



How to apply for financial aid at Colorado Mesa University

Please read and follow the instructions carefully. If you have questions or concerns contact Colorado Mesa University Office of Financial Aid at 970.248.1396. The financial aid process usually takes 6-8 weeks from application to disbursement of funds.

Step 1: Create Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) and Complete the Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)

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Creating an FSA ID:

- To get an FSA ID go to **fsaid.ed.gov**
- Both student and parent (if student is considered a dependent) need FSA IDs in order to complete a FAFSA

Note: Your FSA ID is good for multiple years. You will need it every year you apply for financial aid and to complete the "Loan Agreement (MPN)" and "Loan Counseling."

Completing the FAFSA:

- Go to **fafsa.ed.gov**
- Login using Student FSA ID username and password
- Must list Colorado Mesa University school code – 001358 – for us to receive your information

Step 2: Complete Verification (If selected by the U.S. Dept. of Ed)

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- Log into your **MAVzone** account (**coloradomesa.edu/mavzone/login**)
- Click the "Student Finance" tab
- Red flags indicate missing material (If you don't have any red flags, move on to Step 3)
- Click on any red flags and follow instructions to complete

Note: You will receive an email confirming that your application is complete.



Step 3: Accept Terms and Conditions, Accept Aid

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- Log into your **MAVzone** account (coloradomesa.edu/mavzone/login)
- Click the "Student Finance" tab
- On the right, look for "Financial Aid On-Line" box
- Go to "Review the Financial Aid Offer" link
 - Click "Review your award offer" to see the award(s) offered to you
 - Click "Accept Terms and Conditions" to read and accept
 - Click "Accept Award" to accept full or partial offer

Note: The calculation for the award offer(s) is complete and correct, based on the information you provided. Financial aid award offers may be subject to change due to changes in your financial, academic, enrollment status and/or changes in the availability of funds.

Step 4: Complete and "Entrance Counseling"

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- Go to **studentloans.gov** and log in using the Student FSA ID
- Complete both items

Step 5: Complete "Federal Direct PLUS (Parent) Authorization" Form

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- Go to coloradomesa.edu/financial-aid/forms
- Complete the form, sign and turn it into the CMU Financial Aid Office

Note: Processing takes up to 3 business days and you will receive an email when complete.

Step 6: Parent Completes a "Master Promissory Note (for PLUS loan)"

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- Go to **studentloans.gov** and log in using Parent FSA ID
- Complete the form and click "yes"

