



University of Colorado **Boulder**



A GUIDE TO APPLYING TO CU-BOULDER FOR VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

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VETERANS ON CAMPUS

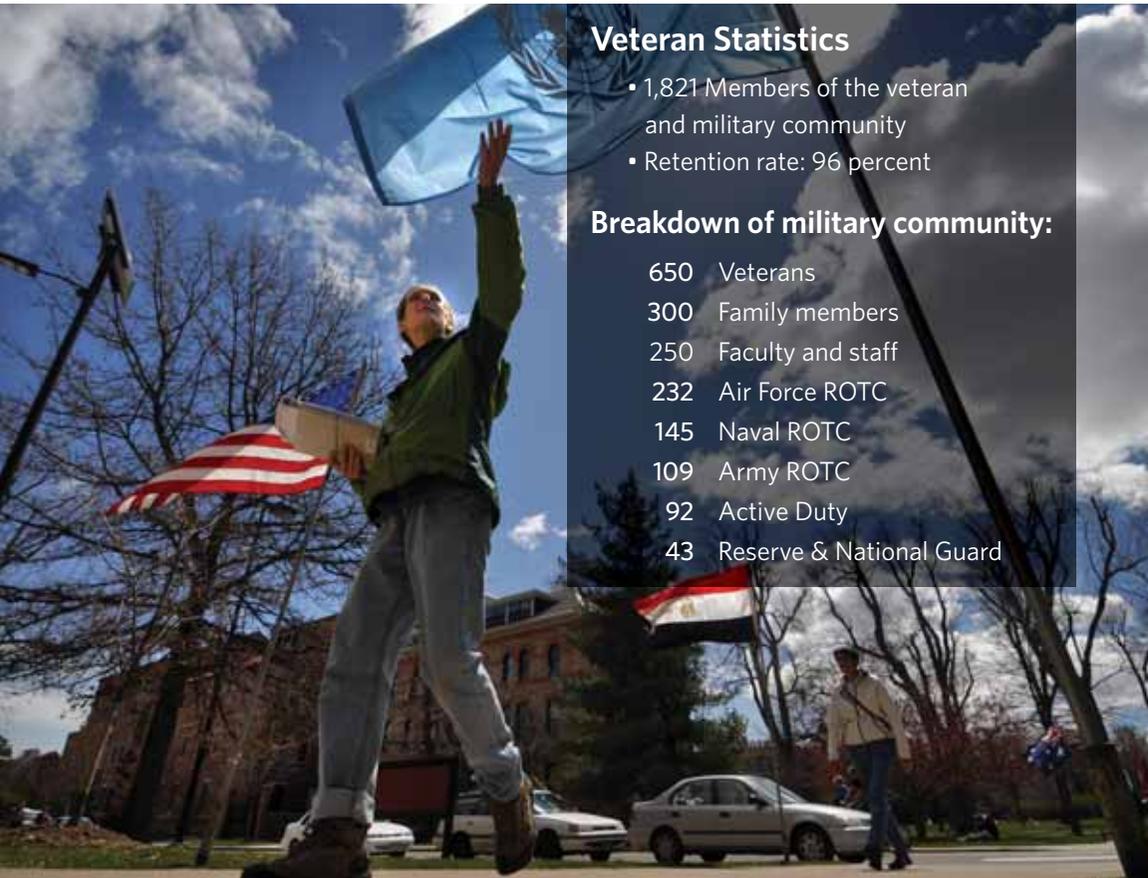
CU-Boulder is proud to support its student veterans and family members. An established veteran services program on campus meets the needs of prospective student veterans, as well as members of the military service and their family members who are attending CU-Boulder.



GET TO KNOW CU-BOULDER

In person: Attend Military Student Day on **September 20, 2013** or **March 21, 2014**. This all-day visit program provides the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a CU-Boulder student with special emphasis on services and programs available to the military community. Register today through your MyCUBoulder account at mycuboulder.colorado.edu.

Online: Use your MyCUBoulder account to register for campus events, apply online, check your application status and more. Log in to or create your account at mycuboulder.colorado.edu.



Veteran Statistics

- 1,821 Members of the veteran and military community
- Retention rate: 96 percent

Breakdown of military community:

650	Veterans
300	Family members
250	Faculty and staff
232	Air Force ROTC
145	Naval ROTC
109	Army ROTC
92	Active Duty
43	Reserve & National Guard

Application Checklist

- Undergraduate application for admission
(submitted online)
- \$50 nonrefundable application fee
(not covered by the GI Bill)
- Official high school transcript(s) with
graduation date or equivalent
GED scores
- Official college transcript(s) (if applicable)

- SAT or ACT scores*
- Personal essays
- Letter of recommendation

* Transfer students with more than 24 college credit hours are not required to submit test scores. High school transcripts or GED scores are mandatory for all applicants in order to determine completion of core curriculum requirements. Contact admissions for further information.



APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

1. Submit a complete application online by the application deadline

The application procedure depends on your status as a freshman (you have not taken any college courses after high school) or transfer student (you have taken at least one college credit hour post-secondary. SMART, AARTS and CCAF credits do not apply). Access the application through the 'Apply' tab in your MyCUBoulder account at mycuboulder.colorado.edu. If you have questions about your application, your admission counselor is happy to help. Find him/her online at colorado.edu/admissions/undergraduate/contact.

2. Request that official transcripts and test scores be sent to the Office of Admissions

Depending on your status as a freshman or transfer student and how many college credits you have completed, SAT/ACT scores may be required. High school transcripts or GED equivalent are required for all applicants.

3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Scholarship Application

To be considered for any type of financial aid and scholarships beyond your veteran benefits, you must complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov and the CU-Boulder Scholarship application. The FAFSA will determine your eligibility for grants, student loans and work study, and may be required for some scholarship applications. The CU-Boulder scholarship application is located in your MyCUBoulder account under the 'Finances' tab. You do not need to be admitted to CU-Boulder to apply for scholarships. Scholarship application deadlines vary by term. For more information on financial aid and scholarships visit colorado.edu/finaid.

4. After admission, confirm your enrollment

Log in to your MyCUBoulder account and navigate to the 'Confirm' tab to confirm your enrollment. Click the 'Confirm now' button and follow the steps to pay your confirmation deposit. If you would like to defer your admission or if you will not be attending CU-Boulder, you can notify the Office of Admissions in your MyCUBoulder account. *Your \$200 enrollment deposit is not refundable and is not covered by the GI Bill.*

5. Attend orientation and register for classes

Orientation sessions are a great introduction to CU-Boulder, and they are required for all incoming students. Once you have confirmed your enrollment, register for orientation at orientation.colorado.edu. During your orientation session you will meet with your academic advisor, attend a Veteran's Services session and register for classes.

USING YOUR VETERAN BENEFITS

As a veteran, you or your family members may be eligible for federal education benefits. Complete information on veteran education benefits can be found at veterans.colorado.edu/current-students/ed-benefits.

Post-9/11 GI Bill and Transfer of Education Benefit (Chapter 33)

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is for veterans with at least 90 days of total service on or after September 11, 2001, or veterans discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Veterans who qualify for this benefit can also transfer their education benefit to their family members. The Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) rate for Boulder, Colorado, is \$1,617 per month. **Student veterans using their own GI Bill benefits and not those of a family member qualify for in-state tuition.**

For more information on additional veteran student benefits, such as the Montgomery GI Bill, Vet Success Program and Survivors and Dependents Assistance, visit the Veteran Services website at veterans.colorado.edu/ed-benefits.

Yellow Ribbon Program: CU-Boulder offers veteran dependents who qualify for out-of-state tuition up to \$5,000 per year (up to \$10,000 when combined with VA Benefits) to help cover the cost of out-of-state tuition. Visit veterans.colorado.edu/faqs for more information and to submit a Yellow Ribbon Program Application.



Submit an Initial Application for GI Bill Benefits to the VA

To begin receiving your federal educational benefits, submit an initial Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) to the VA as soon as possible before the term you wish to begin classes. Once you have completed the online VONAPP, the Department of Veterans Affairs will mail your Certificate of Eligibility to the address you listed on the VONAPP. You should anticipate a four- to six-week waiting period to receive your letter. You can submit the VONAPP online at www.ebenefits.va.gov.

Submit GI Bill Eligibility Paperwork and Request for Enrollment Certification to Veteran Services Office

Once the VA has reviewed your application for benefits, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility informing you of your benefit award. Submit this form along with a Request for Enrollment Certification to the Office of Veteran Services (the enrollment certification request can be submitted at any time prior to the start of the term). Forms are available at veterans.colorado.edu/resources/forms.



“THE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE IS VERY HELPFUL. THEY HAVE A GREAT STAFF COMPOSED OF **VETERANS WHO DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.**”

Matthew Reed, Geology and Anthropology
Army
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

LIVING IN BOULDER

On-campus housing: Freshmen are required to live in a CU-Boulder residence hall for two academic semesters unless they are married, or live with parents or guardians and have permission to commute. Transfer students are not required to live on campus, but if space is available you may apply to live in a residence hall. CU-Boulder housing also offers upper classmen apartments at Bear Creek and Family Housing options. Veterans who choose to live on campus can use the Post 9/11 GI Bill monthly housing allowance (MHA) to cover living expenses; however, the MHA is disbursed monthly, and payment for on-campus housing is due at the beginning of each semester. Learn more at housing.colorado.edu.

Off-campus alternatives: For students who prefer to seek housing off campus, many alternatives are available in and around Boulder. The CU-Boulder Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Relations Office (ocss.colorado.edu) maintains listings of rooms, houses and apartments for rent in the Boulder community and helps students with various aspects of off-campus living. The Post 9/11 GI Bill MHA offers veteran students \$1,617 per month to cover cost-of-living expenses.



VETERAN SERVICES

The Office of Veteran Services provides a full spectrum of support to assist Veterans and Veteran family members in the transition to CU-Boulder and is committed to their success during their time at CU-Boulder and after graduation. The CU-Boulder Office of Veterans Services is located on campus in the Center for Community, Fourth Floor, Room S482. Useful information can be found on the Veteran Services website at veterans.colorado.edu.



The Student Veteran Association assists veterans in making successful transitions from military to college life by creating a social and professional support network, educating veterans on the benefits they are entitled to and providing a welcoming atmosphere to the University of Colorado Boulder.

RESOURCES

Career Services—helps CU-Boulder students and alumni plan, prepare and promote their careers. careerservices.colorado.edu

Counseling Services—supports students of the CU-Boulder campus community through individual and group counseling, outreach and prevention services. counseling.colorado.edu

Disability Services—provides students with disabilities tools, reasonable accommodations and support services to participate fully in the academic environment. disabilityservices.colorado.edu

Office of Financial Aid—assists students with financial aid and scholarship funding information. colorado.edu/finaid/

Wardenburg Health Center—primary health care facility for CU-Boulder students, located conveniently on campus. Services include primary care, psychological health, sports medicine, women’s health and peer health education. colorado.edu/healthcenter

Women’s Resource Center—offers leadership opportunities to students and works in collaboration with a variety of campus and community partners. colorado.edu/WomensResourceCenter



READY TO LEARN MORE?

Activate Your MyCUBoulder Portal to take care of business—register for events, apply online and check your admission status at mycuboulder.colorado.edu.

Join the Veteran and Military student e-mail list to receive information tailored to your needs at colorado.edu/admissions/undergraduate/veteran.

Be Social

Get to know us better by visiting our online communities. Search MyCUBoulder at:



Visit Campus colorado.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visit

Join us for one of our daily information sessions and campus tours, held Monday through Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and most Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Transfer student information sessions are also available on select dates, as well as special all-day visit programs like Military Student Day, Admitted Student Day and Summer Sampler.

Can't make it to campus? See what life is like at CU-Boulder through our virtual tour. Visit colorado.edu/campusmap/virtualtour.

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CU-Boulder Application Deadlines

Freshmen		Transfers	
Summer and Fall Terms			
Submit Application by: Early Action (non-binding) November 15 Regular Decision January 15	We notify you of your status by: February 1 April 1	Submit Application by: March 1	We notify you of your status by: 6 to 8 weeks after application is complete*
Spring Term			
October 1	6 to 8 weeks after application is complete*	October 1	6 to 8 weeks after application is complete*

** Notifications begin rolling out on Oct. 1 for spring and March 1 for fall and summer. If the deadline date falls on a non-business day, the deadline will be through the next business day.*

Transferring Credit to CU-Boulder

Visit our transfer center online at colorado.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer or contact your admission counselor for help.



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I CHOSE CU-BOULDER BECAUSE
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HIGHLY RANKED UNIVERSITY**
WITH A COMMUNITY THAT IS
FRESH WITH IDEAS, LIFE AND
PASSION.”

Kevin Ford, Arts and Sciences
Navy
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CONTACTS

The Office of Veteran Services

veterans.colorado.edu
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Veteran's Certifying Official

Phone: 303-492-7322
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Tuition Classification

registrar.colorado.edu/students/
tuition_classification.html
Phone: 303-492-0907
e-mail: tuitclass@colorado.edu

Undergraduate Office of Admissions

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