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CU Boulder [1]

Applications for spring 2027 open Dec. 1. The Tuition Assistance Benefit application for the spring 2027 semester opens Dec. 1, 2026.

Please note: To receive the Tuition Assistance Benefit, you must meet each individual, step-by-step deadline listed below for your campus of registration, and you must follow all policy guidelines.

- Spring 2027
- Fall 2026
- Summer 2026

Campus Steps and Deadlines

Apply to CU Boulder before the semester begins

- If you are taking classes informally, complete the Faculty/Staff/Dependent Nondegree application [2] **by Dec. 18, 2026**.
- If you are taking classes toward a specific degree, complete the degree application [3] by **published admissions deadlines.**

Term-activate (Non-degree students only)

In the past, non-degree students were required to term-activate every semester. Boulder has now begun automating this process. If you were admitted for the summer semester, you should be term-activated after you receive email confirmation that your admission is approved.

Register for your courses

Employee and Dependents Register: On designated registration day

- Employees no longer have to wait until 7 days prior to the start of the semester to enroll.
- You may want to list a few backup options on your tuition assistance benefit application, in case the classes you'd like to take are full.
- Please refer to the academic calendar's [4] add/drop course deadlines.

- Course eligibility depends on the person who is using the benefit:
  - Dependents [5]
  - Employees [6]
- **Note:** If you add, swap, withdraw, or drop a course after your tuition waiver is applied, please contact the CU Boulder Bursar's Office at bldrtuitionbenefit@colorado.edu [7].

Pay fees and non-waived tuition

Deadline: March 5, 2027

- You must pay any additional fees and/or non-waived tuition by the tuition due date.
- Tuition Assistance Benefit adjustments will be made by the tuition due date.
- For more information, visit the CU Boulder Bursar's Office website [8].

Colorado resident undergraduates — Apply and authorize for the College Opportunity Fund

Application deadline: April 23, 2027

Authorization deadline: April 30, 2027

- If you or your dependent are taking undergraduate courses and are a Colorado resident, apply for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) [9].
- Please note: If these funds are available to you or your dependent and you do not use them, you will be responsible for the tuition amount that would been covered by COF.

Tuition Assistance Steps and Deadlines

Check your eligibility

You must be:

- In a regular, non-temporary benefits eligible job code [10],
- In a 20 hours per week or more appointment (a 50% or greater appointment),
- Eligible for benefits by the tuition assistance application deadline at the campus you will attend.

Note: If your hire date is the first of the month, your eligibility begins that day. If your job began on any other day of the month, your eligibility begins on the first of the following month.

Apply for the Tuition Assistance Benefit

Application opens: Dec. 1, 2026

Application deadline: 11:59 p.m. Feb. 15, 2027

Use the Tuition Assistance Benefit Application for employee and dependent submissions for all campuses. Employees must submit the application on their dependent's behalf.

Access the application:

1. Log into the employee portal [11].
2. Open the **CU Resources** dropdown menu (at the top cetner of the page) and select **Forms**.
3. Click the **Benefits** tile, then click the **Tuition Assistance Application** tile.

If your dependent is not listed on your CU health, dental or life insurance, you must submit a Dependent Eligibility Verification Form [12]. When you fill out the Tuition Assistance Benefit Application, attach and submit it with your application.

Watch for a confirmation email within 24 hours after you submit your Tuition Assistance Benefit application

- You will receive an email confirmation from tuitionbenefit@cu.edu [13] that we have received your application within 24 hours.
- Once Employee Services determines your eligibility, you'll receive another email confirmation.

Tuition Assistance steps and approvals

- Employee Services verifies Tuition Assistance employee and dependent eligibility, and sends your application to the Bursar's Office.
- The Bursar's Office will process your application for course eligibility.
    - For dependents, this process may take 1-2 weeks.
    - For employees, it may take 1-4 weeks.
- You'll receive an email confirmation from the Bursar's Office once your TAB application is processed.
- The Bursar will apply your benefit within five business days of this notice.

If any courses are ineligible:

- You will have five business days from the receipt of your email notification to drop these courses.
- If you do not drop these courses, you will be responsible for paying out-of-pocket for these courses.

Resubmit Tuition Assistance Benefit Application for enrollment changes, if necessary

Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Feb. 15, 2027

If the courses you originally requested have changed, resubmit the Tuition Assistance Benefit application to Employee Services with a list of new courses. Include all courses you would like to use TAB for as resubmitting a new application will cancel your previous submission from the current semester.

We cannot accept course corrections after the tuition assistance benefit application deadline.

Campus Steps and Deadlines

Apply to CU Boulder before the semester begins

- If you are taking classes informally, complete the Faculty/Staff/Dependent Nondegree application [2] **by Aug. 7, 2026**.
- If you are taking classes toward a specific degree, complete the degree application [3] by **published admissions deadlines.**

Term-activate (Non-degree students only)

In the past, non-degree students were required to term-activate every semester. Boulder has now begun automating this process. If you were admitted for the summer semester, you should be term-activated after you receive email confirmation that your admission is approved.

Register for your courses

Employee and Dependents Register: On designated registration day

- Employees no longer have to wait until 7 days prior to the start of the semester to enroll.
- You may want to list a few backup options on your tuition assistance benefit application, in case the classes you'd like to take are full.
- Please refer to the academic calendar's [4] add/drop course deadlines.
- Course eligibility depends on the person who is using the benefit:
    - Dependents [5]
    - Employees [6]
- **Note:** If you add, swap, withdraw, or drop a course after your tuition waiver is applied, please contact the CU Boulder Bursar's Office at bldrtuitionbenefit@colorado.edu [14].

Pay fees and non-waived tuition

Deadline: Oct. 5, 2026

- You must pay any additional fees and/or non-waived tuition by the tuition due date.
- Tuition Assistance Benefit adjustments will be made by the tuition due date.
- For more information, visit the CU Boulder Bursar's Office website. [15]

Colorado resident undergraduates - Apply and authorize for the College Opportunity Fund

Application deadline: Dec. 4, 2026

Authorization deadline: Dec. 11, 2026

- If you or your dependent are taking undergraduate courses and are a Colorado resident, apply for the College Opportunity Fund (COF). [9]
- Please note: If these funds are available to you or your dependent and you do not use them, you will be responsible for the tuition amount that would been covered by COF.

Tuition Assistance Steps and Deadlines

Check your eligibility

You must be:

- In a regular, non-temporary benefits eligible job code [10],
- In a 20 hours per week or more appointment (a 50% or greater appointment),
- Eligible for benefits by the tuition assistance application deadline at the campus you will attend.

  Note: If your hire date is the first of the month, your eligibility begins that day. If your job began on any other day of the month, your eligibility begins on the first of the following month.

Apply for the Tuition Assistance Benefit

Application opens: Aug. 1, 2026

Application deadline: 11:59 p.m. Sept. 15, 2026

Use the Tuition Assistance Benefit Application for employee and dependent submissions for all campuses. Employees must submit the application on their dependent's behalf.

Access the application:

1. Log into the employee portal. [11]
2. Open the **CU Resources** dropdown menu (at the top cetner of the page) and select **Forms.**
3. Click the **Benefits** tile, then click the **Tuition Assistance Application** tile.

If your dependent is not listed on your CU health, dental or life insurance, you must submit a Dependent Eligibility Verification Form. [12] When you fill out the Tuition Assistance Benefit Application, attach and submit it with your application.

Watch for a confirmation email within 24 hours after you submit your Tuition Assistance Benefit application

- You will receive an email confirmation from tuitionbenefit@cu.edu [16] that we have received your application within 24 hours.
- Once Employee Services determines your eligibility, you'll receive another email confirmation.

Tuition Assistance steps and approvals

- Employee Services verifies Tuition Assistance employee and dependent eligibility, and sends your application to the Bursar's Office.
- The Bursar's Office will process your application for course eligibility.
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- If you do not drop these courses, you will be responsible for paying out-of-pocket for these courses.

Resubmit Tuition Assistance Benefit Application for enrollment changes, if necessary

Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Sept. 15, 2026

If the courses you originally requested have changed, resubmit the Tuition Assistance Benefit

application to Employee Services with a list of new courses. Include all courses you would like to use TAB for as resubmitting a new application will cancel your previous submission from the current semester.

We cannot accept course corrections after the tuition assistance benefit application deadline.

Campus Steps and Deadlines

Apply to CU Boulder before the semester begins

- If you are taking classes informally, complete the Faculty/Staff/Dependent Nondegree application [2] **by July 10, 2026.**
- If you are taking classes toward a specific degree, complete the degree application [3] by **published admissions deadlines**.

Term-activate (Non-degree students only)

In the past, non-degree students were required to term-activate every semester. Boulder has now begun automating this process. If you were admitted for the fall semester, you should be term-activated after you receive email confirmation that your admission is approved.

Register for your courses

Dependents and Employees Register: On designated registration day [17]

- You may want to list a few backup options on your tuition assistance benefit application, in case the classes you'd like to take are full.
- Please refer to the academic calendar's [17] add/drop course deadlines.
- Course eligibility depends on the person who is using the benefit:
  - Dependents [18]
  - Employees [19]
- **Note:** If you add, swap, withdraw, or drop a course after your tuition waiver is applied, please contact the CU Boulder Bursar's Office at bldrtuitionbenefit@colorado.edu [14].

Pay fees and non-waived tuition

Deadline: Please see billing calendar [20]

- You must pay any additional fees and/or non-waived tuition by the tuition due date.
- Tuition Assistance Benefit adjustments will be made by the tuition due date.
- For more information, visit the CU Boulder Bursar's Office website [15].

Colorado resident undergraduates - Apply and authorize for the College Opportunity Fund

Application deadline: August 6, 2026

Authorization deadline: August 13, 2026

- If you or your dependent are taking undergraduate courses and are a Colorado resident, apply for the College Opportunity Fund [9] (COF).
- Please note: If these funds are available to you or your dependent and you do not use them, you will be responsible for the tuition amount that would been covered by COF.

Tuition Assistance Steps and Deadlines

Check your eligibility

You must be:

- In a regular, non-temporary benefits eligible job code [10],
- In a 20 hours per week or more appointment (a 50% or greater appointment),
- Eligible for benefits by the tuition assistance application deadline at the campus you will attend.
    - Note: If your hire date is the first of the month, your eligibility begins that day. If your job began on any other day of the month, your eligibility begins on the first of the following month.
    - Employees who receive a tuition waiver and are not eligible on the application deadline will have their tuition waiver reversed.

Apply for the Tuition Assistance Benefit

Application opens: May 1, 2026

Application deadline: June 15, 2026

Use the Tuition Assistance Benefit Application for employee and dependent submissions for

all campuses. Employees must submit the application on their dependent's behalf.

Access the application:

1. Log into the employee portal [21].
2. Open the **CU Resources** dropdown menu and select **Forms**.
3. Click the **Benefits** tile, then click the **Tuition Assistance Application** tile.

If your dependent is not listed on your CU health, dental or life insurance, you must submit a Dependent Eligibility Verification Form [12]. When you fill out the Tuition Assistance Benefit Application, attach and submit it with your application.

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Resubmit Tuition Assistance Benefit Application for enrollment changes, if necessary

Deadline: June 15, 2026

If the courses you originally requested have changed, resubmit the Tuition Assistance Benefit application to Employee Services with a list of new courses. Include all courses you would like to use TAB for as resubmitting a new application will cancel your previous submission from

the current semester.

We cannot accept course corrections after the tuition assistance benefit application deadline.

Upcoming application opening dates:

- Spring 2027: Dec. 1, 2026–Feb. 15, 2027
- Summer 2027: May 1, 2027–June 15, 2027
- Fall 2027: Aug. 1, 2027–Sept. 15, 2027

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