



## Colorado ASSET

### Who Is Eligible For Colorado ASSET?

- If a student graduated on or after Sept. 1, 2013 they must have:
  1. Attended a Colorado high school for 3 years
  2. Graduated from high school or earned their GED
  3. Been admitted (not enrolled) to a Colorado state-funded college within 12 months of graduating
- If a student graduated before September 1, 2013 they must have:
  1. Attended a Colorado high school for 3 years
    - As long as a student attended 6 academic terms from 3 separate academic years—and then graduated or received a GED—the student would satisfy the high school requirement. (CDHE FAQ document)
    - ASCENT is considered part of a student’s high school program and may be counted toward the 3 year academic residency requirement
  2. Graduated from high school or earned their GED
  3. Been admitted (not enrolled) to a Colorado state-funded college
  4. If the student did not enroll in a Colorado state-funded college within 12 months of graduating high school they will have to prove they have been physically present in Colorado for the last 18 months.

**One of the requirements of ASSET is that students who are not legally present in the United States must sign an affidavit saying they are currently seeking legal status or will seek it as soon as they are eligible. Where is this affidavit?**

- The Colorado Department of Higher Education has integrated the affidavit with the College Opportunity Fund (COF) application. You will fill this application out one time and along with it the affidavit. The COF website is <https://cof.college-assist.org/>

### **How can a student document 18 months of physical presence in Colorado?**

- Rent receipts, utility bills, receipts or letters from companies showing the dates during which you received service;
- Employment records or, if you are self-employed, letters from banks and other firms with whom you have done business;
- School records from the schools that you have attended in the United States, showing the name(s) of the schools and periods of school attendance;
- Military records
- Hospital or medical records concerning treatment or hospitalization, showing the name of the medical facility or physician and the date(s) of the treatment or hospitalization;
- Official records from a religious entity in the United States confirming your participation in a religious ceremony, rite, or passage (e.g., baptism, first communion, wedding);
- Money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country; dated bank transactions; U.S. Social Security card; automobile license receipts, title, vehicle registration, etc.; deeds, mortgages, rental agreements; tax receipts; insurance policies; receipts; postmarked letters.

### **What if the student didn't attend three years at a Colorado High School?**

- Students who did not attend at least three years at a Colorado High School are not eligible for ASSET.
- But, students who have been granted DACA status MAY BE eligible under existing in-state tuition criteria depending on individual institution practices.
- If a student can provide documentation that he or she resides in Colorado and has acceptable evidence of domicile, such as a valid driver's license and/or social security number, the student may qualify for in-state tuition under existing tuition classification laws and policies.

### **Will ASSET students at COF participating non-profit private institutions (Regis, DU, and Colorado Christian University) be eligible for COF in the same way that other resident students are eligible?**

- No. Under current law all students attending non-profit private institutions must qualify as Pell eligible in order to receive COF. Federal law does not extend Pell eligibility to undocumented students.

## Are ASSET students eligible for state or federal financial aid?

- ASSET students are not eligible for federal or state funded financial aid
  - Pell Grants
  - Work Study
  - State Merit Aid, Loans, or scholarships
  - Federal Merit Aid, Loans or scholarships
- ASSET does not make a student eligible for other benefits offered by the state or federal government.
- ASSET students are eligible to apply for and be awarded:
  - Scholarships and other financial aid that is generated from each individual school's funds or private beneficiaries donating money to individual schools where US or Colorado residency is not required.
  - Hourly-wage jobs created by individual institutions (not work-study)

## Do Colorado colleges and universities have to verify lawful presence of applicants?

- No, ASSET strikes the language that requires institutions of higher education to verify lawful presence for any person who applies for educational services or benefits from state institutions of higher education, including participation in the Colorado Opportunity Fund, college savings plans, and other aid relating to attendance at the institution.

## Public Institutions

Adams State University – [www.adams.edu](http://www.adams.edu)  
Colorado Mesa University – [www.mesastate.edu](http://www.mesastate.edu)  
Colorado School of Mines – [www.mines.edu](http://www.mines.edu)  
Colorado State University – [www.colostate.edu](http://www.colostate.edu)  
Colorado State University  
Global Campus - [www.csuglobal.org](http://www.csuglobal.org)  
Colorado State University  
Pueblo – [www.colostate-pueblo.edu](http://www.colostate-pueblo.edu)  
Fort Lewis College – [www.fortlewis.edu](http://www.fortlewis.edu)  
Metro State University  
Of Denver – [www.msco.edu](http://www.msco.edu)  
University of Colorado  
Boulder – [www.colorado.edu](http://www.colorado.edu)  
University of Colorado  
Colorado Springs – [www.uccs.edu](http://www.uccs.edu)  
University of Colorado  
Denver (Downtown) – [www.ucdenver.edu](http://www.ucdenver.edu)  
University of Colorado  
Denver (Anschutz Medical Campus) –  
[www.uchsc.edu](http://www.uchsc.edu)  
University of Northern Colorado – [www.unco.edu](http://www.unco.edu)  
Western State Colorado University –  
[www.western.edu](http://www.western.edu)

Aims Community College – [www.aims.edu](http://www.aims.edu)  
Colorado Mountain College – [www.coloradomtn.edu](http://www.coloradomtn.edu)  
System Office – [www.ccs.edu](http://www.ccs.edu)  
Arapahoe Community College – [www.arapahoe.edu](http://www.arapahoe.edu)  
Colorado Northwestern  
Community College – [www.cncc.edu](http://www.cncc.edu)  
Community College of Aurora – [www.ccaurora.edu](http://www.ccaurora.edu)  
Community College of Denver – [www.ccd.edu](http://www.ccd.edu)  
Front Range  
Community College – [www.frontrange.edu](http://www.frontrange.edu)  
Lamar Community College – [www.lamarcc.edu](http://www.lamarcc.edu)  
Morgan Community College – [www.morgancc.edu](http://www.morgancc.edu)  
Northeastern Junior College – [www.njc.edu](http://www.njc.edu)  
Otero Junior College – [www.ojc.edu](http://www.ojc.edu)  
Pikes Peak Community College – [www.ppcc.edu](http://www.ppcc.edu)  
Pueblo Community College – [www.pueblocc.edu](http://www.pueblocc.edu)  
Red Rocks Community College – [www.rrcc.edu](http://www.rrcc.edu)  
Trinidad State Junior College –  
[www.trinidadstate.edu](http://www.trinidadstate.edu)  
Delta-Montrose Technical College – [www.dmtc.edu](http://www.dmtc.edu)  
Emily Griffith  
Technical College – [www.egos-school.com](http://www.egos-school.com)  
Pickens Technical College – [www.pickenstech.org](http://www.pickenstech.org)