

# How to pay the confirmation deposit for returning students

Use these instructions:

- if you are a returning student;
- if you have a confirmation deposit hold;
- or if you are a new student and your initial confirmation deposit was rejected.

If you have a Confirmation Deposit hold or if you are a new student, please continue with your admissions tasks, including applying for on-campus housing, etc. This hold will not prevent you from continuing admissions or housing processes.



Step 1: Students log in to [Buff Portal](#) using your IdentiKey. If you need help, see [Activate My IdentiKey](#).

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## Federated Identity Service

### Log in to **Buff Portal**

**IdentiKey Username** (example: chbu1234)

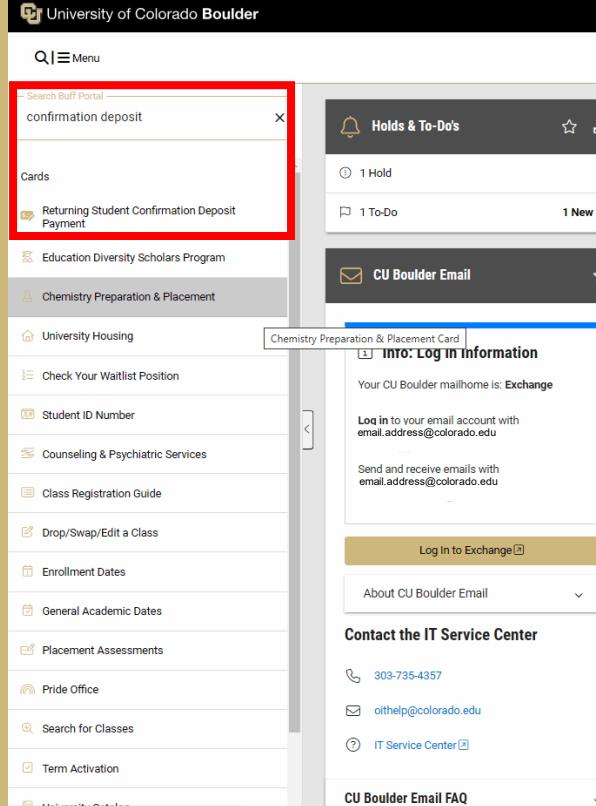
**IdentiKey Password**

**Log In**      **Advanced Settings...**

Need help logging in?  
Quit or close all browser windows to exit completely.  
**DO NOT** bookmark this page! Bookmark the service homepage after logging in.



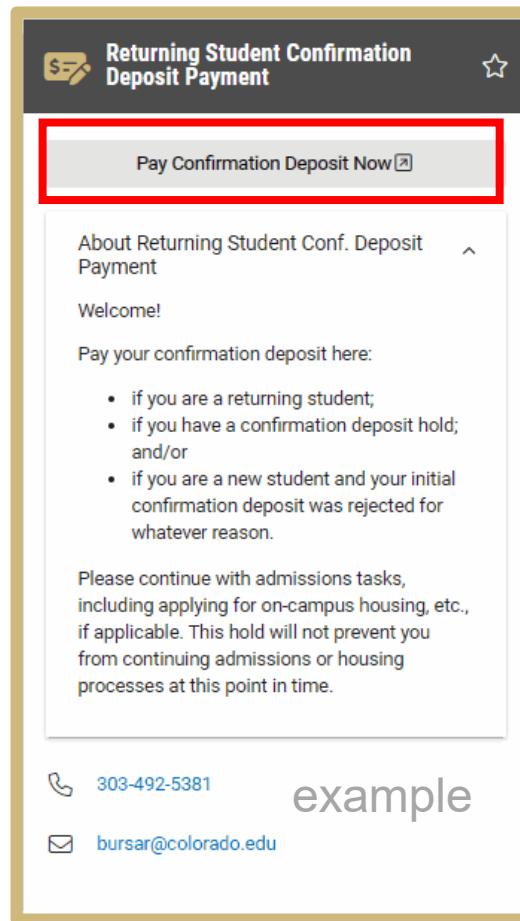
Step 2: Enter “confirmation deposit” in the Buff Portal search bar. Click **Returning Student Confirmation Deposit Payment** to open the card.



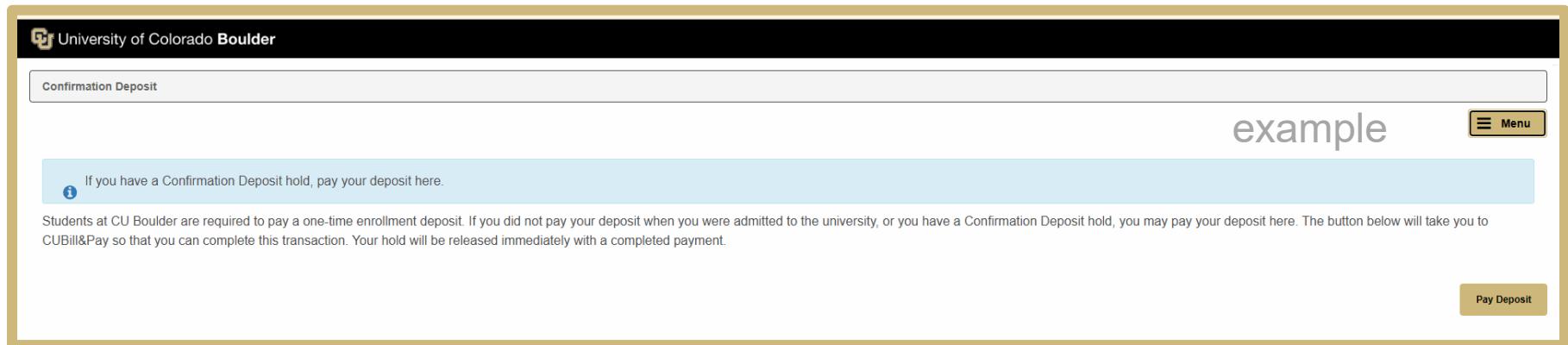
The image shows the Buff Portal homepage. A search bar at the top contains the text "confirmation deposit". Below the search bar, a card titled "Returning Student Confirmation Deposit Payment" is highlighted with a red box. The rest of the homepage features various links and cards: "Holds & To-Do's" (1 Hold, 1 To-Do), "CU Boulder Email" (Log in to Exchange), "Buff Portal Survey" (Take the Survey), "Enrollment Dates" (Spring 2026 Enrollment Date: November 7, 2025 9:30AM - January 5, 2026 11:59PM; Fall 2025 Enrollment Date: April 4, 2025 5:15PM - June 1, 2025 11:59PM), "Buff Info Help" (Live Chat), "Contact the IT Service Center" (Phone: 303-735-4357, Email: oithelp@colorado.edu, IT Service Center), and "CU Boulder Email FAQ". On the right side, there are cards for "Class Schedule" (Fall 2025, December 16 - 20, showing a 5-day view with a "Waitlisted" status), "Your Classes" (Fall 2025, showing courses like ENVD 1976-800 Colloquium - Exploring Careers, Research and Practice (Seminar) and ENVD 3939-801 Exploratory Internship (Internship)), and "Grades & GPA" (Undergraduate, showing a grade of 3.467). The top right of the page has links for Home, Favorites, Notifications, Help, and Profile.



## Step 3: Click on the **Pay Confirmation Deposit Now**.



## Step 4: Click Pay Deposit.



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Confirmation Deposit

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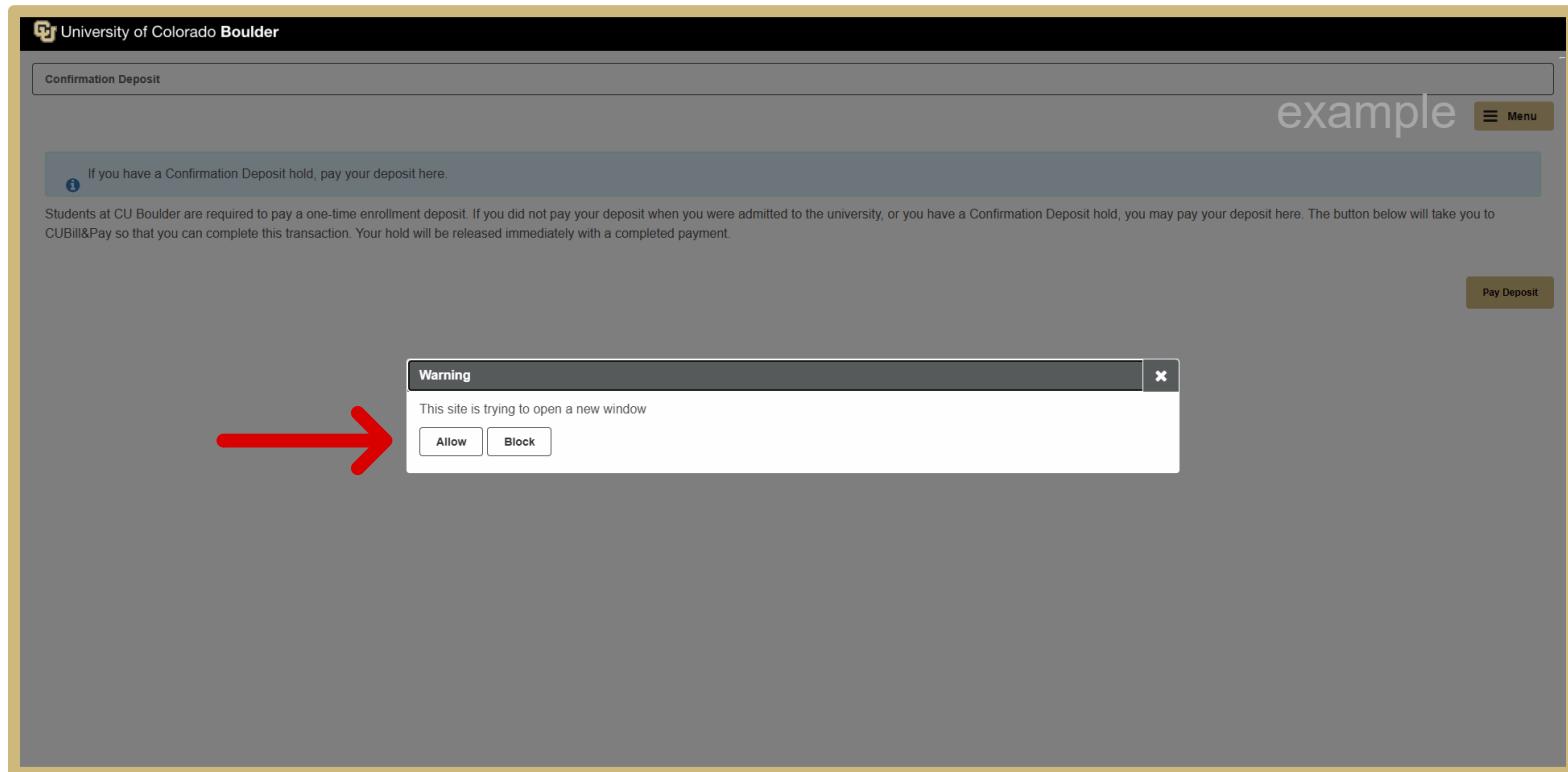
**Info** If you have a Confirmation Deposit hold, pay your deposit here.

Students at CU Boulder are required to pay a one-time enrollment deposit. If you did not pay your deposit when you were admitted to the university, or you have a Confirmation Deposit hold, you may pay your deposit here. The button below will take you to CUBill&Pay so that you can complete this transaction. Your hold will be released immediately with a completed payment.

**Pay Deposit**

Menu

## Step 5: Click **Allow**.



Step 6: Enter payment amount and click **Next - Payment Method**.

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Make Payment

1 Payment Information      2 Payment Method      3 Payment Confirmation

**Paying Boulder Deposit**  
Required fields are marked with an <sup>\*</sup>

Payment Amount <sup>\*</sup>

Account

Amount Due

Total amount to pay: \$200.00

**Next - Payment Method**



Step 7: Choose a payment method. *(A nonrefundable 2.85% service fee is assessed by Nelnet Campus Commerce for all debit or credit transactions. We encourage payment from a checking or savings account (eCheck) in order to save money and avoid paying the service fee charged by Nelnet. Paying with eCheck is secure, fast and free.)*

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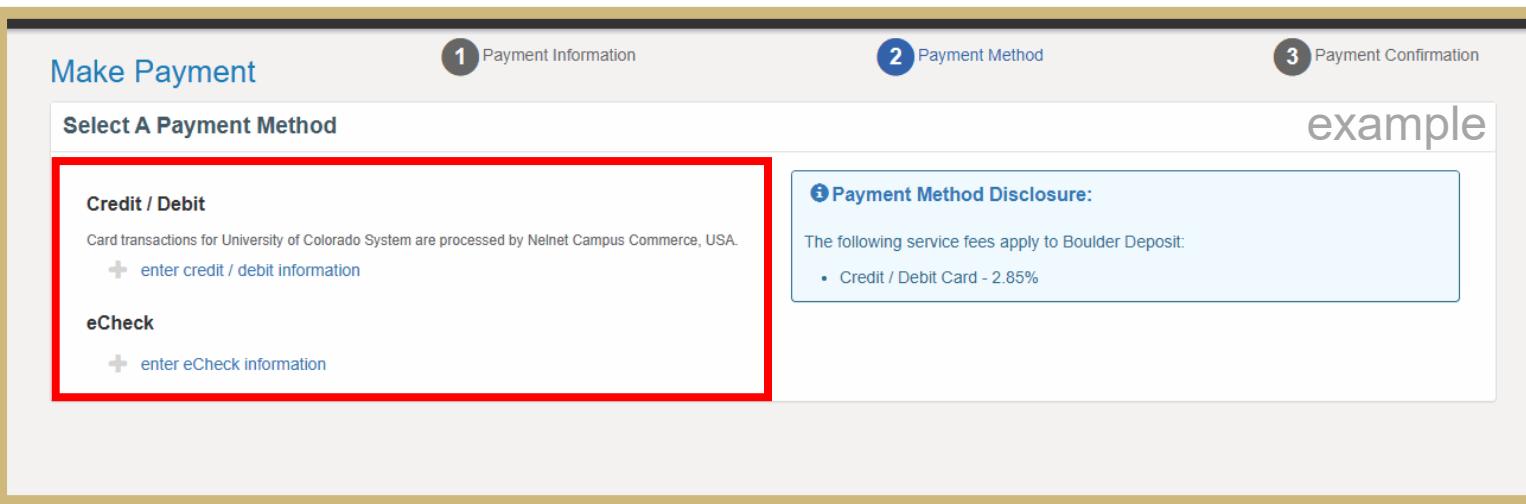
Select A Payment Method

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**Credit / Debit**  
Card transactions for University of Colorado System are processed by Nelnet Campus Commerce, USA.  
+ enter credit / debit information

**eCheck**  
+ enter eCheck information

**Payment Method Disclosure:**  
The following service fees apply to Boulder Deposit:  
• Credit / Debit Card - 2.85%



# Step 8: Enter payment information for the payment method you chose and click Submit Payment.

*If you are paying with eCheck:*

**Make Payment**

**1 Payment Information**   **2 Payment Method**   **3 Payment Confirmation**

**Enter ECheck Payment Information**  
Required fields are marked with an \*

**Bank Account Details**

Account Holder Name \*

Account Type \*  
 Checking    Savings

Routing Number \*

Account Number \*

Confirm Account Number \*

**Payment Information Recap**

**Contact Information**  
Email Address \*

[Add Another Email](#)

**Total Amount**  
Paying Boulder Deposit  

**Authorization**

By checking the Authorize Payment checkbox, you authorize the Merchant, or its Agent, to initiate a debit entry to the account indicated above and to debit the same to such account. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. Law.

Authorize Payment

Note: Once you submit the above payment, it will be processed on the date indicated. Should you decide to cancel the payment once submitted, you are responsible for contacting your financial institution to request a Stop Payment Order. Please be aware that the Stop Payment Order must reach your financial institution prior to your account having been debited.

Total amount to pay: \$200.00

**Submit Payment for \$200.00**

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*If you are paying with a credit or debit card:*

**Make Payment**

**1 Payment Information**   **2 Payment Method**   **3 Payment Confirmation**

**Enter Credit / Debit Payment Information**  
Required fields are marked with an \*

**Card Number** \*

Card Number

Confirm Card Number

Account Holder Name \*

Expiration Date \*

**Payment Method Disclosure:**

**nelnet** **Payment Services** **nelnet** **CAMPUS COMMERCE**

**Service Fee Notice**

Credit and debit card payments are processed by Nelnet Campus Commerce through Nelnet Payment Services. Nelnet Campus Commerce provides third-party transaction processing services, operating under an agreement with your institution to process credit and debit card payments on your behalf.

**You will be charged a Service Fee for processing your payment.** This means that the Service Fee amount is calculated based on 2.85% of your total payment amount. The 2.85% Service Fee will appear as a separate item on your statement. The Service Fee is not a fee assessed by your institution. The Service Fee is not refundable, even if the payment to which it relates is cancelled, refunded, credited or charged back.

**Payment Information Recap**

**Contact Information**  
Email Address \*

[Add Another Email](#)

**Total Amount**  
Paying Boulder Deposit    Service Fee  

**Authorization**

By checking the box below, you also agree to pay the vendor-assessed non-refundable 2.85% service fee(s) explained in the Payment Method Disclosure found above.

I agree to pay the 2.85% service fee(s).

Total amount to pay: \$205.70

**Submit Payment for \$205.70**

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Step 9: Your deposit is now paid. If you paid with a credit or debit card, you will see two receipts and receive two separate emails: one for the confirmation deposit payment and one for the service fee payment.

*If you are paying with eCheck:*

 **Payment Confirmation**  
An email has been sent to Z9ZLSBLD00149@cu.edu

**Boulder Deposit : Payment Summary**

Confirmation Number: <b>5001620899</b>	Payment Date: <b>Dec 17, 2025</b> at 15:18 PM, MST
Total Amount Charged: <b>\$200.00</b>	Effective Date: <b>Dec 17, 2025</b>
Payment Method: <b>CHECKING ending with 6789</b>	Account: <b>Boulder Confirmation Deposits</b>
Amount Due: <b>\$200.00</b>	Payment Amount: <b>\$200.00</b>
Holder's Name: <b>Ralphie Buffalo</b>	Routing Number:

**Thank you for your payment.**

**Separate  
receipt for  
service fee**



*If you are paying with a credit/debit card:*

 **Payment Confirmation**  
An email has been sent to Z9ZLSBLD00149@cu.edu

**Boulder Deposit : Payment Summary**

Confirmation Number: <b>5001620894</b>	Payment Date: <b>Dec 17, 2025</b> at 15:14 PM, MST
Total Amount Charged: <b>\$200.00</b>	Effective Date: <b>Dec 17, 2025</b>
Payment Method: <b>VISA ending with 1111</b>	Account: <b>Boulder Confirmation Deposits</b>
Amount Due: <b>\$200.00</b>	Payment Amount: <b>\$200.00</b>
Cardholder's Name: <b>Ralphie Buffalo</b>	Routing Number:

**Thank you for your payment.**

**Boulder Deposit : Service Fee**

Confirmation Number: <b>5001620896</b>	Payment Date: <b>Dec 17, 2025</b> at 15:14 PM, MST
Total Amount Charged: <b>\$5.70</b>	Effective Date: <b>Dec 17, 2025</b>
Payment Method: <b>VISA ending with 1111</b>	Cardholder's Name: <b>Ralphie Buffalo</b>