



October 2020
Newsletter

Colorado Early Colleges Westminster College Direct

Westminster Satellite Office Info

The Westminster Satellite Office remains closed to the public till further notice. We are still available to assist you via email and phone.

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CECFC Westminster College Direct?
Join our Facebook group!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112565836087807>

HAPPY FALL!

We've made it to October!

It has been a challenging start to the semester and we want you all to know how proud we are of your perseverance and hard work so far this semester - take one day at a time and keep hanging in there!

Advising invitations have been sent to all students. If you have not scheduled your advising appointment, please do so as soon as possible. Spring class registration will open in early November.

October is a busy month, especially for students graduating in the 2020-2021 school year. Graduating Seniors, please read through the information in this newsletter carefully and contact your advisor if you have any questions.

The CECFC High School and all CEC offices will be closed for Fall Break October 15th & 16th.

Yearbook

The Yearbook staff needs your help in collecting content for this year's book! Be a part of this year's book by submitting photos, answering survey questions, or buying a book! You can find links to everything on our yearbook website! Help us create a yearbook that is as unique as this year itself!



<https://cecfcyearbook.weebly.com>



STUDENT MILITARY OPT-OUT FORM

Juniors & Seniors - Federal law requires CECFC to provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of current 11th and 12th grade students to military recruiters and institutions of higher education upon their request. Students/Parents/Guardians may complete this [CECFC Student Military Opt-Out form](#) to exclude your student from this list.

Forms must be completed by noon on October 8, 2020 to be excluded from the list.

Students that are 18+ years of age will not have their information disclosed, in accordance with the law and will not need to opt-out.

Textbook & Laptop Reimbursement

The deadline for submitting laptop and/or textbook reimbursement requests for the Fall 2020 semester is **November 13, 2020**.

Please see details on the reimbursement policy on our [Reimbursement Webpage](#)

All reimbursement requests will be reviewed for eligibility.

Checks will be mailed to eligible students beginning December 14, 2020.

Basic instructions for using the online form:

1. Go to office.com in your web browser
2. If an account opens, verify it is the **CEC student account: firstname.lastname@cecstudents.org**
3. If the open account is not a CEC student account, log out of that account and log into the CEC student account.
4. After verifying that your CEC student email account is active, click on the link below to open the form:

[2020 Textbook and/or Laptop Reimbursement Request Form](#)



2020-2021 Graduates



Last week a package from Jostens was mailed to all 2020-2021 graduates.

This package includes important information on ordering your cap and gown unit, announcements, and other graduation memorabilia.

For additional info, please take a few minutes to listen to a message from Lindsay Bellus, our Jostens representative by clicking on:

[This Link](#)

2020-2021 FAFSA Link is OPEN! Click Here

The federal financial aid application, FAFSA, opened October 1st. **If you are a graduating student who plans to continue education after graduating, fill it out ASAP!**

The FAFSA is used to help determine need-based aid for all colleges and universities in the US. The sooner you fill it out, the better!

Remember: you never need to pay to apply for financial aid or scholarships.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Emily.Park@coloradoearlycolleges.org

Colorado Free College Application Day

As part of the third Colorado Free Application Day on Tuesday, October 13th, students will be able to apply to all 32 public colleges & universities for FREE!

Several private institutions will also be participating this year.

[Click HERE for more information and to get the waiver codes for each school.](#)

Boettcher Scholarship Program

High Achieving Students, if you are interested in applying for the Boettcher Scholarship, the deadline is November 1st. This 4-year scholarship includes Full Tuition and Fees; Living Stipends, Book Stipends, Study Abroad, and Experiential Learning Support.

If you are interested, please visit the Boettcher Scholarship website: www.boettcherfoundation.org or see the brochure at the end of this newsletter.

Virtual College Fairs!

Just because we're all staying safer at home right now doesn't mean you need to miss an opportunity to connect with colleges!

- [NACAC Virtual Fairs](#) September 13, October 12 & 18, and November 8. Connect with schools as close as University of Northern Colorado all the way to University of Auckland in New Zealand, and everywhere in between!

Students can attend a variety of sessions covering all aspects of admissions and student life. Registration is free and sessions are easily accessible from the comfort of your own home over Zoom.

- [Colorado Council Virtual College Week](#) October 5-9. With over 60 colleges and universities registered including 21 in-state institutions, this is a great, free opportunity to get to know our local schools.

There will be four features to this event which include: specific live chat times with colleges; individual college information sessions; panel presentation sessions with at least 3 institutions; and a Virtual Fair Booth that students can visit at any time for information.

- [ROAR Fall College Workshops](#) September 15th - October 29th. The Regional Officers of Admission of the Rockies (ROAR) are hosting a series of free workshops for students with admissions representatives from 32 out of state colleges and universities. Topics include testing, essays, scholarships and more!

Transcripts

With College Admissions season upon us, please remember that ***all transcript requests must be submitted through Parchment***. For transcript information and to access Parchment, please use this link:

<https://fortcollins.coloradoearlycolleges.org/apps/pages/Transcripts>



Immunization Exemption Forms

The CECFC Health office has begun sending out requests for updated Immunization Exemption Forms. If you receive a letter, please return the requested information to the health office as soon as possible to ensure that CEC remains in compliance with Colorado State Law.

Immunization Exemption forms remain in effect through the school year and expire each June. If you have questions regarding the State of Colorado Immunization Requirements, [CLICK HERE](#).

Immunization Exemption forms for the 2020-2021 school year can be found here:

<https://4.files.edl.io/c57c/12/02/19/170632-17a42da3-a0b0-47ab-872a-abe8960d7fc1.pdf>

Student Support – We're Here to Help!

Tech Support – If you are running into issues with Microsoft Teams or Infinite Campus, Please send a detailed description of the issue to support@coloradoearlycolleges.org.

- Online Support Page – There is a webpage which includes information and a video for families on how to use Microsoft Teams, which can be [found HERE](#).

Did You Know You Have a CEC Student Email?

The CEC student email is becoming more and more important - you will need to use it to submit textbook reimbursements and for other CEC forms and communication. If you are not already familiar with your CEC Student Email, please follow the directions [HERE](#).

If you require CEC tech support, please email:
support@coloradoearlycolleges.org

Tip of the week:

Attending your CEC or Off-Campus instructor's office hours can be immensely helpful if you have questions on an assignment, quiz, or content in general.



Boettcher Scholarship Program

At Boettcher we believe in the promise of Colorado and the potential of Coloradans. Every day we champion excellence across our state by investing in our most talented citizens and high-potential organizations because supporting their hard work and leadership will enable them to give back for years to come.

Who Are Boettcher Scholars?

After receiving the scholarship, Boettcher Scholars pursue a variety of majors and go on to diverse careers. The one thing that unites them is their commitment to leading in their fields and giving back in their communities.

Our Alumni community includes:

- » A MacArthur "Genius Award" recipient
- » A Nobel Laureate
- » Marshall, Fulbright, and Rhodes Scholars
- » The former Director General of the U.S. Foreign Service
- » The former Speaker of the House for the State of Colorado
- » Nationally renowned doctors, educators, researchers, and entrepreneurs

The Award

The 42 scholarships awarded each year cover virtually all expenses for four years of undergraduate education at any four-year nonprofit college or university in Colorado.

Who We're Looking For

Boettcher Scholarships are awarded to the dynamic thinkers and leaders who will propel Colorado forward. Our merit-based competitive application process recognizes outstanding students who are academically talented and also committed to using their talents to support their communities. We encourage applications from all students who meet our eligibility requirements, regardless of gender, creed, ethnic origin, race, or sexual orientation. Financial need is not required to qualify for the Boettcher Scholarship.



What's Covered?

Our four-year scholarships include:

- » Full tuition and fees
- » Living stipends
- » Book stipends
- » Study abroad and experiential learning support.

If chosen as a Boettcher Scholar, you are given much more than financial support. As a Scholar, you have access to:

- » Internship and mentorship opportunities
- » Unique programming and development opportunities available exclusively to Boettcher Scholars
- » An influential network of more than 2,600 scholars committed to supporting one another in their leadership journeys.

Selection

Eligible applicants will be evaluated based on a selection criteria that includes:

- » Evidence of leadership and involvement
- » Service to community and school
- » Superior scholastic ability
- » Outstanding character

The submission deadline is November 1.

Our online application opens in September and is available via our website.

Eligibility

To be considered for the Boettcher Scholarship, you must meet these minimum requirements:

- » Be a graduating Colorado high school senior who has lived in Colorado for your full junior and senior years;
- » Graduate from a Colorado high school; and
- » Be a citizen, legal permanent resident, or lawfully present (including through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in the United States

OR

- » Meet the requirements and have applied or started the process of applying for citizenship, legal status, or lawful presence. (Students can be in the application process for citizenship, legal status, or lawful presence during the selection timeframe. In order to become a Scholar, you must provide documentation that shows you have completed the process successfully.)

For full eligibility requirements, please visit our website.