

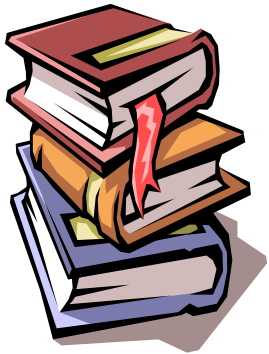


You need this information if you are an **undergraduate student** classified for tuition purposes as a **Colorado resident**.

Please take the time to figure out how COF applies to you, and how to work with the College Opportunity Fund (COF)!



1. **You MUST Apply** once in your lifetime to create a COF account. Apply online at <https://cofweb.cslp.org/cofapp>
2. **Authorize the use of COF when you Register for Courses each term.** If you authorize, all COF eligible hours will receive a COF per credit reduction on your tuition and fee bill. If you don't authorize, you'll have to pay the full tuition for all courses, without the COF voucher credit.



3. **Understand How Eligible COF Hours Will be Determined.**

Everyone at the undergraduate level begins this program with 145 COF lifetime hours.

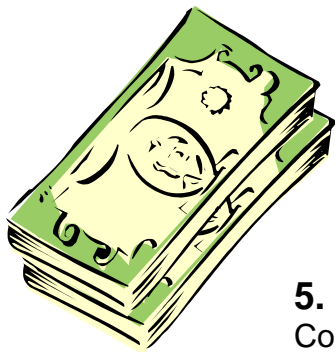
Exception: Students who were enrolled in fall 2004 or spring 2005 at any COF participating institution in Colorado had their COF remaining hours set based on their class standing at the time. For more information about this, see "COF Lifetime Hours" at www.cusys.edu/ums/cof/faq.html

COF lifetime hours used and hours available are updated each night from the Colorado Student Loan Program (CSLP) data base.

CU turns in your CU hours to CSLP twice a term – once at the end of the drop/add period, and again at the end of the term.

COF lifetime hours available and used can be found on the CSLP web site (<https://cofweb.cslp.org/cofapp/COFLogon.jsp>), or you can check on this through CU's web registration page. Check your COF balance at least twice during each term – after drop/add ends; and at the end of the term.

4. **Know what the tuition rate will be for the upcoming academic year and what the COF voucher per credit hour will be.** This information is available on the Web at <http://www.colorado.edu/bursar>. Both of these rates, along with the hours that you decide to take, will determine your tuition and fees. (Note: Tuition rates for fall/spring semesters are not available until late July.)

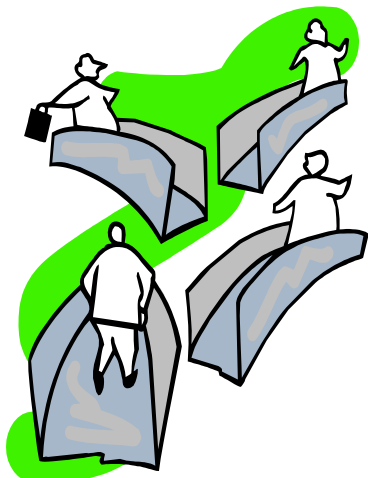


Each time you drop and add a course before the end of the drop/add deadline, your bill will be adjusted, because COF is calculated on a per credit hour basis. So, if you begin registering for 15 COF eligible hours, drop 3, and add 2, your COF voucher will adjust each time, but will finally reflect 14 total COF eligible hours.

5. Important Information Concerning COF and Registration.

Courses added after the close of the registration drop/add period (census date) are NOT eligible for COF funding and will not count against the COF lifetime hours. Students will be required to pay full tuition, including the COF portion, for these courses. Courses dropped or withdrawals from school occurring after the drop/add period will result in the loss of COF eligible hours (that is, hours for that term will still be deducted from the COF lifetime hours available). These changes are part of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) policy. See COF Lifetime Hours at www.cusys.edu/ums/cof/faq.html for more information.

6. Know how decisions about courses and your degree program are impacted by COF.



- You have a lifetime limit of 145 COF eligible hours to complete an undergraduate degree. **Any hours above the 145 COF credit hour limit will be charged at the full tuition rate, without a COF voucher credit.**
- If you change majors or decide on a dual degree program later in your academic career, you could run out of COF hours.
- If you decide to take a course through Continuing Education or Extended Studies, those courses will not be covered by COF because those courses are not currently subsidized by the State of Colorado.
- COF hours are used whether or not you successfully complete a course during a term – so hours failed, or retaken (even under a course repetition policy), are counted against your COF lifetime balance.

Where do I go if I need help?



Registrar – questions about COF-eligible courses or your schedule, call 303-492-6970 or send an e-mail to registrar@colorado.edu

Bursar/Cashier's Office – questions about your bill, call 303-492-5381 or send an e-mail to bursar@colorado.edu

COF Frequently Asked Questions – www.cusys.edu/ums/cof/faq.html

Colorado Student Loan Program (CSLP) – questions about your COF hours, including what hours were reported each term by what Colorado participating institutions, e-mail askCOF@cslp.org or call 1-800-777-2757 (or 720-264-8550)

