

CLASS OF 2018

COLLEGE BULLETIN

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TESTING DATES / REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SAT

Nov. 4 / Oct. 5

Dec. 2 / Nov. 2

ACT

Oct. 28 / Sept. 22

Dec. 9 / Nov. 3

Registration Fee

\$46

CEEB Code

060-251

Register online or pick up registration materials in the College Center.

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.com

Students interested in highly selective schools need to allow time to take SAT Subject Tests (sometimes required)

SEARCHING FOR MONEY

Did you know that 95-98% of all money awarded to help students pay for college comes from financial aid and college funds? Private scholarships only account for very little of the total funds available to help students pay for college.

Colleges with a high cost of attendance usually have the most money available to give away in the form of scholarships and grants. For example, this year it costs over \$67,000 to attend Dartmouth College. However, the average grant award for the class of 2021 was \$46,315. Families with an annual income less than \$100,000 received only grant money and work study in their financial aid package meaning students and parents were not required to take out loans! The average amount of student debt for graduates was just over \$16,000.

Claremont McKenna, another private school that is not quite as selective as the Ivies, costs around \$64,000 per year. Families whose income was between \$50,000-\$75,000 received an average financial package of \$57,000. About \$2,500 of that amount is work study, the rest is awarded through grants that do not have to be repaid.

Aside from need-based aid, there is an abundance of merit-based aid available from colleges all over the

country. Hastings College has scholarships based on a student's performance in high school that can cover the full cost of tuition. Iowa State gives automatic scholarships based on GPA and test scores with no application required. UCCS has a Chancellor's Award in the amount of \$2,500 that students automatically receive upon admission, if their GPA is at least 3.2 and they have a minimum of a 23 on the ACT.

Colleges reward students who are assertive and on top of things. In other words, applications are submitted well before deadlines and students have researched scholarship options, requirements and deadlines. Additional essays or applications may be required for some institutional scholarships; not all are automatically awarded.

In addition to each school's own [scholarship](#) page, take a look at [Cappex](#) for help investigating college scholarships.

COLLEGE VISITS

Nov 6 Harding University

Nov 8 Colorado Mesa

Nov 15 US Naval Academy

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants Two \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors planning to attend any accredited college, university or vocational institution. Applicants must be residents of the State of Colorado & U.S. citizens. Criteria for selection include: a short essay on the topic listed in the application, GPA and class rank, ACT or SAT scores, evidence of honors received, activities in and outside of high school, employment and leadership, a letter of recommendation, and (if pertinent) evidence of Mayflower ancestry. Postmarked deadline: March 1

www.coloradomayflowersociety.org/scholarship.htm

Stephen T. Marchello Foundation Scholarship This scholarship foundation annually will grants multiple scholarships up to \$4000, to young adults who have survived childhood cancer. The scholarship may continue for four years of college as long as the recipient stays in school. The scholarship can also be used to attend a trade or vocational school. The primary criteria for scholarship applicants is that they live in or were treated for cancer in Colorado. Deadline: Received by March 15. Online applications at www.stmfoundation.org

Burg Simpson Scholarship One \$2500 scholarship and nine \$1000 scholarships awarded to members of the Class of 2018. Open to all seniors. Write an essay of 1,500 words or less that describes: *How the civil jury system protects your rights as a citizen. How the civil jury system in the U.S. is being threatened. The importance of preserving the civil jury system for future generations.* For more information, go to www.burgsimpson.com/scholarship Deadline: Jan. 24

FINANCIAL AID TERMS & DEFINITIONS

FAFSA: (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) The form used to apply for federal financial aid programs as well as access other money available from state & college resources.

CSS/PROFILE: A financial aid application required by private colleges to supplement the information received on the FAFSA. Can be filled out NOW! See the College Counselor for more information.

SAR: Student Aid Report—results of the FAFSA analysis. Report includes a recap of information submitted by the student/family, including the EFC. Results are electronically forwarded to designated colleges & are used to determine the Financial Aid package.

EFC: Expected Family Contribution. Amount reported on SAR in upper right hand corner.

COA: Cost of Attendance The total amount an institution determines it will cost a student to attend for a one year. Some schools include everything (transportation, medical insurance, etc.), whereas others limit it to tuition, fees, books, room & board, personal expenses. Be sure to compare “apples to apples” when looking at financial aid packages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

West Point Admissions Information Meeting:
November 2 6:30-8 pm Colorado Springs East Library.
5550 E Union Blvd. Appropriate for all grade levels and parents

Denver Performing & Visual Arts Fair: Nov 6
7:00-9:00pm Denver Center for the Performing Arts—
Seawell Ballroom. Register [here](#).

US Naval Academy Midshipmen Visit November 20
5-7 pm Cheyenne Mountain High School. Any students interested in USNA are encouraged to attend info session.

Early Action Deadlines: December 1 and 15 Many colleges have December 1 or December 15 deadlines. Be sure to communicate with Mrs. Cooper if you need documents sent to colleges on your behalf.