



Online Bachelor's Degree Completion in Human Development and Family Studies

Scholarship & Financial Aid Opportunities

Scholarship Programs

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The Bernard Osher Foundation: Provides scholarships for newly matriculating, re-entry students. Applicants must be between the ages of 25 -50 at the time of application (resident and non resident) allowed. There must be an enrollment gap of **at least 5 years** (may be cumulative; does not have to be sequential) while working towards a degree. Applicants must be re-entering higher education (at the time of the application) in order to complete the first bachelor's degree. Applicants must have already applied to Colorado State University, and demonstrate financial need as determined by FAFSA (Must have already completed a FAFSA form; visit

www.fafsa.ed.gov to file your FAFSA. Make sure you request your results be sent to Colorado State University. Our school code is 001350. Applicants must carry 2.75 GPA for all credits already taken. They must have at least 60 credits toward their major at CSU (junior status). They must also anticipate participating in the workforce for at least 10 years after graduation. **May 1, 2009 is the deadline date** for applying for these scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. Please find the application at the following website:
<http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/Osher/index.cfm>.

Colorado T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood

Colorado T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Educations And Compensation Helps) Early Childhood is a unique scholarship program for licensed family providers and employees of licensed child care centers who are working full time and who have at least one year of experience with their current child care program. The recipient agrees to complete 6 to 12 college credits in one year and to complete a 6- or 12-month work agreement with their current employer. The scholarship pays for 80% of tuition, books, mileage, and substitute pay in some cases. Recipients that successfully complete the scholarship commitments also receive a cash bonus. For information and application materials contact the T.E.A.C.H. Coordinator at Qualistar Early Learning, 3607 Martin Luther King Blvd, Denver CO 80205; (303) 339-6800 or toll free 1-888-580-8994; web: www.qualistar.org ; email: teach@qualistar.org .

The CAEYC (Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children) Tuition Award

This scholarship is for full-time junior or senior undergraduate students at Colorado colleges or universities who have a declared academic emphasis in Early Childhood Education. Applications are due in March. There are no restrictions based on race, creed, color, sex, or marital status, and financial need is not a primary consideration. For more information: (303) 791-2772 or toll free: 1-888-892-4453; web: www.ColoradoAEYC.org .

Marla Bouma Memorial Award

This scholarship is also awarded by CAEYC and is for college students who have completed at least 6 semester hours in Early Childhood related courses with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. Students may be attending college on either a full- or part-time basis. Graduate students may also apply. Applications are accepted in September. For more information: (303) 791-2772 or toll free: 1-888-892-4453; web: www.ColoradoAEYC.org .

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is the nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education. To qualify for an HSF scholarship, applicants must: be of Hispanic heritage, a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident, be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at a U.S. accredited and Title IV-eligible institution, must apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA, and be completing your first undergraduate or graduate degree. For more information please contact: 1-877-HSF-INFO (1-877-473-4636); web: www.hsf.net .

John C. Snider Scholarship Program

Dr. Snider established a fund through Colorado State University's Continuing Education Program for scholarships to be awarded to qualified nontraditional students who have the desire to "return

to learning.” To be eligible for the John C. Snider Scholarship Program, students must meet the following criteria: be 25 years old or older at the time of application or have a nontraditional student life circumstance (single parent, etc.), be enrolled in Continuing Education for a minimum of three (3) academic credits (including distance education) during the 2008-09 academic year, have not been admitted to the University for the 2008-09 academic year, and have not yet obtained a bachelor’s degree. For more information please contact: (970) 491-5288 or toll free 1-877-491-4336; web: www.learn.colostate.edu .

Statewide Extended Studies Scholarship Program

To be eligible for the Statewide Extended Studies Scholarship Program, students must meet the following criteria: be enrolled in Continuing Education for a minimum of one course for credit or noncredit including Distance and Lifelong Learning courses during the 2008-09 academic year and be a resident of Colorado. For more information please contact: (970) 491-5288 or toll free 1-877-491-4336; web: www.learn.colostate.edu .

Latin American Educational Foundation

The goal of the Latin American Educational Foundation Scholarship is to award funds to qualified students who have demonstrated a commitment to the Hispanic community. Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria. Be a Colorado resident, Hispanic heritage and/or actively involved in the Hispanic community, accepted to an accredited college, university or vocational school, minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average, recipients are required to fulfill 10 hours of community service during year of funding. A review committee will select finalists based on the following: Academic achievement, financial need, community involvement, letters of recommendation, personal essay, and personal interview of finalists. For more information please contact: (303) 446-0541; email jcontreras@laef.org ; web www.laef.org

Myron Brown Ludlow Scholarship and the Delano F. Scott Scholarship

Male students in the College of Applied Human Sciences, who have attended CSU for one year and have at least a 3.0 GPA, are eligible for these scholarships. Please contact (970) 491-6331; <http://www.cahs.colostate.edu/scholarships/ScholarshipAwards.aspx> for more information.

First Generation Award

Eligible applicants are Colorado resident entering freshmen or undergraduate transfer students who demonstrate financial need, are admitted by April 3, and demonstrate potential for academic success. Student's parents must not have received a bachelor's degree. This is a \$4,000 annual award, renewable for six additional semesters provided requirements are met. For more information please contact Student Financial Services 103 Administration Annex, CSU campus; phone: (970) 491-6321; web: <http://sfs.colostate.edu>

Colorado State University Women's Association Scholarships

There are 10 different scholarships with varying criteria, \$1,000 - \$3,000 awards. A qualified applicant must be a Colorado State University student, demonstrate financial need, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. For more information please contact Student Financial Services 103 Administration Annex, CSU campus; phone: (970) 491-6321; web: <http://sfs.colostate.edu>

Jeannette Rankin Foundation

The Jeannette Rankin Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for, and awarding grants to, low-income women, age 35 and older. Each grant recipient has a vision of how a college education will benefit herself, her family, and her community. An applicant for a JRF grant must be: a woman, age 35 or older, as of March 1, in the year of application, a U.S. citizen, enrolled in an accredited school, or accepted to an accredited school, pursuing a technical/vocational education, an associate's degree, or a first bachelor's degree low-income according to JRF guidelines. For more information please contact (706) 208-1211 or www.rankinfoundation.org

Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award

Founded in 1921, Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who provide volunteer service to their communities. To be eligible for the Women's Opportunity Award, you must be a woman with primary financial responsibility for supporting your family (including children, spouse, siblings and/or parents), attend or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program, or an undergraduate degree program, have financial need, and are motivated to achieve your educational and career goals. For more information please contact www.soroptimist.org

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

The mission of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education. We focus in particular on scholarships for outstanding individuals with financial need. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program awards scholarships worth up to \$30,000 each to students and recent alumni from community colleges or two-year institutions who will pursue bachelor's degrees at four-year institutions. Eligible applicants must be a current student at an accredited US community college or two-year institution with sophomore status or a recent graduate, planning to enroll in a full-time baccalaureate program in a college or university, with a cumulative undergraduate grade point average 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent), and be nominated by your two-year institution. Students interested in this scholarship must be nominated by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Faculty Representative at their institutions. Please see the list of designated faculty representatives and find more information at www.jackkentcookefoundation.org or 1-800-498-6478.

Employer Funded Scholarships

Many early care and education employers offer scholarships or educational stipends to their employees. The Colorado Quality Standards recommended programs invest 5-10% of their budget into the professional development of their staff. Employers may spend a portion of pre-tax business dollars to support their employees' education. Some early care and education programs such as Head Start receive specific funding to support the education and training of their staff. Consult with your employer to determine how they can support your tuition and related college expenses.

Early Childhood Council of Larimer County/Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation Scholarship

Students who live, work or attend school in Larimer County, and work or be preparing to work in a community based environment. Community based environments DO NOT include the public school district. Your professional role must be to provide direct early childhood service to

children rather than to the family. Scholarship recipients will participate in the development of a Professional Plan. FAFSA application is a required first step (see details below). Please provide a copy of the FAFSA response to the Early Childhood Council. For an application, you may contact Lorna Greene, Project Coordinator, at (970) 377-2866 or ecpdp@frii.com.

Applying for Financial Aid

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> . Make sure you request your results be sent to Colorado State University. Our school code is 001350. Once you have been accepted to CSU and enrolled in CE courses, a Student Financial Services representative will adjust your financial aid award to reflect the cost of your program.
 2. To check the status of your financial aid application, visit <http://ramweb.colostate.edu/> , select Current Financial Aid Awards. You can review where you are in the financial aid process, view your current award notice, accept/decline your loan(s), and complete other processing requirements.
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Using Financial Aid for Division of Continuing Education (DCE) Courses

To be eligible for financial aid, you must be admitted to Colorado State in a degree-seeking program and be enrolled in at least 6 credits per semester (undergraduate) or at least 5 credits per semester (graduate). You may use federal and/or state aid, however, DCE courses will not be considered for institutional aid.

Your financial aid budget includes a tuition and fee amount based on 9 or more credits of regular on-campus credits. Courses offered through DCE (correspondence, telecommunications, and on-line courses) have different tuition costs than regular on-campus credit courses. If your cost of regular on-campus credits and DCE tuition and fees is less than the standard regular on-campus credits amount, we must adjust your financial aid budget to reflect your actual tuition and fee costs.

If you are enrolled solely in correspondence, telecommunications, or on-line courses, the only costs that can be included in your budget are tuition, fees, books and supplies. Living expenses are not included. If you are enrolled solely in 6 credits or more correspondence courses, you are considered to be enrolled for half-time.

After we calculate the actual costs that can be included in your budget, we may be required to reduce your financial aid. **If you have or will receive a refund, hold on to it until all adjustments to your budget and aid have been made.**

Pell Grant and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

If you are enrolled in a correspondence course and

- Have been awarded a Pell Grant, you must complete 50% of your coursework before you can receive your Pell Grant.
 - Have been awarded an SEOG, you must submit your first completed lesson before you can receive your SEOG.
 - If awarded a Pell or SEOG Grant, courses must be completed by the last day of the semester. If courses are not completed, it will result in an adjustment to your financial aid.
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Institutional Aid for DCE Courses

DCE courses are not eligible to receive Institutional aid.

Employer Tuition Assistance Form

This form must be completed by you and your employer and returned to our office. Your employer indicates if they will provide tuition assistance or reimbursement for your education. The amount your employer provides will be assessed as a resource in addition to financial aid. When paying tuition for DCE courses, you are responsible to pay for the portion your employer will cover, knowing you will receive reimbursement from your employer.
<http://sfs.colostate.edu/pdf/0506/emptara.pdf>

Receiving Your Financial Aid

Financial aid is disbursed at the same time as for regularly enrolled CSU students. The aid will be automatically credited to your student account, if you meet all of the following requirements:

1. admitted to CSU in a degree granting program
2. enrolled in 6 credits (undergraduate) or 5 credits (graduate)
3. accept your Direct Loans (if offered) on <http://ramweb.colostate.edu> . Direct loans also require a master promissory note. If you are offered a Perkins Loan, you must complete, sign, and return a promissory note and entrance questionnaire.

Requesting a Refund

Financial aid refunds are sent directly to your bank via direct deposit. Visit <http://ramweb.colostate.edu> to sign up for direct deposit.

Federal Financial Aid Programs

To apply for federal financial aid, you will need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is available at CSU student financial services, 103 Administration Annex, and on the internet at <http://www.ed.gov> (click on financial aid for students). For additional information call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 or visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. It is important to complete the application process early.

Pell Grant Program

Pell Grants do NOT have to be paid back. They are awarded to undergraduate students who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree. To receive a Pell Grant you must demonstrate financial need. To determine financial need, the U.S. Department of Education uses a standard formula that considers income, assets and family size. The amount of the Pell Grant will vary accordingly. Pell Grants are considered a foundation of federal financial aid, to which aid from other federal and nonfederal sources might be added. Part time students are eligible to receive Pell Grants.

Federal Loans

A **Federal Perkins Loan** is a low-interest loan for both undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. Your school is your lender. The loan is made with government funds, and your school contributes a share. You must repay this loan to your school.

The **Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL)** Program and the **William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan** (Direct Loan) Program both consist of what are generally known as Stafford Loans (for students) and PLUS Loans (for parents). Under the Direct Loan Program, the funds for your loan come directly from the federal government. Funds for your FFEL will come from a bank, credit union, or other lender that participates in the program. Eligibility rules and loan amounts are identical under both programs, but repayment plans differ somewhat.

Tax Credits

HOPE Scholarship Tax Credit

This federal tax credit helps make the first two years of college universally available. Students can receive a 100% tax credit for the first \$1,000 of tuition and fees and a 50% tax credit on the second \$1,000. This credit is available for tuition and fees less grants scholarships, and other assistance. The credit is phased out for joint tax filers who have an adjusted gross income between \$80,000 and \$100,000, and for single filers who have between \$40,000 and \$50,000 of adjusted income. Students must be enrolled at least half time for this credit. Visit the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to order a publication about tax benefits for education.

Lifetime Learning Tax Credit

The Lifetime Learning Tax Credit is targeted to adults who want to go back to school and to college juniors, seniors and graduate students. A family may receive a 20% tax credit for the first \$10,000 of tuition and fees paid each year. The maximum credit is determined on a per-taxpayer basis, and is phased out at the same income levels as the HOPE Scholarship. Visit the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to order a publication about tax benefits for education.

Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs

Colorado Early Childhood Development Professional Loan Repayment Program

Child care professionals graduating with an Associates degree from an approved community college program of preparation in Early Childhood Education and working in licensed child care programs after graduation may be eligible for loan repayment of \$1,000 per year. For more information visit www.collegeinvest.org or call (303) 295-1981 or 1-800-448-2424.

Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness

This is a similar federal loan repayment program. Child care providers who use a federal loan to receive an Associates or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and who work full time for two years at a child care facility may then be eligible to have their loan forgiven. Contact the Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program, P.O. Box 4639, Utica NY 13504-4639, or call 1-888-562-7002.

Distance Learning

For information regarding various types of programs and courses Colorado State University offers, required forms and important deadlines visit Colorado State Division of Continuing Education (DCE) homepage at <http://www.learn.colostate.edu/>

Scholarship Directories and Search Engines

HispanicScholarship.com

HispanicScholarship.com is a free college scholarship search & financial aid information resource, connecting Latino students & parents with college funding opportunities.

FastWeb.com

FastWeb.com offers a comprehensive source of local, national, and college-specific scholarships and internships.

FinAid.org

FinAid was established in the fall of 1994 as a public service. This award-winning site has grown into the most comprehensive annotated collection of information about student financial aid on the web. Look here for information about loans, scholarships, savings, military aid and other types of aid.

Additional Resources

College Specific Funding

Contact the department chair and financial aid office to determine if the college offers grants, work study or other financial supports to their students. Some colleges have institutional specific funding such as research grants or model programs, and the resources can be directed to the educational expenses of their students.

Community and Corporate Funding

Consult with the parents of the children in your care to determine if their employers invest in initiatives to improve the quality of child care. You may be able to solicit support directly from the corporation through their philanthropic organization, or through a non-profit program that they support.

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES – GOODE Scholarship Application

Student Information

Name (last, first) _____

E-Mail address _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Admitted to CSU? Yes No

Semester admitted? _____

Head Start/Early Head Start employee? Yes No

If Head Start employee, name of program and location _____

Supervisor and contact information _____

Position in Head Start/Early Head Start? _____

How long have you worked for Head Start/Early Head Start? _____

Resident of Colorado? Resident Non-Resident

Class Level Fall 2008: FR SO JR SR GRAD
 2nd Bach

Expected Date of Graduation _____

Cumulative CSU GPA _____ Cumulative Transfer GPA _____

of CSU Credits _____ # of Transfer Credits _____

Major _____ Concentration _____

Number of courses planned for academic year '08---'09 _____

Languages you speak _____

Your ethnicity (optional) _____

Please provide the names and contact information for at least 3 individuals who can provide information about your potential for success in our online program in Human Development & Family Studies, as well as your professional potential:

Please provide a brief description of why you wish to complete an online degree in Human Development & Family Studies _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you that would help in our decision-making process?
