



Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative

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By 2020, how many jobs will require a college degree or professional certificate?

A: 58%

B: 74%

C: 92%



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What was the average amount of debt carried upon graduation by a 2012 Colorado graduate?

A: \$12,270 | C: \$18,550
B: \$24,540 | D: \$7,653



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True or False: A student who qualifies as 0-150% Pell Eligible is most vulnerable to taking on an excessive debt load.

A: True

B: False



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Which of the following might be impacted due to student loan debt?

*A: Purchasing a home | C: Career choice
B: Starting a family | D: All of the above*



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Every Coloradan deserves an affordable path into the workforce; Together we can make it happen.



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Student Paths



Types of Support Programs

Holistic Approach with Supports and Financial Assistance

Scholarship and supports ensuring maximum success of students to access postsecondary education, degree or certificate completion and career placement.

Established Student Support Program

(high school or postsecondary level)

Programs at the high school or postsecondary level working to:

- Connect students with scholarship and financial aid opportunities
 - Career exploration and identification
 - Prepare students for postsecondary success
- Campus programs supporting connectedness and academic success

Informal Supports

Community and school programs offering services to support students in a variety of ways including:

- Local Guidance Counselor
- Peer Mentoring

Scholarship Initiative Overview



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Phase I: Program Grants

Increase the availability and quality of student success programs for Colorado's high school and post high school students.

Phase II: Scholarships

Leverage public dollars and savings to build a sustainable corpus that can award scholarships to Colorado resident students per year.

Cross-department Team



Program Grants

\$3.4 million available to college and career readiness programs across our state.

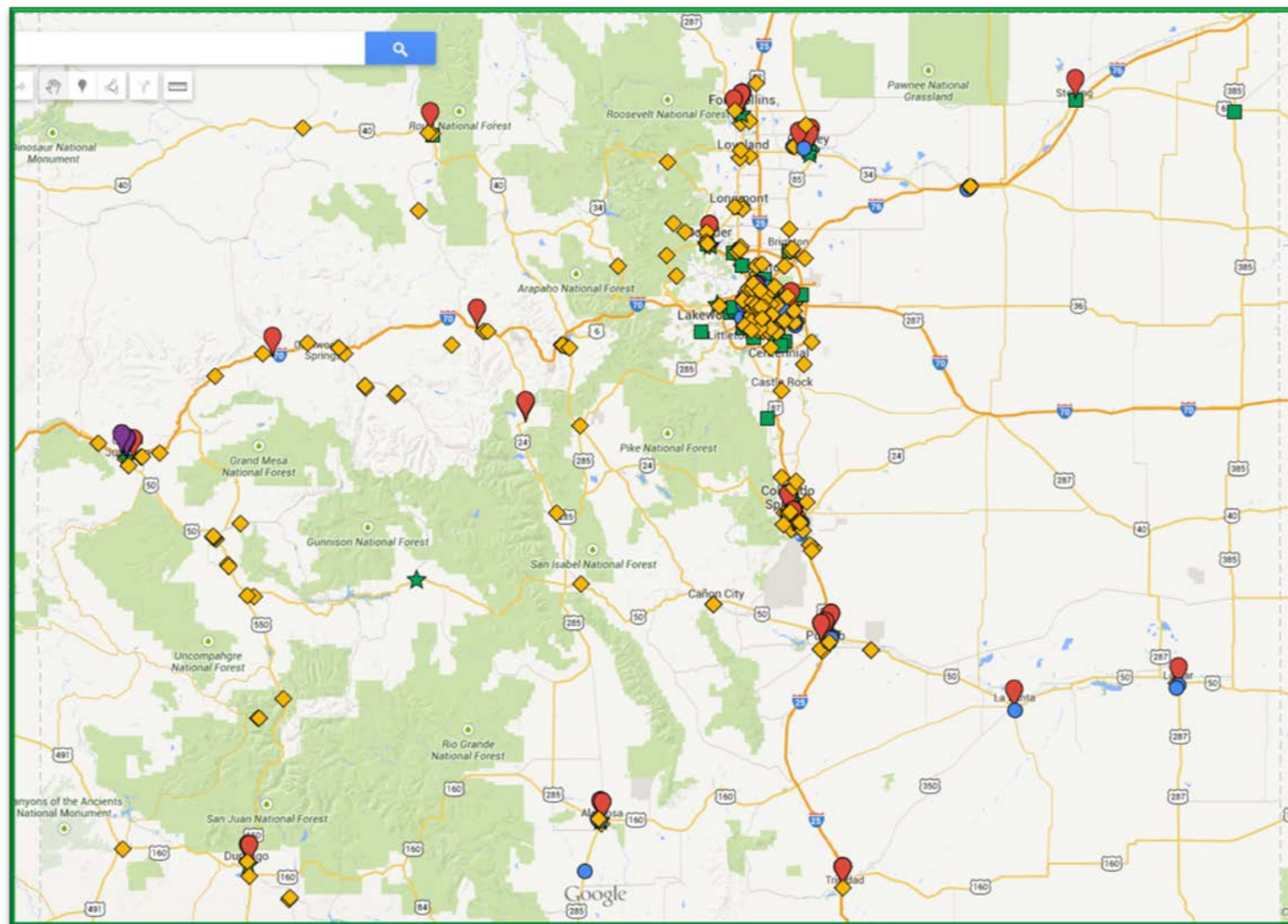
Help more Colorado students earn a degree or credential, graduate with less debt, and quickly connect with Colorado's workforce opportunities.

First round of funding will be given out in January 2015.

Directory and Database

February 2015

Scholarship and Program directory available to map all of the work being done around the state.



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Mid - 2015

Database available that captures student information from programs to track the success and outcomes of:

- remediation rates and associated costs;
- graduation rates;
- average time required to earn a degree;
- retention rates;
- Education disparities
- best practices for student support services;
- postsecondary and professional competencies;
- local workforce needs;
- student loan debt;
- tuition affordability;
- students' access to support.

Scholarships and Community Giving

Remaining funds will act as a seed to create a sustainable source of funds that the State can use to match new commitments to tuition assistance.

By Spring of 2016, the Scholarship Initiative plans to link these and other programs to new tuition-assistance dollars for Colorado students.

Questions?

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