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IMPORTANT Information About Dreamer Scholarship Money

The Colorado “I Have A Dream”® Foundation (CIHAD) is honored to fulfill its pledge to provide Dreamers with tuition assistance for college or trade school. The following is information that may assist Dreamers and their families in planning for the use of this money from CIHAD. For further information, please speak to the class Program Director or call the Administrative Director.

- Dreamers who graduate from high school or obtain a GED are eligible for **four-year partial educational assistance** to cover tuition, fees and other school-related expenses. The current rate per year is \$3,000 for a current four-year total of \$12,000. The annual amount is paid by semester, that is, \$1,500, is generally applied the first semester and the remaining \$1,500 is generally applied the second semester.
- Scholarship support may be used for an accredited academic, trade or technical program leading to a certificate, Associate or Bachelor’s degree. Support for technical and vocational programs will be considered in place of money that would be provided for accredited schools leading to an Associate or Bachelor’s degree, and are generally the equivalent to one-year’s amount of support.
- Financial support cannot be repeated for the same year. *For example, if a Dreamer enrolls at the University of Colorado and uses her CIHAD scholarship money during her freshman year, then changes her mind and wants to “start fresh” at a vocational school or any other institution, CIHAD is generally not able to provide support, unless that new-school status would be considered at a sophomore level. In essence, if a Dreamer has “used up” the year’s support, they are on their own to get re-started. They MAY access the sophomore and later years’ support from CIHAD when they achieve that status, however.*
- Dreamers have up to five years after completing high school to start college or another trade program. They must finish college or a trade program (generally six years after beginning a college or trade program).
- Support can only be paid to the school or college; funds are never paid directly to a Dreamer or a Dreamer’s family.
- Dreamers are to file the FAFSA (Free Application Federal Student Aid) to determine eligibility for financial aid before Colorado “I Have A Dream”® Foundation’s support can be applied.
- Dreamers attending college or trade school and wishing payment be made to the institution are to submit written documentation faxed to the CO I Have A Dream Administrative Director, Stephanie Dreiling, at 303-861-5008 for payment in a timely fashion. It will generally take at least five working days to fulfill the request. You must complete the request form and send electronically, by fax or bring in personally in order for the payment to be processed. The Administrative Director will contact the Dreamer to discuss the assistance and assure progress is being made toward completion of the diploma. If you have questions please call Stephanie Dreiling at 303-861-5005 ext. 104.

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