



University of Colorado
Denver

Colorado Student Leaders Institute

An affiliate of the National Conference of Governor's Schools

Student Nomination Packet

Due: January 31, 2018

Notification of Decision: March 2, 2018

COSLI 2018 Program: July 8 – August 4, 2018

PLEASE READ ALL PORTIONS OF THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY.

(All portions of the application must be submitted via the online platform on or before this date.)

Colorado Student Leaders Institute, an affiliate of the National Conference of Governor's Schools, is an academic summer residential program for high school students who are working to become quality leaders and who promote and inspire a strong United States of America. COSLI seeks to reinforce the importance of civic engagement, entrepreneurship, responsibility, accountability, ethics and integrity in the rising generation of American Leaders.

*****THIS IS THE PHYSICAL COPY OF THE APPLICATION FOR REFERENCE. PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL. PLEASE ONLY SEND VIA PHYSICAL MAIL OR EMAIL IN THE EVENT OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY OR IN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.*****

Detailed instructions, links to the online portal, Word and PDF versions of the application, and sponsorship assistance materials can be accessed at <http://www.costudentleaders.org/application/>.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Students from Colorado public schools (e.g., local school districts, charter, federal) or non-public schools (e.g. private, parochial, homeschool) may be nominated.
2. Priority is given to current 9th and 10th graders, but current 11th and 12th graders are permitted to apply and will also be considered.
3. Student must be a resident of Colorado at the time of attendance.
4. All students must meet the aptitude/achievement and behavior/character criteria as established by the Executive Board. The Executive Board takes the recommendations of the Advisory Board regarding program admittance. The Institute is clear that scores on tests and transcripts are only part of a holistic view of student applicants.

Selection Criteria

Multiple criteria are used in the selection process for all Colorado Student Leaders Institute (COSLI) nominees. It is crucial to understand that COSLI is meant for the student who is an exceptionally curious and excited learner. Very often, these qualities do not translate to test scores or transcripts, and these students may not necessarily be formally designated as gifted and talented. Therefore, we weigh the following **REQUIRED** application components:

- Essay Questions
- Student and Parent Statements
- 2 Recommendation Forms (at least one must be from a teacher)
- Community involvement, activities, awards, life activity (work) and honors.
- Scholastic performance as shown on transcripts or attested by teachers.
- Test Scores (Aptitude, Achievement, EOCs, Pre-Collegiate, state standardized, or other)
- High school transcripts

Nomination Procedures

The application packet is broken into 7 different parts to be filled out by different individuals.

- **Part 1a:** Nomination and Eligibility Form—School and Nominator Form
To be completed by: Nominator/School Personnel
Online Portal: <https://goo.gl/forms/iXoMhIIloqZdrFD33>
The Nominator should be a school official, and can be a teacher, school counselor, principal, etc. If you are a home schooled students, this cannot be a family member, and may be a community member.
- **Part 1b:** Nomination and Eligibility Form—Student Academic Information
To be completed by: Nominator/School Personnel
Online Portal: <https://goo.gl/forms/1ZLNEJzG6pnBLgGV2>
This section should be filled out by a school official authorized to provide test scores and transcripts. This information is confidential, and is only viewed by authorized individuals at Colorado Student Leaders Institute.

- **Part 2:** Student Information Form
To be completed by: Student
Online Portal: <https://goo.gl/forms/kXRREg2Z8UK1hSFI2>
This section is where students provide contact and basic information for themselves and their parents.
- **Part 3:** Activity and Experience Form
To be completed by: Student
Online Portal: <https://goo.gl/forms/WYQjyXusVBuQWsji1>
In this section, students detail their work, academic, activity, and other experience, as well as honors and recognitions. This section requires that students provide their experience, and briefly answer two short answer questions.
- **Part 4:** Essays
To be completed by: Student
Online Portal: <https://goo.gl/forms/7YgQTZnGdza2yFdQ2>
This section requires that students write two extended essays.
- **Part 5:** Student Identification of Recommenders
To be completed by: Student
Online Portal: <https://goo.gl/forms/JcbNF2nkljz5Z9io1>
This section requests that students provide the contact information for their recommenders, so that we may contact them in the event we do not receive their forms.
- **Part 6:** Recommendation Forms (2 forms must accompany application)
To be completed by: Recommenders
Online Portal: <https://goo.gl/forms/gjdMdUKJ2F7icMI83>
In this section, two recommenders fill out questionnaires about the applicant. The nominator may also serve as a recommender.
- **Part 7:** Parent/Guardian Commitment
To be completed by: Parent/Guardian & Student
Online Portal: <https://goo.gl/forms/zAy4cT89KSAqh1CB3>
Parents must briefly answer a question about their student's capabilities, and certify that they understand all instructions and requirements.

IMPORTANT DETAILS—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- The 7 parts of the application are divided into different parts on the online portal. These parts do not need to be submitted in any particular order, but they must all be submitted for consideration. We encourage applicants to review the hard copy of the application prior to submitting their answers online, in order to ensure the application is properly completed. **Detailed instructions, links to the online portal, Word and PDF versions of the application, and sponsorship assistance materials can be accessed at <http://www.costudentleaders.org/application/>**
- Please complete all sections of the application in the online platform. Please only submit via physical mail or email in the event of technical difficulty or in extenuating circumstances.
- In the event that you must mail or email an application, **DO NOT fill out by hand.** Illegible handwriting may result in the failure of Colorado Student Leaders Institute to contact you regarding your application status or admittance.
- Please provide both an email you check regularly, as well as an alternate email you check regularly. We will be sending multiple correspondences regarding your application and admittance status via email. **Colorado Student Leaders Institute is not responsible for missed deadlines due to failure to check emails.**
- Upon admittance into the program, you will be required to sign a study agreement stating that you commit to attending the summer program for its entirety. If you sign this document, and cannot attend for any reason other than extreme circumstances, you will be required to pay Colorado Student Leaders Institute \$1,000.00. This is roughly the cost of the three hours of college credit students will earn during the program.
- We welcome students of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, as well as students whose first language is not English. **However, the primary language of instruction at Colorado Student Leaders Institute is English.**
- **COST: Colorado Student Leaders Institute is a state-legislated program, and the per student cost of \$3,000 is largely funded through a combination of state dollars and private donations. HOWEVER, each student is responsible for obtaining a \$400 sponsorship. Your school or parents may be willing to pay this fee, but if not, we encourage you to reach out to local officials, businesses, and other sources to obtain this sponsorship. Colorado Student Leaders Institute has provided resources to assist and guide you in this process. While we strongly suggest that you exercise leadership by seeking out a sponsorship, we do not want this to be a barrier to attending the program for well-qualified candidates. In extreme circumstances, we will assist you in finding a sponsorship for your spot in the program. Your signature on the study agreement also commits you to obtaining this sponsorship.**

Nomination and Eligibility Form

Student Academic Information

**This form is to be completed by authorized school personnel.*

Student Name: _____

Academic Aptitude Criteria

1. Indicate most recent Aptitude Test name: _____

2. Indicate score: _____

3. Indicate type of score: Composite Subtest (specify): _____

4. Year test given: _____

Academic Achievement Information

1. Indicate most recent Achievement Test name: _____

2. Indicate score: _____

3. Indicate type of score: Composite Subtest (specify): _____

End-of-Course Test (specify): _____

4. Year test given: _____

Acceptable EOC Tests:

- * English - English 1
- * Mathematics - Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry
- * Natural Science - Biology, Physical Science, Chemistry & Physics
- * Social Science - Civics, Economics, History. If scores not available, English I is allowed

Or:

- * Monitored State Standardized Assessment
- * ACT or SAT Preparation Test
- * ACT or SAT

Part 1b: Nomination and Eligibility Form
Student Academic Information
To be completed by: Nominator/School Personnel

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Scholastic Performance Criteria

Transcript Included _____

**If uploading of transcripts to online platform is not permitted please email to kayla.gabehart@ucdenver.edu.*

Notes from school about special circumstances:

Authorized School Personnel Printed

Authorized School Personnel Signature

Date

Student Information Form

1. Student Information

Name: _____
Last Middle Initial First

Preferred Name (if different from above): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Sex: Male Female Race/Ethnicity: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

*Alternate Email: _____
**This can be a second personal email or a parent email. Please remember to check your email often.*

School: _____ School District: _____

School City: _____ Current Grade: _____

Please choose a COSLI Major:

_____ International Social Studies

or

_____ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

Choose STEAM Focus:

_____ Art/Music

_____ STEM

Are you a first-generation prospective college student? YES NO

Are you eligible for free and reduced lunch? YES NO

State Identification Number (SASID): _____

2. Parent Information

Name: _____
Last Middle Initial First

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

*Alternate Email: _____

3. Statement of Intent

My signature indicates my wish to be considered as a Colorado Student Leaders Institute Nominee. I understand that if I am selected by the Board, and if I accept, I am committing to obtaining a sponsorship and remaining on campus for the entirety of the program, and that I will follow the COSLI and University of Colorado Denver codes of conduct.

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Activity and Experience Form

Student Name: _____

Primary Email: _____

1. Please detail your school, work, and community activities during the past three years.

Please adhere to the following format for each entry:

Title of Activity/Employment: _____

Dates Involved: _____ to _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

**If you are currently involved in the activity/employment, please write "Present" for end date.*

Sponsor/Supervisor: _____

Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

Description:

2. Please detail any residential (overnight) activities or experiential activities attended, if any.

Please adhere to the following format for each entry:

Title of Program/Activity: _____

Dates Involved: _____ to _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

**If you are currently involved in the activity/employment, please write "Present" for end date.*

Sponsor/Supervisor: _____

Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

Description:

3. Please detail any awards, recognitions, or honors that you have received during the past three years.

Please adhere to the following format for each entry:

Title of Award/Recognition/Honor: _____

Date Received: _____

Description (if applicable):

3. In 250-500 words, please detail why these activities, work opportunities, or honors are important to you.

4. Based on your experience, in 250-500 words, please detail how you think you could contribute to a program where students live in close quarters and are required to become a living community.

Essays

Student Name: _____

Primary Email: _____

Please write the two essays as directed below. Type each essay on a separate page and include your name and primary email, as above. Please also title your essay, and identify its main topic (i.e. immigration, renewable energy, mental health, etc.). Please limit each essay to between 500 and no more than 1,000 words (2-4 double-spaced pages). You should choose different topics for each essay.

Essay 1: Issues in Contemporary Culture

Identify and discuss one significant problem or issue in contemporary culture that concerns you. Discuss why it matters to you, what possible solutions you or others might propose to deal with it, and why it is important to deal with it.

Essay 2: Issues in Colorado

Identify and discuss one significant problem or issue in Colorado that concerns you. Discuss why it matters to you, what possible solutions you or others might propose to deal with it, and why it is important to deal with it.

Essays Included

Student Identification of Recommenders

Student Name: _____

Primary Email: _____

Two recommendation forms must be submitted by persons who know the nominee's strengths and can address the nominee's intellectual curiosity, love of learning, and potential to profit from Colorado Student Leaders Institute experience. **No parent or student should submit a recommendation. Recommendation forms must be submitted via the online platform. At least one recommendation must be from a high school teacher.**

Please identify the individuals that will be submitting recommendation forms for you. We will contact them via email in the event that we do not receive your recommendation forms.

Recommender 1:

Name: _____

Title: _____ Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Recommender 2:

Name: _____

Title: _____ Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Recommendation Forms

Student Name: _____

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A sample of the Recommendation Form is included, here. Please follow this link to fill out online and submit to the online platform.

Recommendation Forms

Student Name: _____

Recommender Name: _____

Title: _____ Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ District: _____

How long have you know the student? _____

Subjects you have taught this nominee (if you are a teacher). Please also include the grade the nominee was in at the time of instruction:

DIRECTIONS: In sections A & B, choose the numbers that indicate your perception of this student. Please elaborate in the space provided. We are interested in knowing what is unique about this student. Please then answer the questions in section C.

N/A= Not Applicable	1=Poor	2=Acceptable	3=Good	4=Very Good
5=Superior				

A. What do you consider this student's particular strengths, weaknesses, and potential as a student? To what degree does this student demonstrate:

1. Openness to new ideas and challenging material N/A 1 2 3 4 5

2. Ability to synthesize ideas N/A 1 2 3 4 5

3. Ability to grasp underlying principles N/A 1 2 3 4 5

4. Capacity to examine multiple ideas or solutions to problems or questions
N/A 1 2 3 4 5

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| 5. Ability to work constructively on a task with independence and commitment for an extended period of time. | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Capacity and willingness to examine assumptions | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. Work of high quality | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. Creativity | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. Motivation | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Please elaborate on the information above:

B. How would you evaluate this student's stability, character, maturity, and attitude towards peers, teachers, and others? To what degree does the student demonstrate:

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|--|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Cooperation with teachers and others | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Honesty, helpfulness, and consideration of others | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Ability to listen to and interact with classmates | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Empathy for other classmates | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Social and emotional maturity | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Individual responsibility | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. Potential for growth | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. Adaptability in new situations | N/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Please elaborate on the information above:

C. Are you confident that this student:

- The student is inquisitive, serious, and flexible enough to entertain speculative questions and to push intellectual boundaries?

YES

NO

Please elaborate on the information above:

Signature

Date

The information provided is confidential and will be read only by persons responsible for student selection, and faculty and staff of The Colorado Student Leaders Institute.

Parent/Guardian Commitment

Student Name: _____

As a reminder: COSLI runs from July 8 – August 4, 2018 in Denver at the University of Colorado Denver. Students are required to live on campus during that time, with one parent visit weekend. Students who are accepted with complete three hours of college credit and three comprehensive projects. One weekend during the program will be spent in the mountains, immersed in outdoor education and service work.

Students will be responsible for obtaining a \$400 sponsorship.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of the applicant are asked to answer the following question:

Why do you believe your child should be a Colorado Student Leaders Institute Scholar?
How will you support him/her in this endeavor?

Understanding/Consent Form (To be read and signed by parent/guardians and student nominee)
This section assumes that parents/guardians and nominees fully understand their responsibilities if nominees are selected to attend Colorado Student Leaders Institute. Signatures of both nominees and parent/guardians are required.

If selected, I understand that my child must commit to obtaining a sponsorship. Upon arrival, they will remain with the program until the end of the session. I certify that I have read and understand the above information and consent to its terms and that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby consent to my son's/daughter's nomination to The Colorado Student Leaders Institute and expressly authorize school officials to report my child's achievement and aptitude test scores. I also waive my right to review any comments/information supplied.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I certify that I have read & understand the above information & consent to its terms. I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the essays I have submitted are mine. I understand I will be expected to complete assignments in each session. I understand that all school data in support of my nomination are available to the Student Selection Committee, and I waive my right to review any comments/information supplied. I understand that I will be creating a permanent transcript with CU Denver. I hereby submit my name for nomination to the Colorado Student Leaders Institute and agree that if selected, and if I accept, I will obtain the applicable sponsorship and attend for the entire program.

Student Nominee's Signature

Date