COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND

COLORADO IN-STATE UNDERGRADUATES: APPLY NOW TO RECEIVE THE STATE OF COLORADO TUITION STIPEND Print and Complete this Paper Application OR Apply Instantly Online at: www.CollegeInColorado.org

Complete the following information to apply for the College Opportunity Fund Stipend. (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY). If you have already completed an application either online or by paper do not complete another form.

Social Security Number:______ or Permanent Resident Card Number: A-_____

Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Middle Initial:_____ Date of Birth (Must be at least 13 years old):______

 Street:
 ______City:
 ______State:______

Zip Code:_____ E-mail Address (optional):_____

Colorado state law requires that a person 18 years of age or older applying for a public benefit must produce identification demonstrating lawful presence in the United States. The information provided by you on this application will be verified by the Department of Higher Education.

Please provide one of the following:

CO Drivers License #_____ CO Identification Card #_____

OR Provide a <u>notarized copy</u> along with this application of one of the following:

- U.S. Military Card
- U.S. Military Dependent ID Card
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- Native American Tribal Document

If you are 18 years of age or older and do not have one of the above forms of identification you may apply by completing the Alternative ID Paper Application, using an alternative form of identification as provided for in Rules for Evidence of Lawful Presence issued by the Department of Revenue. The Alternative ID Paper Application form is located at <u>cof.college-assist.org</u>, or you can call 720-264-8550 or 1-800-777-2757, or e-mail <u>askCOF@college-assist.org</u> to receive this application.

CAREFULLY REVIEW THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE PROVIDED BEFORE COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT BELOW AND MAILING THIS APPLICATION.

I, _____, swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of

Colorado that: (check one):

- _____ I am a United States citizen; or
- I am a Permanent Resident of the United States; or

I am lawfully present in the United States pursuant to Federal law.

I understand this sworn statement is required by law because I have applied for a public benefit. I understand that state law requires me to provide proof that I am lawfully present in the United States prior to receipt of this public benefit. I further acknowledge that making a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation in this sworn affidavit is punishable under the criminal laws of Colorado as perjury in the second degree under Colorado Revised Statute 18-8-503 and it shall constitute a separate criminal offense each time a public benefit is fraudulently received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR STIPEND APPLICATION

- Complete the Stipend Application accurately. Incomplete applications will not be processed. They will be returned for completion. Please print clearly.
- Verify the information is correct
- Complete the Affidavit
- Sign and Date the Form
- Make a copy of the completed and signed application for your records
- Mail the application to:

College In Colorado 1560 Broadway, Suite 1700 Denver, Colorado 80202 Attention: The College Opportunity Fund

PLEASE NOTE:

• You only have to apply once. You will receive the stipend each term that you take eligible undergraduate courses at a college participating in the College Opportunity Fund, and have not met your 145-credit lifetime limit.

• For privacy purposes, the information you provide on the Stipend Application, with the exception of your name, will not be displayed on any College Opportunity Fund screens. However, it will be used to match your account to information sent by your college and to identify you and help you access your account.

• Completing this Stipend Application does not guarantee you admission into a Colorado college or university, nor is it part of the admission process. You must apply and complete the admission process at the college or university you wish to attend in the state of Colorado.

• Completing this Stipend Application does not make you a Colorado resident, nor does it begin any process to determine Colorado residency. The college or university you attend determines residency. If you have any question about whether you are considered a resident, contact the college or university you wish to attend.

• Completing this Stipend Application does not make you eligible for financial aid. You must complete the financial aid process designated by the college or university you wish to attend.

• Future College Opportunity Fund payments are contingent on an annual appropriation by the Colorado General Assembly.

If you have any questions regarding the College Opportunity Fund please contact us by e-mail at: askCOF@college-assist.org or by telephone at:

720-264-8550 or 1-800-777-2757 outside the Denver Metro Area