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Prepare to apply for summer 2026 tuition assistance [1]

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Applications for the University of Colorado's Tuition Assistance Benefit (TAB) [3] for the summer 2026 semester open May 1. This benefit supports CU faculty, staff and their eligible dependents in pursuing educational goals at any CU campus.

Benefits-eligible employees can access up to 12 credit hours per academic year (fall through summer) on any CU campus. Dependent assistance options [4] vary based on the employee's home campus and which campus the dependent attends.

Benefit users must be admitted as students prior to using TAB. Degree seeking students should apply via the campus admissions office. Non-degree seeking students can find non-degree application links by clicking the campus they would like to attend under the "How to Apply" section on the TAB website homepage [5].

How the benefit works

TAB can be applied to undergraduate and graduate courses, helping employees and their dependents advance their education or explore new interests.

The benefit provides flexibility and greater affordability for the CU community:

- Employees and their dependents can use their tuition benefits during the **same semester**, providing flexibility for families pursuing education simultaneously.
- Benefits-eligible employees can use up to **12 credit hours** per academic year on any CU campus.
- Dependent benefits include either credit hour coverage or tuition discounts, depending on campus relationships.
    - Benefits-eligible employees can receive up to $270 per credit hour for dependents attending a different CU campus than the employee's home campus.
    - CU Anschutz, CU Denver and CU Colorado Springs employees receive up to 12 credit hours for dependents at their home campus.
    - CU Boulder and System employees receive a 40% tuition discount for dependents attending CU Boulder.

Review rules and guides before applying

Before applications open, review the full rules and guidelines on the Tuition Assistance Benefit website [3]. Check your campus-specific course registration dates, TAB application deadlines and other instructions by visiting the How to apply section and selecting your campus of attendance.

How to apply

1. Log in to your employee portal [6].
2. Open the CU Resources drop-down menu and select Forms.
3. Click the Benefits tile, then click the Tuition Assistance Application tile.
4. Complete and submit your application by your campus deadline once applications open.

Deadlines

All applications open May 1. Deadlines vary by campus:

- CU Anschutz: June 8
- CU Boulder: June 15
- CU Denver: June 16
- UCCS: June 23

The summer semester is the final term of the academic year and offers a flexible opportunity to continue your educational journey or support a dependent's academic progress. Whether you're planning to complete remaining credits or explore a new area of study, the Tuition Assistance Benefit can help make it more affordable.

Visit the Tuition Assistance Benefit website [7] to review your options and prepare to apply.

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