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El Paso County students take note: up to \$1,500 for college available from Colorado's CollegeInvest

Graduates of El Paso County high schools can receive student loan forgiveness

El Paso County high school graduates attending El Paso County colleges may be eligible for up to \$1,500 in student loan forgiveness from CollegeInvest, Colorado's not-for-profit higher education financing resource.

The CollegeInvest Graduation Reward Program is a partnership between the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County and CollegeInvest, a division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

"Assistance is available for El Paso County graduates who qualify," said Janet Gullickson of CollegeInvest. "Signing up to participate in the program is easy and \$1,500 in loan forgiveness could eliminate an entire year of student loan payments."

The amount of loan forgiveness depends on the type of degree the student is pursuing, ranging from \$300 for a vocational certificate to \$1,500 for a bachelor's degree.

To participate in the program, students must:

- Register to participate at www.collegeinvest.org/GRP.
- Graduate from high school in El Paso County.
- Be eligible for federal financial aid.
- Graduate from a college in El Paso County.
- Choose CollegeInvest for their Stafford student loans.
- Attend classes at least part time and graduate within established time limits.

For three decades, CollegeInvest has served as Colorado's not-for-profit higher education financing resource, helping families across the state pay for college through scholarships, matching grants, student loan forgiveness, college savings plans, outreach programs and planning tools.

As a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, CollegeInvest's sole focus is helping Colorado families overcome the financial barriers to college.

Families can access valuable information on paying for higher education at 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 or call 1-800-448-2424 or contact your financial advisor.

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