

College Opportunity Fund

The College Opportunity Fund provides State financial support to eligible students for higher education. It was created by an Act of the Colorado State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Owens in May 2004.

What does it mean? In the past, the State gave money directly to the colleges. Now, if you authorize use of the stipend for any given term, the college you are attending will receive the funding, and you will see it appear as a credit on your tuition bill.

Who is eligible? Undergraduate students who are eligible for in-state tuition, and who apply for COF, are admitted to and enrolled in an eligible institution of higher education, and who authorize the institution to collect the funds on their behalf. Once enrolled at the Colorado School of Mines, the student must authorize the school to collect these funds from the state on the student's behalf. Once authorized, the school will continue to collect these funds on the student's behalf unless and until the student chooses to revoke the authorization.

How much is the stipend? It will vary. The amount will be determined each year by the Colorado Legislature.

For additional information please refer to:

Colorado School of Mines website: <https://www.mines.edu/registrar/college-opportunity-fund/>

Colorado Department of Higher Education's website: <https://higher.colorado.gov/Finance/COF/default.html>

The College Opportunity Fund website: <https://cof.college-assist.org/>