

Education

Center for Educational Access and Outreach: Education Talent Search

- Local:** Center for Educational Access and Outreach
304 Student Services Building
Fort Collins, CO 80523
(970) 491-6473
- Website:** www.ceao.colostate.edu
- Purpose:** The Center for Educational Access and Outreach seeks "to make education accessible to all persons and groups" by developing the talents of ethnically diverse, first generation (neither parent has earned a bachelor's degree), or limited income individuals from ages 11 (6th grade) to adulthood.
- Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a program that provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to the postsecondary school of their choice.
- Eligibility:** Services are designed for individuals, ages 11 (6th grade) to adulthood, who are of ethnically diverse backgrounds, first generation (neither parent has earned a bachelor's degree), and/or limited income. Call to inquire further about eligibility guidelines.
- Services:** The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program assists eligible sixth grade, middle school and high school students in reaching their educational goals by: facilitating educational workshops, assisting students with the class selection process so that students will become academically prepared for college, conducting field trips to businesses, colleges, universities and youth leadership conferences and providing individual career, college admissions and financial aid counseling. In addition to meeting with students throughout the school year this program offers two summer programs, LIFE (Looking Into Future Expectations) exploration of college, career, and life opportunities and PHSI (Pre-High School Institute) to assists new high school freshmen in the transition from Jr. High to High School.
- Application:** Call to determine program schedules, eligibility and enrollment.

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Center for Educational Access and Outreach: Upward Bound

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- The Upward Bound (UB) Program assists high school students in developing the academic skills and motivation needed to successfully complete high school and to enter college upon graduation.
- Eligibility:** This program is designed to serve low income and potential first generation college students.
- Services:** Students receive academic advising, after-school tutoring, weekend study skills workshops and opportunities to visit colleges and universities. Upward Bound offers an academic year and summer component.
- Application:** Call to determine program schedules, eligibility and enrollment.

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Center for Educational Access and Outreach: Educational Opportunity Center

- Address:** Center for Educational Access and Outreach
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(970) 491-6473
- Local:** Educational Opportunity Center
419 Canyon Ave # 312
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(970) 221-4421
- Website:** www.ceao.colostate.edu
- Purpose:** The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) assists adults in furthering their education.
- Eligibility:** The Educational Opportunity Center provides services to participants in the following Colorado counties: Larimer, Weld, Adams, and the Denver community of Montbello.
- Services:** Assistance with admissions and financial aid processes, information on scholarships, student loans and deferment, career exploration, academic and financial aid workshops, referral to Adult Basic Education (ABE) General Education Development (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs, information on postsecondary educational opportunities, coordination with nearby postsecondary institutions and activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities.
- Application:** Call to determine program schedules, eligibility and enrollment.

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Colorado Education and Training Voucher (ETV)

- Address:** Administration for Children and Families
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
- Local:** Colorado Department of Human Services
Division of Child Welfare
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
(303) 866-5932
- Website:** www.statevoucher.org
www.cdhs.state.co.us/childWelfare/Chafee.htm
- Purpose:** The Colorado Education and Training Voucher Program offers funds to foster youth and former foster youth to enable them to attend colleges, universities and vocational training institutions.
- Eligibility:** In order to be found eligible the student must have been in foster care on their 18th birthday and aged out at the time, or had their foster care case closed between the ages of 18 and 21 or were adopted from foster care with adoption finalization after their 16th birthday. Additionally the student must be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen. Their personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) are not worth more than \$10,000. Lastly, they must be aged 18, 19 or 20 when they first apply to the ETV Program. To receive the voucher they must have been accepted into or enrolled in an accredited program at a college, university, technical or vocational school. To remain eligible for ETV funding, the student must show progress towards a degree or certificate.
- Services:** Students may receive up to \$5000 a year for four years as they pursue higher education. The funds may be used for tuition, books or qualified living expenses.
- Application:** Go online to apply and create an account to follow up on the application status. Make sure that eligibility guidelines influence when you apply, i.e. between the ages of 18-20.

All Colorado undergraduates are eligible for up to \$2400 in additional funding. Ask about the Colorado Opportunity Fund at the student's program's financial aid office.

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Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Contact:** 1-800-433-3243
- Website:** www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Purpose:** Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, ensures that all eligible individuals can benefit from federally funded or federally guaranteed financial assistance for education beyond high school.
- Eligibility:** Individuals seeking higher education (college, community college, vocational/training schools) and need financial assistance. This application determines financial need.
- Services:** Determines eligibility for loans, federal grants, scholarships and other monies to assist with paying for higher education. FAFSA data is often needed for other scholarships,
- Application:** Go online to apply and create an account. Paper applications can be completed with a high school counselor or a financial aid counselor within the higher education institute. Apply by March 1 in the spring of the year the student is planning on attending. IF the student is a dependent then the application is to be completed by their parent/guardian.

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Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System: Front Range Community College

- Address:** Colorado Community College System
9101 East Lowry Blvd
Denver, CO 80230
(303) 620-4000
- Local:** Front Range Community College
4616 S Shields St
Fort Collins, CO 80526
(970) 226-2500
- Website:** www.cccs.edu
www.frontrange.edu
- Purpose:** To provide an accessible, responsive learning environment that facilitates the achievement of educational, professional and personal goals by our students and other members of our communities in an atmosphere that embraces academic excellence, diversity and innovation.
- Eligibility:** The CCCS has an open-door admissions policy that encourages everyone to pursue their dreams of a quality, affordable education.
- Services:** The Colorado Community College System awards nearly 9,500 Associate degrees and certificates annually in more than 800 post secondary programs, including arts and sciences, information technologies, health care, agriculture, communication technologies, law enforcement, fire science and business.
- Application:** Go online to apply or contact the Community College of the student's choice to complete an application and determine the best timeline for application and enrollment.

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General Equivalence Development (GED)

Purpose: The General Equivalence Degree (GED) is an opportunity for individuals who have not graduated from high school to earn a high school equivalency diploma. The test is centered on skills which would be learned during four years of high school, and consists of five different sections: reading, writing, social studies, science, and math. The GED can increase your employment opportunities.

Eligibility: The American Council on Education sets the following eligibility requirements for GED testing: residency to the jurisdiction administering the test, must not already hold a traditional high-school diploma or a GED. GED Tests are not administered to a candidate who is enrolled in an accredited high school. To take the GED tests one must be at least 16 years of age.

Services: GED Testing:

Colorado State University Testing Center: 491-6498

CSU is an official testing site for taking the GED. Call for hours.

\$65 testing fee; \$13 retest fee; \$4 Daily Parking Permits

Ask at preparation sites (Front Range Community College and Larimer County Workforce Center) about vouchers and waivers for testing costs.

GED Preparation Sites:

Education and Life Training Center:

401 Linden Street, Fort Collins

484-4357 www.eltcenter.org

Morning and afternoon classes. \$60 for year. Ask about scholarships.

Registration every 8 weeks and ongoing (individuals can call at anytime to enroll).

Core Center:

114 Bristle Cone, Fort Collins

484-2580

Monday – Thursday 10 am to noon, Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 8 pm.

\$20 per semester. Tuition includes cost of workbooks.

Ask about scholarships.

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General Equivalence Development (GED) Continued

GED Preparation Sites (continued):

Center for Adult Learning, Front Range Community College:
Blanca Peak Building, Room 102, 4616 S Shields, Fort Collins
204-8181
Age 17 and over
\$20 fee per semester

Poudre High School GED Program:
201 Impala Drive, Fort Collins
488-6090
Open to the public ages 17 and over. Enroll at any time.

Centennial High School (PSD):
330 E. Laurel Street, Fort Collins
488-4940
Transition school, helps students move from high school to workplace or to continuing education classes, GED prep available.

Larimer County Workforce Center:
200 W. Oak Street Suite 5000, Fort Collins
498-6600 www.larimerworkforce.org

2 Hearts Academy – Drop out retrieval program:
3600 Mitchel Drive, Fort Collins
266-9652
Students at risk who have dropped out of high school attend classes from 9:00 to 3:00 and are able to study for GED as well as receive Community College credits for a small fee. For at risk youth ages 16-21.

Application: Apply to each GED program separately. Register for the GED by contacting the CSU testing center.