<https://www.southforkfirerescue.com/scholarship>



Northern New Mexico Senior Men's Golf Association

The Northern New Mexico Senior Men's Golf Association is inviting our eligible high school seniors to apply for one of their scholarships offered to graduating high school seniors in our area (northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado). This year sixteen one-time scholarships will be awarded with a total value of \$20,000, which will be allocated as follows: allocated as \$1000 and \$2000 awards. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, accepted at an accredited college for freshman year, family must reside in northern New Mexico or southern Colorado, must have a minimum 3.4 unweighted GPA. While interest or participation in golf helps greatly in receiving one of their scholarships, it is not a requisite for application. Please let them know of your interest in golf, even if you play only on a casual or infrequent basis. Completed applications should be postmarked no later than **April 1st, 2020**. Check the counseling center for an application





Monte Vista Rotary Club Dick Boyce Memorial Scholarship

The Monte Vista Rotary Club sponsors the Dick Boyce Memorial Scholarship which is designed to pay book fees for students who have graduated from either Monte Vista or Sargent High School or a child of a Monte Vista Rotary member who may attend a different Valley high school and who will be attending Adams State University or Trinidad Jr college on a full-time basis. One scholarship shall be offered annually. Information was sent by email to all seniors. Come to the counseling center if you still need an application.

Deadline is April 3rd, 2020, 5:00 pm (postmarked or hand delivered to Linda Weyers at the CPAC office, 1305 Park Avenue, Monte Vista)



Colorado Potato Administrative Committee Doug Monter Memorial Scholarship

The Doug Monter Memorial Scholarship is a four year \$7000 scholarship, starting with \$2000 per semester the first year, and \$500 per semester years two through four. The four year scholarship will be renewed at the end of each semester upon proof of completion of a minimum of 12 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.25.

The eligibility requirements are that the student must be a graduating **MALE** senior from a local area high school (or equivalent) and the student must be entering college or vocational school as a freshman. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in agriculture or related field of study, but all applicants will be considered. Applicants will be rated on GPA, ACT/SAT scores, school and community achievements, leadership roles, essay content, and personal interview. Recipients must attend one monthly CPAC meeting and the annual meeting. **Deadline is by close of business April 6nd 2020.** Applications are available in the Counseling Center.



Monte Vista Elks Scholarship

The Monte Vista Elks Lodge is offering a scholarship to a male and female graduate. The application, which must be typed, is simple and includes: G.P.A., school clubs and other activities you've participated in (including offices held), community activities and service, athletics, special awards and achievements, performing arts and hobbies.

Application must be received by April 5th, 2020

Return to:

Ken Anderson
6780 County Road 45
Center, CO 81125

Monte Vista Elks Lodge
P.O. Box 892
Monte Vista, CO 81144

Don Schall Memorial Vocational Scholarship

The Don Schall Memorial Vocational Scholarship Program was founded to assist a Monte Vista High School graduating senior who intends to pursue a vocational course of study at Trinidad State Junior College in Alamosa, Colorado. The scholarship may only be used for educational expenses. The amount of the award is \$500 if two scholarships are awarded or \$1,000.00 if one scholarship is awarded. The qualifying student must have a minimum GPA of 2.15. Contact the counseling center for more information and an application.

Deadline is 3:00 pm Thursday April 12th, 2020



Scholarships for MONTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL Students



- **Gerald Vigil Scholarship**

- Completed form
- Academic Resume
- Transcript
- Short essay (one page double spaced) explaining your plans for higher education and the future.
- Two letters of recommendation from non family members.
- Deadline **by mail is March 20th 2020**

- **Glen Martinez Scholarship (one male, one female)**

- Completed form
- Monte Vista male and female athlete.
- Two letters of recommendation (one teacher, one non-relative community member)
- Personal interview
- Resume
- Deadline to **counseling office 3:00 pm April 12th, 2020**

- **Ray and Colette Skeff Scholarship (one or more)**

- Completed form
- Two letters of recommendation (one teacher, one non-relative community member)
- Interview with selection committee
- Resume
- Deadline to **counseling office 3:00 pm April 12th, 2020**

- **Jean Ritchey Monte Vista Education Foundation Scholarship (three \$3000yr/4yrs)**

- Completed form
- Two letters of recommendation (one teacher, one non-relative community member)
- Resume
- Deadline to **counseling office by March 15th, 2020**

- **Don Schall Memorial Vocational Scholarship (one or more)**

- Completed form
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher
- One letter of recommendation from a community member
- 16 hours community service during the senior year, with verification
- Deadline to **counseling office by 3:00 pm April 12, 2020**