

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SENDING YOUR STUDENT WITH ID TO INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION

### ESTIMATED COSTS

Inclusive higher education (IHE) in Colorado provides alternate enrollment pathways and additional supports on campus for students with intellectual disability (ID) to pursue their goals. While college costs may seem daunting, there are many sources of funding available to students with disabilities. We hope this document will encourage you to investigate available options and to contact program staff directly for more info.

Specific costs vary across campuses. Common costs for students enrolled in inclusive higher education include:

- Tuition and fees: Same cost per credit, fewer credits taken each semester (typically 6-10 credits/semester)
- Program fee for inclusive services
- Room and board (if applicable)

\*Be sure to reach out to each IHE directly for cost details. See school specific costs at the websites below:

- Elevate at ACC: <https://www.arapahoe.edu/admissions/paying-college/tuition-fees>
- RAM Scholars at CSU: <https://admissions.colostate.edu/cost-financial-aid/>
- Cultivate at LCC: <https://lamarcc.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/>
- ISS at MSU Denver: <https://www.msudenver.edu/cost/>
- ASPIRE Scholars at PPSC: <https://www.pikespeak.edu/costs-scholarships-aid/financial-aid/index.php>
- GLOBAL at Regis University: <https://www.regis.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees>
- GOAL at UNC: <https://www.unco.edu/unc-goal/costs-and-aid.aspx>
- Inclusive Services at UCCS: [https://inclusiveservices.uccs.edu/financial\\_information](https://inclusiveservices.uccs.edu/financial_information)

### POTENTIAL FUNDING RESOURCES

#### Federal Financial Aid:

Students enrolled in each inclusive higher education program in Colorado are eligible to apply for Federal Financial Aid due to the Comprehensive Transition & Postsecondary (CTP) Program status. Please note, under inclusive services, students may be eligible for Pell Grants and work study funds but not federal student loans due to the modified certificate outcome. Aid is variable based on the expected family contribution as calculated on the FAFSA. This calculation includes many factors – family size, family income, number of children in college, tax filing, etc. Students should reapply each school year, as the calculation may change.

To learn more about financial aid, visit:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/understand-aid>

<https://thinkcollege.net/questions-and-answers-about-free-application-federal-student-aid>

#### Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:

Students with ID may be able to access support from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to help defray some of the cost of a college education while working to achieve their employment goals. DVR's services are very individualized, so families are encouraged to discuss available supports with their counselor. Aid is variable and dependent, amongst other variables, on the individual's career goals as well as the financial situation of the family.

To learn more about DVR, visit: <https://dvr.colorado.gov/dvr-programs-and-services>

#### Case Management Agencies (CMA):

The CMA in your area might offer various scholarships or funds to support a student's pursuit of higher education. It is worthwhile to contact your CMA and ask about their available streams of funding, as support varies across each agency.

To find your CMA in Colorado, visit: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/case-management-agency-directory>

#### Scholarships:

There are a variety of scholarships available for students pursuing inclusive higher education, including private, school-based, local, national, disability-based, and some program-specific scholarships. We encourage families to research a variety of scholarship options and contact program staff regarding scholarships in your region.

Browse ThinkCollege's publication with lists of various disability-related scholarships:

[https://thinkcollege.net/sites/default/files/files/resources/HTTC11\\_Scholarships\\_R.pdf](https://thinkcollege.net/sites/default/files/files/resources/HTTC11_Scholarships_R.pdf)

#### Saving Accounts:

ABLE Accounts are savings accounts designed for individuals with disabilities and their families. ABLE Account funds can be used to support inclusive higher education.

To learn more, go to <https://www.coloradoable.org/>