

The “Big 4” At-a-Glance

**These guidelines are subject to change. Please verify deadlines and eligibility requirements for schools that interest you.



- Eligibility: Generally, 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and a steady or upward trend in grades.
- Test-optional. Scores are not given much weight, and you must email: admissions@colostate.edu to request your scores be reviewed.
- Admission application opens Aug 1st for the following year. **Early action/early decision deadline is Dec 1st**. Notification given by Dec 31st and is non-binding (meaning no commitment is required at that time). **Regular decision application deadline is Feb 1st**. Notification by Feb 28th.
- **Scholarships:** You are automatically considered for the following scholarships just by applying to CSU prior to Feb 1st: Green & Gold for CO Residents, Alliance High School Partnership, Honors Scholarship, and Partnership Award.
- **Additional scholarships that require a separate application are available, and the application period opens Oct 1st and closes Mar 1st.** [Click here to learn more about CSU scholarships.](#)



- Eligibility: No set GPA requirement. Admission granted based on classroom performance in core academic classes, the rigor of your high school courses, and GPA. Grades are the single biggest factor in admission. Applicants are also reviewed based on the extent to which the Colorado HEAR Recommendations have been met (see separate page).
- Test-optional.
- Admission application opens Aug 1st for the following year. **Early action/early decision deadline is Nov 15th**. Notification given by Feb 1st and is non-binding (meaning no commitment is required at that time). **Regular decision application deadline is Jan 15th**. Notification by April 1st.
- **Scholarships:** CO applicants are automatically considered for the following scholarships just by applying to CU prior to Jan 15th: University of CO Boulder Esteemed Scholars Program, Art & Humanities Merit Scholarship, Native & Indigenous Student Scholarship, Regent Scholarship, and the Add-On Scholarship (an additional award from the College of Media, Communication, and Information--CMCI--given to certain recipients of automatic-consideration scholarships.)
- **Additional scholarships that require a separate application are available, and the application period opens Nov 1st and closes between Feb 15th and Mar 15th** (the dates are award-specific). You must have applied to CU to apply for these scholarships, but you do not have to be formally admitted to begin your scholarship application. **Students are encouraged to submit their FAFSA application for student aid prior to Mar 1st to be considered for all scholarship opportunities.** [Click here to learn more about CU Boulder scholarships.](#)



- Eligibility: Priority consideration given to applicants with a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, who successfully complete Colorado HEAR Recommendations, minus the foreign-language requirement (see separate page).
- Test-optional.
- Admission application opens Aug 1st for the following year. **Early action/early decision deadline is Dec 1st**. Early-decision notifications are non-binding (meaning no commitment is required at that time). Some program-specific priority deadlines are Feb 1st. **Regular decision application deadline is Mar 1st**. Late decision absolute deadline is Aug. 1st for same-year college entrance.
- **Scholarships:** You are automatically considered for the following scholarships just by applying to UNC prior to Mar 1st: Trustee, Presidential, Provost, and Bear. These awards are based on GPA.
- **Additional scholarships that require a separate application are available, and the application period opens Nov 1st with a priority deadline of Feb 1st**. It's best to apply to the college early because you must be fully accepted to apply for scholarships. Art, Design, Theatre, and Music scholarships may require talent auditions. [Click here to learn more about UNC scholarships.](#)



- Eligibility: 3.0-4.0 unweighted GPA (on a 4.0 scale) for assured admission; 2.50-2.99 unweighted GPA admitted with support. Students must have the following high school success curriculum: 4 years each of English, Math, and Science, 3 years of Social Science, with 4 years of additional coursework, 2 years of which must be in Foreign Language, Fine and Performing Arts, or Career-Vocational Education.
- Test-optional* (*CO residents applying for WUE need an ACT score)
- Admission application opens Aug 1st for the following year. **Applications are taken on a rolling basis. There is no deadline.** No early action/early decision deadline either. May 1st is the commitment deadline. The Nursing school has a Feb 1st admission deadline.
- **Scholarships:** CO residents automatically qualify for the WUE tuition rate (which is equal to 150% of the WY in-state resident rate) **IF** they have **both** an unweighted 3.75 GPA **and** a 27 ACT composite score. Students not meeting this requirement for WUE will be eligible for a Brown & Gold Commitment merit scholarship if their GPA is at least 3.0 unweighted (on a 4.0 scale). The Children of Alumni Benefit will also allow out-of-state residents to receive discounted tuition at a rate of 150% of the WY in-state tuition. The awards for WUE, Brown & Gold Commitment, and Children of Alumni cannot be combined. Students are only eligible for one. **Commitment deadline for these scholarships is May 1st. After that, scholarships cannot be guaranteed.**
- Additional scholarships through the University of WY Foundation, individual school departments, private scholarships, and federal aid can all be combined with WUE, Brown & Gold, or Children of Alumni awards. **These additional scholarships require a separate application, and the application period opens Feb 15th and closes Mar 15th**. [Click here to learn more about University of Wyoming Scholarships.](#)