

Spring 2026 tuition assistance applications open Dec. 1; prepare now by enrolling at your desired campus ^[1]

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The University of Colorado's [Tuition Assistance Benefit \(TAB\)](#) ^[3] application is open for the spring 2026 semester. This valuable benefit provides an opportunity for CU faculty, staff and their eligible dependents to pursue educational goals at any CU campus.

Benefits-eligible faculty and staff 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.

How the benefit works

The benefit can be used for undergraduate and graduate courses, helping employees or their dependents advance their education or explore new interests.

The Tuition Assistance Benefit helps make education more affordable 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 or 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.

Enroll in classes before applying to TAB

Before submitting your Tuition Assistance Benefit (TAB) application, please make sure you are officially enrolled in your courses. This step is essential because the TAB application requires accurate course information to process your benefit correctly.

Eligible employees and dependents must first apply to their chosen CU campus and complete course registration. Those who are not seeking a degree or certificate should follow their campus's application instructions for non-degree seeking students. Once your enrollment is confirmed, you can proceed with the TAB application. Taking care of this step early helps avoid delays and ensures your benefit is applied smoothly.

If you are unsure about registration timelines or need assistance, we encourage you to review your campus-specific enrollment dates and instructions on the Tuition Assistance Benefit website. Planning ahead will help you meet all deadlines and make the most of this valuable opportunity.

Review rules and guides before applying

Before you apply for TAB, review the full rules and guidelines on the [Tuition Assistance Benefit website](#) [3]. Be sure to verify your campus-specific course registration dates, TAB application deadlines and other instructions by going to the **How to apply** section and selecting your campus of attendance to see campus-specific deadlines.

How to apply

1. Log in to your [employee portal](#) [5].
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.

Deadlines

Application deadlines are specific to the campus you'll attend.

- CU Anschutz: Feb. 4, 2026
- CU Boulder: Feb. 15, 2026
- CU Colorado Springs: Feb. 4, 2026
- CU Denver: Feb. 4, 2026

Start the new year off with this excellent opportunity to continue your educational journey or help a family member advance theirs. Whether pursuing a degree or expanding knowledge in a specific area, the Tuition Assistance Benefit can help make it more affordable. Visit the [Tuition Assistance website](#) [6] to learn more and prepare your application.

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