



College and College Prep  
for High School Students

## Navigation Services



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or [navigation@jcmh.org](mailto:navigation@jcmh.org)

If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

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#### **Educational Opportunity Center: Community College of Denver**

303-352-8746

1111 W Colfax Ave, Cherry Creek Building Suite 137, Denver CO 80204

[www.ccd.edu/org/educational-opportunity-center](http://www.ccd.edu/org/educational-opportunity-center)

- The center offers assistance with financial aid, including loans, scholarships and FAFSA. They also provide career and education planning, assistance with the college application process and support for youth who have dropped out of school and want to further their education. The building is wheelchair accessible.
- For adults ages 19 and older unless Educational Talent Search is not available in a young person's school

#### **Minds Matter Colorado**

[www.mindsmatterco.org](http://www.mindsmatterco.org)

- Students must be willing to make a three year commitment through 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - Meet almost every Monday evening for three hours from September through May
  - Apply and attend a residential summer program
- Benefits
  - Weekly mentoring
  - Paid tuition for summer programs
  - 40-50 hours of SAT prep
  - Individualized support applying to at least 6 colleges and 30 scholarships
- Eligibility
  - Student is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade with a 3.25 GPA or higher.
  - Student must maintain a 3.25 GPA or higher while enrolled in Minds Matter (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Qualify for free/reduced lunch
- How to Apply:
  - Complete an application online
  - Have a teacher fill out an online recommendation
  - Have a counselor or adult fill out the online nomination form
  - Have a parent or guardian fill out the parent/guardian application form

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Remember to use the resources available to you at school and talk with your guidance counselor for help with SAT and application fee waiver program.

For adults returning to school, please see the Adult Education one sheet.

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## **Financial Aid**

**Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

- Official website for applying for financial aid. Calculates your need.
- Once you have applied for aid here, FAFSA will send the results to your school(s) of choice. Then you can contact your school's financial aid office to find out what loans and grants may be available to you.

**FINAID!:** [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

- Info about types of financial aid available
- Scholarship and grant search engines
- Calculators and financial planning resources

**The College Opportunity Fund:** <https://cof.college-assist.org/>

- Information about applying for this fund that pays a stipend for qualifying individuals attending undergraduate programs in CO.
- Info about types of financial aid available for all ages
- Scholarship and grant search engines