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Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative approves more than \$7.5 million in matching scholarship grant funds

DENVER – June 14, 2019: Approving \$7.5 million in grant awards, the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) board will allocate a total of \$15 million in new scholarship funds for the 2018-2019 cycle, supporting more than 5,150 students across the state.

This record-breaking grant cycle also marks the first time COSI garnered 100 percent participation among Colorado’s eligible public institutions of higher education. What’s more, 59 of 64 counties applied for COSI funds, edging county participation to 97 percent.

“In its five years of serving students, COSI shines as a national model for public-private partnership,” said Dr. Angie Paccione, executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. “More than 2,800 COSI students have already earned a credential or degree since the program’s inception, and we look forward to expanding even more opportunity through this latest round of grants.”

The scholarships are multi-year awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000, depending on program and financial need, and most students will receive the scholarship within the next two to four years. To inspire new philanthropic giving in the state, COSI matches community-raised funds one-to-one to double the program’s impact.

County-based awards:

- Adams County Education Consortium (ACEC) on behalf of Adams County: \$540,734
- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Alamosa County: \$13,566
- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Conejos County: \$5,000
- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Costilla County: \$4,000
- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Huerfano County: \$7,763
- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Las Animas County: \$10,000
- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Mineral County: \$2,000
- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Rio Grande County: \$5,000
- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Saguache County: \$14,472
- Arapahoe Community College Foundation on behalf of Arapahoe County: \$734,388
- Arapahoe Community College Foundation on behalf of Douglas County: \$126,582
- Colorado Mesa University Foundation on behalf of Mesa County: \$144,173
- Colorado Mesa University Foundation on behalf of Montrose County: \$47,426
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Chaffee County: \$12,468
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Clear Creek County: \$3,136
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Garfield County: \$80,851
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Grand County: \$8,182
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Jackson County: \$2,000
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Lake County: \$6,494
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Park County: \$7,576

- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Pitkin County: \$2,000
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Routt County: \$11,906
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Summit County: \$16,554
- Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation on behalf of Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties: \$15,365
- Custer County High School on behalf of Custer County: \$2,545
- Denver Scholarship Foundation on behalf of Denver City and County: \$622,557
- Fort Lewis College Foundation on behalf of La Plata and Montezuma Counties: \$61,380
- Fremont Community Foundation on behalf of Fremont County: \$40,284
- Front Range Community College Foundation on behalf of Larimer County: \$222,672
- Greeley-Weld Urban Enterprise Zone Fund on behalf of Weld County: \$276,714
- I Have A Dream Foundation Boulder County on behalf of Boulder County: \$236,156
- Lamar Community College Foundation on behalf of Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Prowers Counties: \$39,314
- Morgan Community College Foundation on behalf of Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Morgan, Washington, and Yuma Counties: \$103,072
- Northeastern Junior College Foundation on behalf of Logan, Phillips, and Sedgwick counties: \$35,974
- Otero Junior College Foundation on behalf of Crowley and Otero Counties: \$35,455
- Pagosa Springs Rotary Community Assistance Fund on behalf of Archuleta County: \$8,000
- Pikes Peak Community College Foundation on behalf of Teller County: \$15,000
- Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation on behalf of Pueblo County: \$231,686
- Red Rocks Community College Foundation on behalf of Jefferson County: \$417,053
- University of Colorado Foundation on behalf of El Paso County: \$686,202
- Western Colorado Community Foundation on behalf of Delta County: \$43,954
- Western Colorado University Foundation on behalf of Gunnison, Hinsdale, and San Miguel Counties: \$14,725
- YouthPower365 on behalf of Eagle County: \$31,312

Institutions of Higher Education:

- Adams State University Foundation on behalf of Adams State University: \$17,589
- Aims Community College Foundation on behalf of Aims Community College: \$43,574
- Aurora Public Schools Foundation on behalf of Pickens Technical College: \$5,531
- Colorado Community College System, Colorado Mesa University, and Technical College of the Rockies (formerly Delta Montrose Technical College): \$689,479
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Colorado Mountain College: \$19,903
- Colorado School of Mines Foundation on behalf of Colorado School of Mines: \$14,050
- Colorado State University Foundation on behalf of Colorado State University Ft. Collins: \$62,700
- Colorado State University-Pueblo Foundation on behalf Colorado State University-Pueblo: \$36,312
- Emily Griffith Foundation on behalf of Emily Griffith Technical College: \$9,024
- Fort Lewis College Foundation on behalf of Fort Lewis College: \$12,364
- Metropolitan State University Foundation, Inc. on behalf of Metropolitan State University of Denver: \$194,276
- University of Colorado Foundation on behalf of University of Colorado Boulder: \$87,485
- University of Colorado Foundation on behalf of University of Colorado Colorado Springs: \$81,020
- University of Colorado Foundation on behalf of University of Colorado Denver: \$99,191
- University of Northern Colorado Foundation on behalf of University of Northern Colorado: \$65,392
- Western Colorado University Foundation on behalf of Western Colorado University: \$11,185

Workforce Programs:

- Arapahoe Community College Foundation: \$110,000

- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Colorado Mountain College United States Forest Service: \$60,000
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation on behalf of Colorado Mountain College Fire and Police Academy: \$250,000
- Colorado Northwestern Community College Foundation on behalf of Colorado Northwestern Community College Aviation: \$10,000
- Community College of Denver Foundation on behalf of Community College of Denver Advanced Manufacturing: \$60,000
- Denver's Early Childhood Council: \$10,000
- Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges – endowment: \$61,500
- Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges – Health, Energy, Natural Resources, Infrastructure, and Engineering; Professional and Technical Services; Education; and Business Operations: \$61,500
- Hide in Plain Sight: \$100,000
- Mile High United Way: \$15,000
- Project Self-Sufficiency on behalf of Larimer County EWD and Project Self-Sufficiency: \$75,000
- Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation CTE: \$150,000
- University of Colorado Foundation on behalf of University of Colorado Boulder: \$21,000
- University of Colorado Foundation on behalf of University of Colorado Colorado Springs Nursing: \$150,000
- University of Colorado Foundation on behalf of University of Colorado Colorado Springs Engineering: \$100,000

About the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative

The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (Scholarship Initiative) was created to increase the attainment of postsecondary credentials and degrees for underserved students in Colorado. The project addresses this challenge in two ways: accessibility and affordability. To increase accessibility, COSI funds programs that will help prepare students for postsecondary education, as well as support them through completion. To increase affordability, COSI provides matching funds for community scholarships.

About the Colorado Department of Higher Education

Working with the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, we advocate, develop policies and support students to maximize higher education opportunities for all. The Department believes every Coloradan should have an education beyond high school to pursue their dreams and improve our communities. Read the CDHE master plan [Colorado Rises](#).

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