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\$400,000 in college scholarships available for Colo. students
Applying for one of the 125 scholarships is easy but deadline is approaching

Denver, CO – CollegeInvest, Colorado’s not-for-profit higher education financing resource, will make paying for college a little easier for the 125 Colorado students who win a share of the \$400,000 in scholarships they are giving away.

Students do not need to spend hours filling out long applications or crafting the perfect essay to win one of the 125 scholarships offered. CollegeInvest has made the application process for their scholarships easy; students just fill out a simple online form at collegeinvest.org/scholarships.

“CollegeInvest offers one of the fastest and easiest scholarship applications around,” said Kathryn Powell of CollegeInvest.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 6. Winners will be drawn randomly and announced in May.

Students enrolled at Colorado colleges and universities or those planning to enroll in the fall are encouraged to apply for one of 125 scholarships available. Applicants will have the opportunity to win one of 70 \$1,000 Opportunity Scholarships or 55 \$6,000 Service Scholarships.

The CollegeInvest Opportunity Scholarship is a simple way to get \$1,000 for college. Seventy \$1,000 scholarships will be drawn at random and awarded to undergraduate students who will attend a Colorado college, university or vocational school full-time in the fall of 2007. To be eligible, students must be a graduating high school senior or a student enrolling in higher education in Colorado as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior.

The \$6,000 CollegeInvest Service Scholarships are a chance to earn college cash while giving back to the community. In order to receive the award, students must attend a Colorado college, university or vocational school as an undergraduate in the fall of 2006 and 2007, demonstrate financial need and agree to perform at least 40 hours of community service a year for two years helping young people in an educational setting.

CollegeInvest has partnered with a variety of volunteer programs including Denver Kids Inc., Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation, I Have A Dream Foundation of Boulder

County, College Summit, El Pueblo Boys' & Girls' Ranch, Colorado GEAR Up and the Educational Talent Search. Service scholarship recipients will be asked to work with one of these groups or suggest another volunteer setting or organization in order to complete their commitment.

“CollegeInvest is believes in giving back to our community and encourages students to do the same,” said Powell. “Both scholarships help to ease the financial burden for students attending college, helping to make college a reality for more Colorado families.”

About CollegeInvest

CollegeInvest is a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Since 1979, CollegeInvest has helped more than half a million families break down the financial barriers to college by providing expert information, simple planning tools, scholarships, 529 college savings plans, and low-cost student and parent loans. For more information, visit www.collegeinvest.org or call 1-888-900-COLLEGE.

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