

## 2008-2009 Cost of Attendance Adjustment for Computer Purchase

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Name (Last, First, M.I.). *Please print.*

Complete this form to increase your Cost of Attendance budget. By increasing your budget, you **may become eligible for additional loan money** in the form of Parent Loans, Stafford Loans and/or alternative loans. NOTE: This process will not make you eligible for (more) grant funds.

To increase your budget for a computer purchase, you **must purchase the computer during your period of enrollment or within a reasonable period of time prior to becoming enrolled.**

**IMPORTANT:** Complete this form and **submit with documentation of the cost** for computer, hardware, or software you have purchased (receipts) OR plan to purchase (estimates from the vendor).

An initial computer purchase, including CPU, monitor, printer and basic software, can be obtained at a base price of approximately \$1000. Additional upgrades of hardware and software that may be needed during the college career should not exceed \$1500. Given this information, the Office of Financial Aid will allow students to increase their cost of attendance by a total of \$2500 for any 3-year period.

*Additional Information:*

- The adjustment does not have to be done at one time. You can purchase equipment as you need it.
- The adjustment may or may not result in a change in the amount of financial aid you receive.
- Any increase in aid will be in the form of loans. For PLUS loans, parents must pass a credit check.
- Additional funds offered will be available beginning August 22, 2008.
- See reverse side here for the university's recommendations for student computers.

**NOTE: We will increase your "budget" by the amount reflected in the documentation you have submitted with this form (but in no event more than \$2500 for any 3-year period), unless you indicate below that you want a lesser amount**

Requested budget increase:

Documented amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Less than documented amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate in which semester you would like the increase\*:**

Fall/Spring evenly divided

Fall only

Spring only

*\*We'll treat the budget increase in the manner that serves you best.*

➤ **All appeals and documentation must be submitted by April 1, 2009**

**CERTIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDING**

I certify that any funds awarded to me based on this adjustment to my Cost of Attendance will be used solely for purchasing computer equipment. Furthermore, this computer equipment is intended for academic use during the 2008-2009 academic year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Office of Financial Aid  
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## 2007-2008 Computer Hardware – University Recommendations

*Minimum Hardware recommendations for student computer.* (For the most current recommendation and other information, see the website: <http://www.colorado.edu/its/recommendations/machinesr.html>)

- CPU: Desktop - iMac 1.83 GHz Intel or Intel Core Duo/Pentium 4/Celeron 3.0 GHz; Laptop - iBook with Intel processor or Intel Core Solo & Duo/Pentium M/Celeron 1.8 GHz
- RAM: 1 GB
- Hard Drive: Desktop - 160 GB for desktop; Laptop - 100 GB, 7200 RPM
- Video Adapter: Desktop - Graphics Card with 64 MB or greater; Laptop - Graphics Card with 32 MB or greater
- Network Access: 10/100 Network Card and/or Modem; (For Residence Halls, Housing recommends these network cards or latest revisions of these models: for desktop, D-Link DFE-530TX or 3Com 3C905C-TX; for laptop, D-Link DFE-650TX or 3Com 3CCFE574BT)
- Wireless Network Access: Desktop - none; Laptop - wireless 802.11g card
- Warranty: 3 years parts and labor
- Optical Storage: DVD Rom/CD-RW
- Ports: USB 2.0, Firewire
- Audio: Desktop - sound card and speakers; Laptop - card and built-in speakers
- Backup Medium: Internal, firewire, or USB 2.0 CD-RW, DVD±RW, 1.0 GB flash drive
- Operating system: Mac OS X 10.4.x or newer, Windows XP – Service Pack 2 (not home edition)
- Word Processing: Office 2004-Word 2004, Office 2003-Word 2003
- Spreadsheet: Office 2004-Excel 2004, Office 2003-Excel 2003
- Web Browser: Internet Explorer (versions 6.0 SP1 and newer for PC) is recommended for PCs only; Macs should use Safari (version 1.3.x and newer) or Firefox 1.x, Mozilla
- Electronic Mail: WebMail in browser, Outlook 2003 and Express, Entourage 2004 (Mac), OS X Mail, or Browser based e-mail
- Virus Protection: CUantivirus