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Colorado grandparents can win scholarships for their grandkids' education

Colorado's CollegeInvest to award \$50,000 through Grandparents Scholarship Contest

Colorado grandparents who describe their hopes and dreams for their grandchildren could win money for their college education.

CollegeInvest, a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, today (August 6, 2007) kicked off its third annual Grandparents Scholarship Contest.

CollegeInvest will award 10 \$5,000 college savings plans to the grandchildren of Coloradans who submit essays of 250 words or less answering the question: "What are your hopes or dreams for your grandchild or grandchildren and how would a college education help make that possible?"

CollegeInvest will select winners from five regions throughout the state. Winners of the \$5,000 college savings plans will be selected from:

- The Western Slope (two winners)
- The Pikes Peak region
- Pueblo and southeastern Colorado (two winners)
- The Denver metro area and northeast Colorado (four winners)
- Northern Colorado, including Loveland, Fort Collins and Greeley

The essay contest is open to Colorado residents with grandchildren or great-grandchildren 12 years old or younger. To receive an entry form, go to collegeinvest.org/grandparents, call 303-376-8844 or e-mail your full name and mailing address to grandparents@collegeinvest.org. Essays must be entered online or postmarked by Friday, September 28.

"Grandparents have a great opportunity to invest in their grandkids' future," said Jennifer Robinson of CollegeInvest. "The gift of education can last a lifetime."

The \$50,000 in total winnings will be awarded in the form of CollegeInvest 529 college savings plan accounts.

Money saved through college savings plans offered by CollegeInvest can be used nationwide at any eligible public or private college, university or vocational school for a variety of qualified higher education expenses such as tuition, fees, certain room and board, and required supplies.

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