



College Information

College Night will take place on **August 27th at 5:30 PM** in the Mesa Ridge auditorium. Join us to learn more about the college application process.

Financial Aid Night will be held on **September 24th at 5:30 PM** in the **MRHS auditorium**. A representative from UCCS's financial aid office will present information on the different types of aid available and FAFSA.

The online 2026–27 FAFSA form will be available to all students and their contributors on **October 1st**.

Colorado Free Application Days is a campaign that takes place in October each year. This is when many Colorado colleges and universities waive their application fees for Colorado students. The 2025 campaign will run from **Tuesday, October 7th through Thursday, October 9th**. Seniors are encouraged to complete their applications and wait to submit them to participating colleges when the free application window opens. Here is the link to access the [Colorado Free Application Days Instructions](#).

Congressional nominations are open! This is a **required** part of the application process for service academies (Air Force Academy, West Point, Naval Academy...) Don't miss this step—see the information below to access applications for our representatives.

[Rep Jeff Crank service academy request](#) (Due 9/5)

[Senator Michael Bennet service academy request](#) (Due 9/19)

[Senator John Hickenlooper service academy request](#) (Due 9/19)

College & Financial Aid Showcase The Daniel's Fund Foundation will be hosting a half-day event designed to help high school **juniors, seniors**, and parents simplify the

admissions and financial aid processes. The showcase will bring together leading scholarship providers, universities, and select financial institutions at the CSU Spur Campus on **Saturday, October 4th 8:30-11 AM**. This **free** event will give attendees the tools and information to navigate the complexities of paying for college and get a head start on their applications. Go to [Daniels Fund College & Financial Aid Showcase](#) for more information.

NCAA Student-athletes who are being recruited to compete in college at the DI and DII levels must register and be cleared through the NCAA Eligibility Center. The [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete \(to be updated with the release of the new guide this fall\)](#) provides information about the NCAA process. Go to the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) to create your NCAA profile. Student-athletes can also use the [NCAA DI-DII Worksheet](#) to determine eligibility. The [NCAA High School Portal Search](#) is a helpful tool that student-athletes can use to identify classes at Mesa Ridge that are NCAA-approved. Use our high school code **060259** to access the list.

As of 9/1 NCAA will be increasing registration fees for certification accounts. See the adjusted fee schedule below.

- Academic and Amateurism Certification account (*domestic student-athletes*): From \$100 to \$110.
- Academic and Amateurism Certification account (*international student-athletes*): From \$160 to \$170.

Students interested in retaking the **SAT or ACT** select the links below to see test dates, sites, and fees. Students who feel that they qualify for a fee waiver see Ms. Young. Click the links to access the test dates and registration information.

[SAT](#)
[ACT](#)

College Visits

- 9/9 CSU-Pueblo
- 9/10 U.S. Air Force ROTC Scholarship
- 9/18 University of Boulder
- 9/23 University of Colorado Denver
- 9/24 Northern Arizona University

See the instructions below to sign up to attend a college visit at Mesa Ridge. Students must sign up two days before the visit.

- Sign into **Naviance** account through **Clever**

- Select the **Colleges** tab
- Select **College Visits**
- Select the blue **Register Now** button for the visits you are interested in.

[20 Questions for College Reps](#) is a document you can use to guide conversations during college visits.

College Application Tasks-Seniors applying to college, see the list below of the tasks you should be working on.

August/September

- Research and start working on your college and scholarship applications
- [College Opportunity Fund](#)
- Create Resume
- Click [here](#) to register for your FSA ID (Student and parent will need a separate FSA ID)

Use the [Mesa Ridge College Guide](#) to guide you through the college application process.

Scholarships of the Week

- [Coca-Cola Scholarship](#)
- [The Gates Scholarship](#)
- [Don't Text and Drive Scholarship](#)
- [JumpStart Scholarship](#)

Scholarship Resources

- <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search/scholarship-list>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- <https://studentscholarships.org/>
- [MRHS Scholarship List](#)
- Naviance

Military Information

The **ASVAB** will be available for **seniors** and **juniors** to take on **9/23 at 8 AM** at MRHS. Students who would like to participate will need to bring their **computer and charger with them**. The last day to sign up for the ASVAB is **9/16**. Use the [ASVAB Sign-Up](#) link or see Ms. Young in the library to reserve your spot. Space is limited. It is recommended that students use [March2Success](#) to prepare for the ASVAB.

Recruiter Monthly Schedule (Recruiters will be located in the north commons during lunch)

- Air Force: 2nd Thursday
- Army: 3rd Tuesday
- Navy: 2nd and 3rd Wednesday
- Marines:

Recruiter Information

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General Information

Senior meetings with Ms. Young have started. Don't forget to complete the [Senior Information Survey](#). The information you provide is used to guide our conversation.

As you start applying for scholarships and jobs, some organizations may require that you provide a **resume**. A great way to get started is by using the resume builder in Naviance (instructions to access the resume builder are located below). Another way is

to use the [Resume Template](#) (you will be prompted to make a copy). For those of you who use Canva, several templates are available on their website.

Naviance Resume Builder

- Log into your Naviance account through your **Clever** account
- Select the **About Me** tab
- Select **Resume**
- Read the instructions and select the **red** addition symbol to get started