



## CIHAD Partial Educational Assistance Requirements

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.

### Overview

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Partial educational assistance 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 partial educational assistance 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 a trade program**. They must finish college or a trade program (generally six years after beginning a college or trade program).
- ❖ **Funds can only be paid to the school or college**; funds are never paid directly to a Dreamer or a Dreamer’s family.
- ❖ Partial educational assistance **funds will not cover remedial courses**, only *credit-bearing courses*.
- ❖ 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.

## CRITERIA FOR EARNING CIHAD PARTIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- Participation in CIHAD sponsored pre-collegiate supports**
  - Dreamers must participate in the ***CIHAD College Readiness Academy*** as directed by program staff
  - Dreamers must have a completed and updated ***CIHAD College & Career Readiness Blueprint***
  - Parent(s) and Dreamers must attend a ***CIHAD Partial Educational Assistance Orientation*** and/or an individualized parent-Dreamers meeting with CIHAD staff members prior to the initial request for partial educational assistance funds.
  
- CIHAD Partial Educational Assistance Academic & Financial Requirements:**
  - Dreamers must have a *High School Diploma* and *2.0 minimum cumulative (weighted) GPA* or a *GED*
  - Dreamers must complete *FAFSA* by his/her institution's required deadline.
  - Dreamers must submit *proof of completed current FAFSA* and *Financial Aid award letter*.
  - Dreamers must be a *degree-seeking (matriculating)* student if at a 2-year or 4-year institution.
  - Parent(s) and Dreamers must submit a signed CIHAD Partial Educational Assistance Dreamer/Parent Agreement Letter.
  - Dreamers must complete institution's required *Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)* paperwork with CIHAD as a designated reporting agency .
  
- Criteria for keeping CIHAD partial educational assistance:**

Dreamers must submit the following to CIHAD: (due dates will be determined by CIHAD)

  - Completed ***CIHAD Partial Educational Assistance Request Form***
  - Copy of upcoming semester's ***tuition bill*** from Bursar's Office
  - Proof of completed current ***FAFSA*** and ***Financial Aid Award Letter***.
  - Copy of current ***official transcript*** demonstrating satisfactory academic progress submitted each semester or quarter, depending on institution's academic calendar
  
  - Dreamers must be in good academic standing at their college/university
  - Dreamers must schedule at least three *check-in meetings* with CIHAD staff each academic school year (each Fall, Winter, Spring).
  - Dreamers must complete *FAFSA* each year by your institution's required deadline.
  - For trade/vocational programs:
    - Dreamers must maintain *adequate progress towards completing his/her certification program*
  - Dreamers must schedule an *Exit Interview* with CIHAD staff upon college graduation.

***Signing this document states that you have read through the information about the partial educational assistance and fully understand the parameters around accessing and maintaining the educational assistance.***

Dreamer Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Dreamer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_