

2025 COLORADO AFA FRANCISCO GARCIA SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarship Process and Selection Criteria

Scholarship Information

The Francisco Garcia Scholarship is a scholarship awarded by the Colorado State Air Force Association (CSAFA). It is a \$1000 scholarship awarded annually to one recipient in the State of Colorado. The scholarship process and selection criteria are outlined below.

Scholarship Process

- Each Colorado AFA chapter is responsible for selecting one applicant from their chapter who will compete at the state-level for final selection of the scholarship.
- Chapters must submit their applicant's complete applications to the CSAFA President/Aerospace Education Vice President by April 30 of each calendar year.
- The CSAFA President/Aerospace Education Vice President reserves the right to challenge eligibility should they feel a student does not meet the criteria set forth in this policy.
- Scholarship awards will be made on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- The state-level scholarship selection committee will be made up of equal representation from each Colorado AFA chapter in order to ensure impartial selection.
- Per the original scholarship guidelines, a maximum of \$4000 will be administered by the CSAFA each year. Currently the CSAFA will award a maximum of \$1000 in order to maintain and recoup the principal of the scholarship's endowment.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior from a Colorado high school and intend to obtain a college degree in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related field. Examples of a "STEM related field" include the following degrees:
 - Mathematics
 - Engineering (civil, electrical, mechanical, software, systems)
 - Physics
 - Information Technology
 - Chemistry
 - Astrodynamics
 - Astrophysics
2. Returning college students may apply for subsequent years until they graduate.
3. Applicant's financial need is the first priority, community service and grade point average follow sequentially in priority when selecting a candidate.
4. Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition, room and board, textbooks, gas, computers, or lab fees. They are not to be used for personal expenses such as food and beverages.
5. High school transcripts and proof of acceptance to a college must be supplied with the student's application. The candidate must be accepted to a college or university prior to being considered for the scholarship.

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Applicant

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Applicant Education

High School: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

College/University Attending: _____

Planned Course of Study: _____

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Activities

List the community service or volunteer activities you have been involved in during high school. Include participation dates, any positions held, and any awards or honors received.

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Attachments

1. High School transcript indicating expected graduation date and cumulative grade point average.
2. Letter of acceptance to an accredited college or university.
3. One-page essay, written by the applicant, describing intended study and goals.
4. One paragraph, written by the applicant, explaining why he or she is a student in need of financial aid.
5. Letter(s) of nomination from someone (not a family member) providing information regarding financial need and community service.

Applications may be submitted by mail or email

Mail completed application packet to:

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125
Attn: AFA Scholarship Selection Committee
P.O. Box 77322
Colorado Springs, CO 80970-7322

Email completed application packet to:

LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com
Subject: AFA Scholarship Selection Committee

Scholarship applications must be postmarked or emailed by 1 April 2025.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Sijan Scholarship Committee Chairman

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