

# How to authorize the College Opportunity Fund stipend

Colorado resident undergraduates pay less tuition per credit hour 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.

**Step 1: Completed the application on the [College Assist](#) website. You cannot authorize the stipend until you have applied.**

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)

Log in to **Buff Portal**

**CU Login Name**

**Identikey Password**

Check this box to view your [Digital ID Card](#) and reset release approvals before logging into the service. [Learn More...](#)

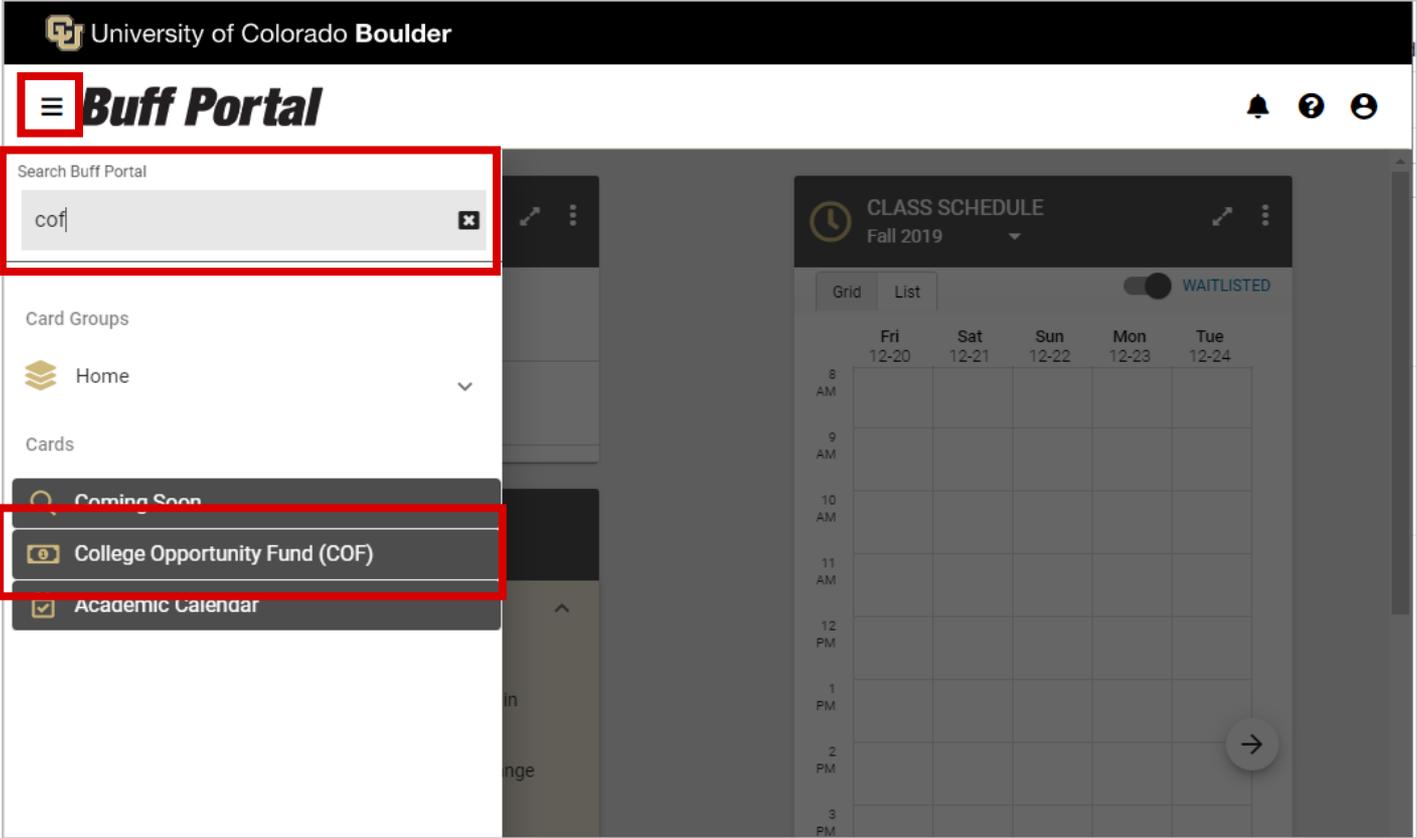
**Continue**

Trouble signing in? [We can help.](#)

To ensure you end your session with Federated Identity Service, you will need to quit your web browser when you are finished. Leaving your browser open may make you more vulnerable to another user gaining access through your account.

**Note:** Due to the nature of this authentication page loading dynamically per service, **DO NOT** bookmark the URL in your browser's address bar. Instead, bookmark the service URL (e.g. <https://voicethread.colorado.edu> or <https://qualtrics.colorado.edu>).

Step 2: Search for "cof" or "college opportunity fund" in the Buff Portal search bar. Click **College Opportunity Fund (COF)**.



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

**College Opportunity Fund (COF)**

In-state undergraduates: you may be eligible for help with your tuition! The College Opportunity Fund (COF), created by the Colorado Legislature, pays a portion of eligible undergraduate students' total in-state tuition. To receive COF, you must complete the one-time COF application, then authorize CU to apply the stipend to your bill.

[View your COF status](#)

[303-492-6970](tel:303-492-6970)

[cof@colorado.edu](mailto:cof@colorado.edu)

[Help with COF](#)

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 example

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

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

TERM	TERM ELIGIBLE	COF TERM AUTHORIZATION	ENROLLED HOURS	COF ELIGIBLE HOURS	STIPEND AMOUNT	UPDATE AUTHORIZATION
Spring 2017	Eligible	Lifetime Authorization	12.00	12.00	900.00	<a href="#">Update Authorization</a>
Fall 2016	Eligible	Lifetime Authorization	12.00	12.00	900.00	
Summer 2016	Eligible	Lifetime Authorization	0.00			example

Step 6: Select **Authorize** and click **Submit**.

COF Authorization > Update Authorization example

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Lifetime Authorization     Term Authorization     Refused Authorization

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Step 7: Click **Confirm**.

COF Authorization > Confirm Authorization Update example

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

COF Authorization > COF Authorization Updated example

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Your selection has been successfully submitted

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