# 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](buffportal.colorado.edu) (buffportal.colorado.edu)

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..

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

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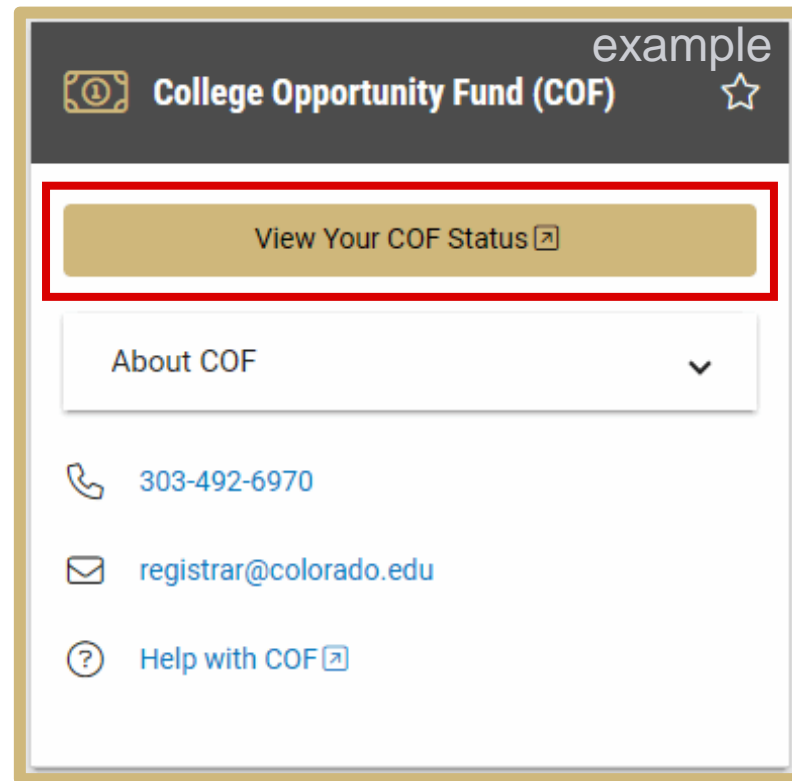
Step 4: If you have been enrolled on more than one CU campus, select **CU Boulder** for COF Institution.

**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.**

Step 7: Click **Confirm**.

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