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## **Colorado's CollegeInvest Offers \$400,000 in College Cash** *125 scholarships available for Colorado students who apply by April 4*

Colorado students can apply for \$400,000 in college scholarships from CollegeInvest, Colorado's not-for-profit higher education financing resource.

Students should apply online at [www.collegeinvest.org](http://www.collegeinvest.org) for one of 125 scholarships available as part of the 2008-09 CollegeInvest Scholarship Program.

"The search for college scholarships can be tough," said Katie Powell of CollegeInvest. "The CollegeInvest Scholarship Program is unique because applying is easy; there is no essay to write, no GPA requirement and no long application to complete."

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. For both scholarships, students must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine scholarship eligibility based on financial need.

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 2008. To be eligible for the CollegeInvest Opportunity Scholarship, students must be a graduating high school senior or a student enrolling in higher education in Colorado as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in the 2008-09 academic year.

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 both the fall of 2008 and 2009, and agree to perform at least 40 hours of community service a year for two years, helping young people in an educational setting.

CollegeInvest Service Scholarship recipients have 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.

For more information and to register for the scholarships, visit [www.collegeinvest.org](http://www.collegeinvest.org).

### **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, college savings plans, and low-cost student and parent loans. For more information, visit [www.collegeinvest.org](http://www.collegeinvest.org) or call 1-800-448-2424 or contact your financial advisor.

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