

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR WUE STUDENTS ATTENDING COLORADO INSTITUTIONS* (Academic Year 2005-06 and beyond)

**Excluding Mesa State College*

In response to changes in tuition pricing following the implementation of the College Opportunity Fund (COF) for Colorado residents beginning fall 2005, Colorado public colleges and universities may now charge WUE students 150 percent of the total in-state tuition for Colorado residents. This amount is equal to the student's share of in-state tuition plus the equivalent of the COF stipend.

An example of the new WUE rate calculation method in Colorado follows. The WUE tuition will vary for each participating institution.

\$ 2,500	Student's share of in-state tuition
+ 2,400	COF stipend (estimated value)
= \$ 4,900	Total in-state tuition for CO residents
+ 2,450	Additional 50% of total in-state tuition charged to WUE students
= \$ 7,350	WUE tuition

Colorado institutions may also give additional discounts to WUE students. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) has encouraged Colorado institutions to allow continuing students to pay the previous WUE rate of 150 percent of the student's share of in-state tuition, not including the COF stipend amount, but decision-making authority on this issue rests with the institution. Mesa State College, for example, charges the traditional WUE rate of 150 percent of the student's share on in-state tuition.

Please contact the admissions office of the institution you are applying to for complete information on its tuition policy for new WUE students. For general information, contact WICHE Student Exchange Program Coordinator Margo Schultz at mschultz@wiche.edu.

For more about the College Opportunity Fund (available only to Colorado residents), visit <https://cof.college-access.net/cofapp/>.

Terms as Defined by the College Opportunity Fund Act:

"Stipend" means the amount of money per credit hour specified pursuant to section 23-18-202 (2) (b) held in trust for and paid on behalf of an eligible undergraduate student pursuant to section 23-18-202 (5).

"Student's share of in-state tuition" means the amount of total in-state tuition, less any amount paid on behalf of the student as a stipend.

"Total in-state tuition" means the total amount of tuition that is paid to a state institution of higher education by or on behalf of a student who is eligible to pay in-state tuition, including but not limited to the amount of the stipend paid on behalf of the student.