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## **Have you sent in your application for college financial aid yet?**

*Some college financial aid awarded on a first-come, first-served basis*

Denver, CO – CollegeInvest, a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, reminds students to fill out and send in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible.

Some college financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, meaning time is of the essence. Students must fill out the FAFSA to receive all forms of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, work-study programs and student loans.

“The FAFSA should be filled out and submitted as soon as you can,” said Katie Powell of CollegeInvest. “Families should get all their information together and submit the FAFSA to maximize the amount of college financial aid dollars they are awarded.”

A common misconception about financial aid is that families will not qualify because of their income; however, financial aid is available to students in almost every income bracket. The options vary in each income bracket, and range from Pell grants to subsidized federal loans to aid given by colleges to scholarships.

CollegeInvest has posted information on the FAFSA at [collegeinvest.org/FAFSA](http://collegeinvest.org/FAFSA). There students and their families can:

- See answers to frequently asked FAFSA questions.
- Print a checklist of items needed to complete the FAFSA.
- Get quick tips to keep in mind when filling out the FAFSA.
- View an informative online presentation

“Get started now to make sure you get all your information submitted on time,” Powell added.

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