

Short Guide to Completing the CASFA

CASFA Application link: cdhe.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/colorado-application-for-state-financial-aid

To access the full *CASFA Guide* with many tips & suggestions, please visit: rb.gy/olfl3e



What is CASFA?

The Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA) is a safe, confidential, and easy way to apply for state financial aid or workstudy, and/or financial aid directly from MSU Denver.

Who should complete the application?

Colorado undergraduate and graduate students who are **not eligible for financial aid from FAFSA**. This includes:

* *DACA & Undocumented students*

* *Non-citizen students*

* *International students*

When should I complete it?

CASFA becomes available **each year in October** to apply for financial aid for next year's fall and spring semester. For example, the CASFA to apply for aid for the '21 fall and '22 spring semester became available in October 2020, and it is a good idea to complete as soon as you can.

What do I need to complete the CASFA?

To complete the 2021/22 CASFA, you will need your – and potentially your parents' – **2019 federal tax return** or income information. Males between 18 and 25 also need to complete the **Selective Service Registration**: www.sss.gov/register/

What should I do after completing the CASFA?

1. Check email for updates from Financial Aid, reach out to advisors below for more help/next steps
2. Complete the [General Scholarship Application](#), apply for [COF](#) (one time only), authorize COF in [Student Hub](#)
3. Meet with an advisor from Immigrant Services or GITA (see below for contacts) for next steps, tips, or resources to help you be successful at MSU Denver!

Need help? Please contact:

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