

How to authorize the College Opportunity Fund stipend

Colorado resident undergraduates pay less tuition when they apply for and authorize the College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend. Once it is authorized, it applies directly to the tuition bill. The amount per credit hour changes annually and is set by the General Assembly.


Before proceeding, make sure you have applied for COF by completing the application on the [College Assist](#) website. You will not be able to authorize the stipend until you have applied and CU has received your information.

It will take 2–7 days from the time you apply until you can authorize. During this time, College Assist sends your COF information to CU.

For more information, visit [College Opportunity Fund](#).



Step 1: Students log in to [Buff Portal](https://buffportal.colorado.edu) (buffportal.colorado.edu)

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Federated Identity Service

Log in to Buff Portal

IdentiKey Username (example: chbu1234)

IdentiKey Password

Log In

Advanced Settings...

[Need help logging in?](#)
Quit or close all browser windows to exit completely.
DO NOT bookmark this page! Bookmark the service homepage after logging in.

Step 2: Search for "cof" or "college opportunity fund" in the Buff Portal search bar and then click **College Opportunity Fund (COF)** to open the card..

The screenshot displays the Buff Portal interface. At the top, the University of Colorado Boulder logo and name are on the left, and the 'Buff Portal' title is on the right. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with 'example' text and links for Home, Favorites, Notifications, Help, and Profile. A search bar on the left contains the text 'cof'. Below the search bar, a list of cards is shown, with 'College Opportunity Fund (COF)' highlighted. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Holds & To-Do's', 'Your Classes', and 'Class Schedule'. The 'Your Classes' section lists several courses, including BCOR 1030-005, MATH 1112-021, and ECON 2010-100. The 'Class Schedule' section shows a calendar view for November 11-15, 2024, with a table of class times and locations.

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- Skillsoft Training
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- Pride Office

Holds & To-Do's

- 1 Hold 1 New >
- 1 To-Do >

Your Classes

Fall 2024

View Class Schedule Add a Class

- BCOR 1030-005 Communication Strategy (Lecture) MW 3:30PM - 4:45PM >
- MATH 1112-021 Mathematical Analysis in Business (Lecture) August 26 - December 12 >
- ECON 2010-100 Principles of Microeconomics (Lecture) TuTh 12:30PM - 1:45PM >
- ECON 2010-112 Principles of Microeconomics (Recitation) M 2:30PM - 3:20PM >

Class Schedule

Fall 2024

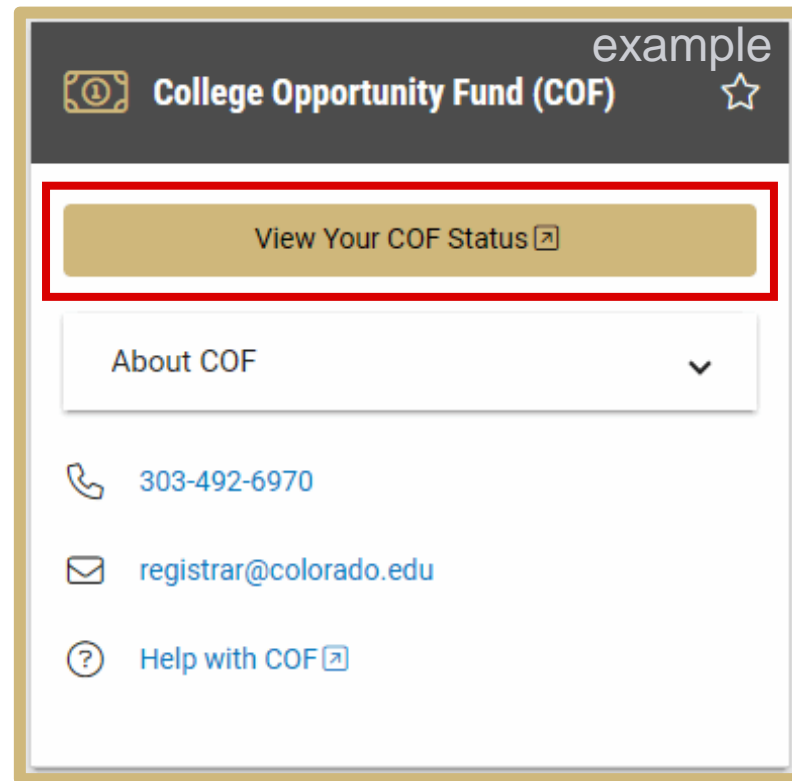
Waitlisted

< > Today Day 5-Day List

November 11 - 15

	Mon 11/11	Tue 11/12	Wed 11/13	Thu 11/14	Fri 11/15
Other	MATH 1112 - Online Class				
8 AM					
9 AM					
10 AM		9:30 - 10:45 BCOR 1025 - KOBLL 125		9:30 - 10:45 BCOR 1025 - KOBLL 125	
11 AM					
12 PM					
1 PM		12:30 - 1:45 ECON 2010 - CHEM 140		12:30 - 1:45 ECON 2010 - CHEM 140	
2 PM		2:00 - 3:15 ASTR 2020 - ATLS 100		2:00 - 3:15 ASTR 2020 - ATLS 100	
3 PM	2:30 - 3:20 ECON 2010 - KOBLL 125				
4 PM	3:30 - 4:45 BCOR 1030 - KOBLL 215		3:30 - 4:45 BCOR 1030 - KOBLL 215		

Step 3: Click **View your COF status**.



Step 4: If you have been enrolled on more than one CU campus, select **CU Boulder** for COF Institution.

COF Authorization/Review > Select COF Institution

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SELECT	CAREER	INSTITUTION
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Select	Undergraduate	CU Boulder
<input type="radio"/> Select	Undergraduate	CU Denver

Continue

Step 5: Click **Update Authorization**. (You may need to scroll down.)

TERM	TERM ELIGIBLE	COF TERM AUTHORIZATION	ENROLLED HOURS	COF ELIGIBLE HOURS	STIPEND AMOUNT	UPDATE AUTHORIZATION
Spring 2024	Eligible	Lifetime Authorization	12.00	12.00	900.00	Update Authorization
Fall 2025	Eligible	Lifetime Authorization	12.00	12.00	900.00	
Summer 2025	Eligible	Lifetime Authorization	0.00			example



Step 6: Select **Lifetime Authorization** and click **Submit**.

COF Authorization > Update Authorization

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☒ Lifetime Authorization

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Cancel

Submit

Step 7: Click **Confirm**.

COF Authorization > Confirm Authorization Update

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You have selected the following COF Authorization option:
Lifetime Authorization

Press Confirm if this is correct. Press Go Back to change your authorization selection.

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CONFIRM



The stipend will appear on your student account in 24–48 hours.

COF Authorization > COF Authorization Updated

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Your selection has been successfully submitted

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