

# Scholarship Application Process

Welcome to the College of Natural Sciences scholarship application page! Please read these instructions carefully:

## a. Applying for a Merit-Based Scholarship

To be considered for all merit-based scholarships awarded by the College of Natural Sciences and its departments, you must complete the first two steps by Friday, February 29, 2008, and the third step by March 1, 2008.

### 1. Two Letters of Recommendation

Please submit two (2) **letters of recommendation** from individuals who know you well and can speak for your past academic accomplishments and your potential for future academic success.

- If you are an *incoming freshman*, at least one letter must be from a high school teacher. Letters of recommendation are taken very seriously and are to address your academic record. Letters from teachers are the ideal.
- If you are a *current CSU student or a transfer student*, at least one letter must be from a professor, preferably one in your major. College students should not use high school teachers as recommenders.

Letters of recommendation must be:

- on **official letterhead** paper
- **sealed in an official envelope** with a **signature** or **official stamp** across the seal

We will not accept: faxed letters, letters on plain paper, copied letters without an **official stamp** or **original signature**.

### 2. Transcripts

- *Incoming freshmen*: this must be an official high school transcript, sealed in an official envelope with a signature or official stamp across the flap. We do not have access to materials sent to Admissions or other offices at CSU.
- *Transfer students*: please submit an official transcript from all postsecondary schools you have attended.
- *Continuing CSU students*: submit unofficial transcripts from the Registrar's office or RAMweb. If you use RAMweb, make sure your cumulative GPA is noted on the transcript as well as your CSUID.

**Submit your letters of recommendation and your transcripts to the College of Natural Sciences Dean's Office in one packet.**

### 3. Complete the CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA)

Log on to the RamPoint Portal and navigate to the RamWeb channel. Click

"Financial Information," then "Colorado State University Scholarship Application." Be sure to click on the College of Natural Sciences logo to view the specific requirements listed below.

Complete the "Extracurricular Activities," "Awards/Honors/Scholarships," and "Goals" sections of the CSUSA application carefully. The Scholarship Committee is particularly interested in your previous activities and achievements **in the area of math and science**. Be sure to list all of your activities, achievements, and awards completely. Also, be sure your statement of "Goals" clearly addresses the questions asked in that section. Proofread these sections carefully! Don't rely on your computer spell check. If you already completed these sections, you can go back and make changes.

**b. Applying for a Need-Based Scholarship**

Complete and submit your FAFSA form as early as possible. It generally takes several weeks to process, and we must know your financial need status when we consider your application in April.

**NOTE:** Incoming freshmen and transfer students are not eligible for CNS Need-Based Scholarships.

**c. Both Merit Scholarships and Need-Based Scholarships**

Complete both sets of requirements listed above.

## **Final Submission Directions**

Remember, all paper scholarship materials must be received in the College of Natural Sciences Dean's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday February 29th, 2008, and the online CSUSA application must be completed by 11:00 p.m. MST, March 1, 2008. Please submit your letters of recommendation and your transcripts in one packet.

Please note: It is **very important** that you keep your address, e-mail and phone number updated on the CSU system. We must be able to reach you by phone, e-mail, or writing.

**Send All Supplemental Materials to:**

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Fort Collins, CO 80523-1801

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