HOW TO APPLY

Undergraduate Applicants: How to Apply

The information below applies both to domestic and international undergraduate applicants.

Application Materials

Materials commonly requested to complete an application packet include an online application, $50 application fee or fee waiver request, high school and college transcripts, test scores, personal statement (http://admissions.colostate.edu/essaytopics), and recommendation(s).

Checklists specific to each undergraduate applicant type and instructions for submitting documents are reflected in the application guides (http://admissions.colostate.edu/applying-to-csu).

Application Fee or Fee Waiver

An application fee is required as part of a Complete Application; a decision cannot be rendered without it. The application includes a request for fee waiver when payment of the fee presents a financial hardship. The application processing fee is not refundable, even if an applicant is denied, nor is it applicable to tuition and fees if the student enrolls.

High School Transcript with proof of graduation (or equivalent)

For freshman/first-year applicants and transfer applicants with fewer than 30 post-high school credits complete at the point of application: High school transcripts are considered in the admission decision and proof of graduation (or equivalent) is required.

For transfer applicants with more than 30 post-high school credits complete at the point of application: High school transcripts are not considered in the admission decision, but proof of graduation or equivalent is required.

ACT/SAT results

ACT or SAT results are required for freshman/first-year applicants who are under age 23 or who have been out of high school for less than five years. Applicants educated outside the U.S. are encouraged but not required to submit ACT/SAT.

Transfer applicants are encouraged but not required to submit ACT/SAT for placement purposes if they have not yet taken a transferable college composition course.

We accept SAT results for exams administered prior to March 2016 as well as SAT results from the redesigned test. Refer to the 2016 SAT Redesign (http://admissions.colostate.edu/apply/2016-sat-redesign) for more information.

College Transcript(s)

An original, official college transcript (http://admissions.colostate.edu/submitting-documents) from each college attended is required, regardless of the type of institution, amount or type of credit earned, and age of the credential even if the work will be reflected in transfer on another transcript. No part of the previous collegiate record may be disregarded. Failure to include all institutions previously attended is a serious offense that may result in the rescinding of admission, loss of credit, or disenrollment. Transcripts reflecting courses taken at vocational-technical institutes or colleges that are not regionally accredited can be helpful documentation and may be required, though they do not qualify an applicant for transfer applicant status or advanced-standing credit.

For freshman/first-year applicants: You may be required to submit an original, official college transcript at the point of application if your college enrollment is not otherwise reflected on your high school transcript, especially if college enrollment is being used as your full-time high school curriculum. Advanced standing credit (transfer credit) is only awarded from an original, official transcript. Please refer to College-Level Courses Completed by High School Students (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/admissions/transfer-test-credit/#college-courses-high-school) for additional information.

Additional information may be requested as necessary for the full review of an applicant’s eligibility.

International Applicants: Additional Requirements

In addition to the documents outlined above, applicants who have completed part or all of their education outside of the US also may be required to submit the following:

• A certified English translation of any academic credentials not in English
• Evidence of English Proficiency (http://admissions.colostate.edu/internationalstudentshome/englishproficiency) through TOEFL, IELTS, or Pearson’s Test of English (PTE) to be considered for direct admission
• Financial support documentation and a copy of your passport if you will require visa documentation from CSU

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Application Deadlines

Students can begin their enrollment at CSU during the fall semester (August start), spring semester (January start) or summer term (May/June start; not recommended for first-year freshmen).

Future application terms generally open 10-12 months prior to the first day of classes for the term. Freshman/first-year applicants must have completed at least 75% of their high school curriculum (through junior year equivalent) before a decision can be rendered; transfer applicants must have no more than one academic term in progress when a decision is rendered. Second bachelor's/post-bachelor candidates must be finished with their first degree or in their final term of enrollment with degree pending for a decision to be rendered.

Deadlines specific to each applicant type and term are reflected in the application guides (http://admissions.colostate.edu/applying-to-csu).