

STROUD SCHOLARS APPLICATION BREAKDOWN

The Stroud Scholars College Preparatory Program is a three-year college-prep program that prepares students for higher education by working directly with high-promise youth to provide academic preparation, mentorship, and guidance navigating college admissions and financial aid process to college. The program includes a three-week residential summer program at Colorado College each summer that will provide academic support in quantitative reasoning and writing skills and help prepare students for life on a college campus. Students successfully completing the program will earn admission to Colorado College and receive a financial aid package that will enable them to attend.

Application Opens: Mid-November **Application Deadline: Presidents' Day**

Please submit all responses and relevant materials through the Stroud Scholars Online Application before 11:59 pm MST on Presidents' Day. Email stroudscholars@coloradocollege.edu with questions.

Who can apply?

We are looking for youth with the capacity to thrive in a rigorous academic course of study, if given the opportunity and support. Strong candidates are intellectually curious, growth-minded and committed youth that will engage and enrich a diverse, inclusive community at CC and beyond.

To be eligible for this program the student must be:

- current 9th grader residing in the Pikes Peak region.

And any of the following

- the first in their family to graduate from a 4-year college or university
- from a low-income family
 - families with three or fewer dependents: \$60,000 or less
 - families with four or more dependents, \$75,000 or less
- self-identify as a student of color or another socially marginalized identity
- attend a school relatively under-resourced in college readiness support

Students that have faced significant financial hardship are encouraged to apply and will be given the opportunity to share more about their family situation and the obstacles they have experienced.

What do you need to complete the application?

Information:

- Name of Academic Reference
(8th/9th grade teacher, counselor, or someone who can meaningfully speak to your academic potential)
- Name of Personal Reference
(Someone not related to you)
- Contact Information
(both you and your guardian)
- Your Bio-demographic Information
- Household Information
 - Your family's total annual household income
 - Information about those living in your household

Stroud Scholars Essay: *Max 500 words or 3.5 minutes*

“Tell us about yourself and why you want to participate in the Stroud Scholars Program. What do you hope to gain, and what do you hope to contribute?” Your response may be submitted either as a written essay or a video blog.

Short Answers: *Max 150 words each*

We want to learn more about you. There aren't wrong answers to the questions below as they are all about you. We are interested in learning more about your desire to learn, your motivations, and your role in your community. Please choose one from each category.

Category: Intellectual Curiosity/Desire to Learn

Option 1	If you could take a class on anything, what would it be and why?
Option 2	What is a topic/skill that you find interesting and would like to teach someone, if you had 30 minutes with them?

Category: Growth Motivation/Self-Accountability

Option 1	What is the best grade you've earned so far? Please share any challenges, successes, or reflections on your performance that informs the grade you received.
Option 2	What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school? And how are you preparing for that next step?

Category: Community Building

Option 1	Tell us about a time when you were part of a team or group and made a unique contribution. What role did you play and how did you get others to buy in?
Option 2	Tell us about the communities you consider yourself to be a part of (identities, places, organizations, friends, families). How have they shaped you, and how do you participate in and affect them?

Portfolio:

This is an opportunity to show us what makes you you that isn't conveyed through the rest of this application. Draw a picture, do a math problem, write a poem, submit a paper or piece of art you're proud of, talk about your hobby, tell a story (or a joke!)- Do whatever you want here. Feel free to express yourself. You may upload a file or a written response.

Optional Question:

We understand that this application only provides a glimpse into who you really are. Is there anything else we should know about you that you haven't been able to cover as you've responded to the questions above?

To submit your application, please visit www.coloradocollege.edu/stroudscholars
Questions? Email stroudscholars@coloradocollege.edu