



# MENV TIPS: FINDING FUNDING AND HOUSING



Masters of the Environment  
University of Colorado **Boulder**



# FUNDING

- Tuition
- Scholarships
- FAFSA/ASSET
- Student Employment
- Peace Corps/Americorps/Veteran Affairs



**Tuition classification is governed by state law (Title 23, Article 7, of the Colorado Revised Statutes of 1973, as amended) and by judicial decisions that apply to all public institutions of higher education in Colorado, and is subject to change at any time.**

### **YOU'RE PROBABLY A RESIDENT IF...**

- You attended a Colorado high school for at least one year preceding the date of your graduation and you've lived in Colorado for at least 12 consecutive months before enrolling at CU Boulder.
- You (if you're 23 or older) or your parents (if you're under 23) have been domiciled in Colorado for one or more years.
- You're a member of an American Indian tribe with historical ties to Colorado.
- You're a dependent of or are yourself a qualifying member of the military (aid restrictions apply).

### **YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT A RESIDENT IF...**

- You're under 23 and your parents haven't been domiciled in Colorado for one or more years.
- You're 23 or older and you haven't been domiciled in Colorado for one or more years.
- You're in possession of a nonimmigrant visa (F-1, F-2, H-3, M-1, M-2 or J-1).





# TUITION

**In-State: ~\$65,399** (including tuition, fees and books) for 48 credits. This number does NOT include rent, groceries, etc.

**Out of State: ~\$76,674** (including tuition, fees and books) for 48 credits. This number does NOT include rent, groceries, etc.



# IN-STATE

SEMESTER	CREDITS	TUITION	FEES	TOTAL COST
Fall 2025	13	\$15,964	\$618	\$16,582
Spring 2026	14	\$17,192	\$556	\$17,748
Summer 2026	5	\$6,140	\$569	\$6,709
Fall 2026	10	\$12,280	\$556	\$12,836
Spring 2027	6	\$7,368	\$556	\$7,924
			TOTAL	\$61,799



# OUT OF STATE/ INTERNATIONAL

SEMESTER	CREDITS	TUITION	NON-RESIDENT FEES	INTERNATIONAL FEES	NON-RESIDENT TOTAL COST	INTERATIONAL TOTAL COST
Fall 2025	13	\$19,916	\$618	\$741	\$20,534	\$20,657
Spring 2026	14	\$21,448	\$556	\$596	\$22,004	\$22,044
Summer 2026	5	\$7,660	\$569	\$609	\$8,229	\$8,269
Fall 2026	10	\$15,320	\$556	\$596	\$15,876	\$15,916
Spring 2027	6	\$9,192	\$556	\$596	\$9,748	\$9,788
				TOTAL	\$76,391	\$76,674

# OUT OF STATE TO IN-STATE

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Spring 2027	9	\$11,052	\$556	\$11,608
			TOTAL	\$70,615



# OUT OF STATE TO IN-STATE

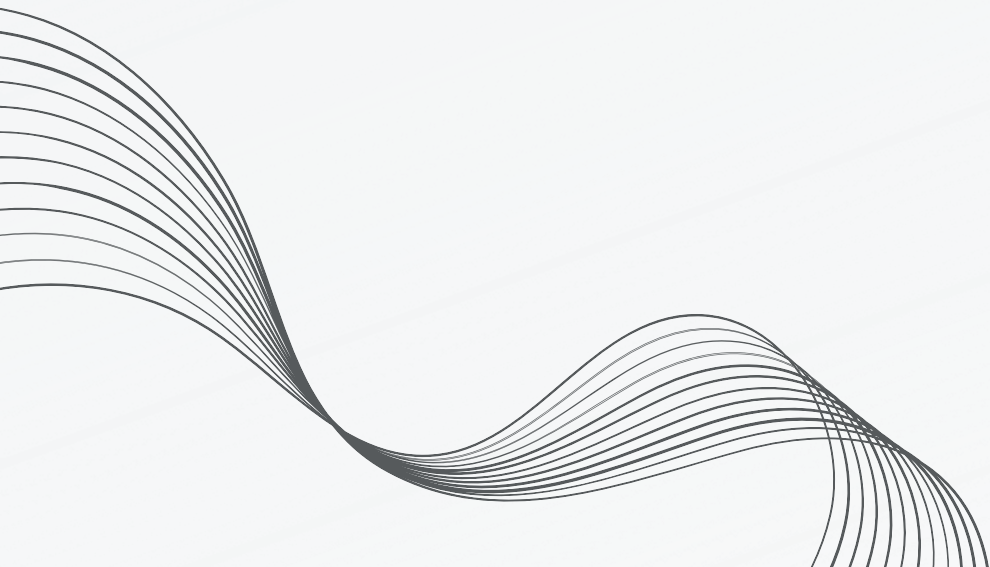
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			TOTAL	\$71,527

# SCHOLARSHIPS

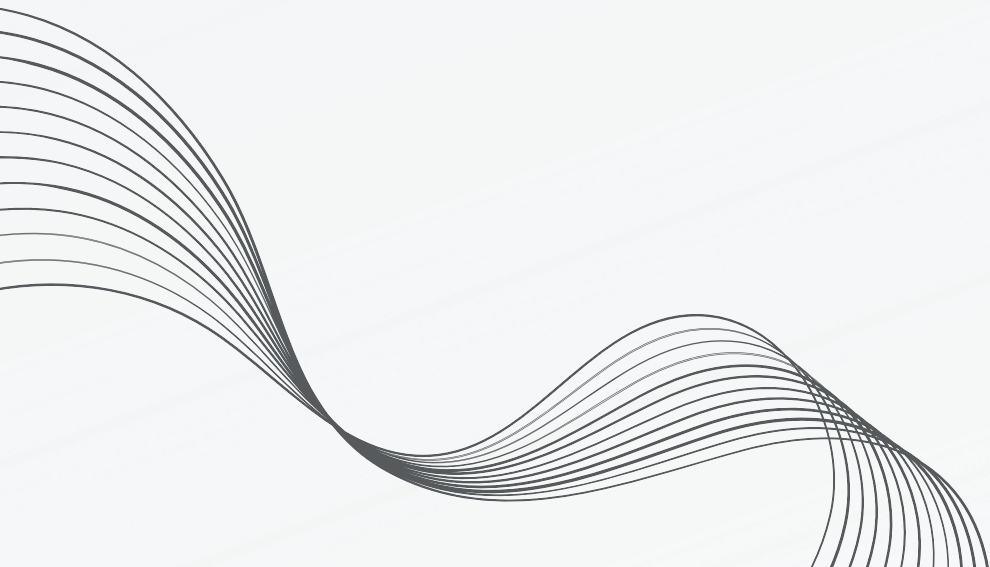
- We offered our initial round of programmatic scholarships from the priority applicant pool.
  - As those students let us know about their enrollment decision, there is the potential funding that can be redistributed.
- **The latest awardees can let us know about their enrollment is April 7.**
- Students enrolling in MENV may apply for CU Boulder's grants and awards through the Graduate School after researching the Funding Website (Awards and Grants).
- Outside Scholarships
  - Scholarship America
  - Scholly
  - Environmental Science Scholarships
  - Udall Foundation
  - American Indian College Fund
  - Switzer Foundation
  - National Association of Campus Activities
  - Soul Fire Farm (farming and/or ecological land stewardship)





# FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

- All graduate students (enrolled at least half time) who submit a FAFSA are eligible for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. Note that MENV requires a five credit hour Capstone course in the summer.
- The “Academic Year 2025-26” is defined as Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026.
  - If a student receives an offer of \$20,500 in Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans and accepts all funding in Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, there is no remaining eligibility for that loan in Summer 2026.
  - Graduate students may be eligible, however, to apply for an additional Graduate PLUS Loan or private student loan during the summer.





# ASSET

- The University of Colorado Boulder provides some grant and work-study assistance for Colorado resident students who are eligible under the Colorado Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow (ASSET) Bill or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
- Nonresident students are ineligible for need-based assistance or the Colorado ASSET Bill benefit, but are encouraged to apply for scholarships.
- Liz Holland, Michelle Cadena, Bobbie Bryant, Brendan Park, and Myles Maland all hold UnDocuAlly certifications, so please reach out to with any questions, comments, or concerns you might have.



[Eligibility Requirements](#)




[Colorado Financial Aid Application](#)





# WORKING IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

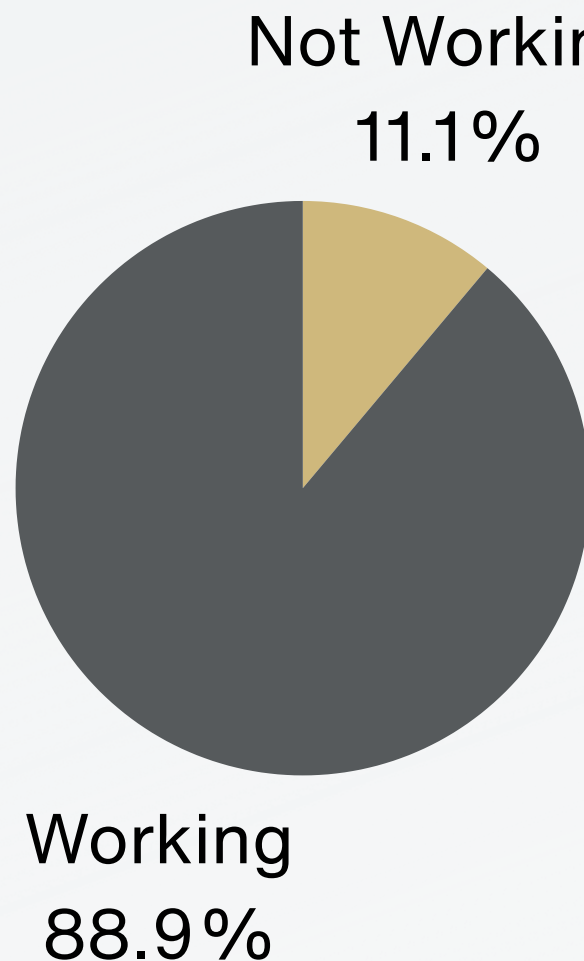
- CU Boulder's Student Employment service regularly posts job openings here. Jobs posted include:
    - Hourly Off-Campus jobs
    - Hourly On-Campus jobs
    - Work-Study jobs which require a need-based financial aid work-study award and FAFSA submission
  - Graduate student assistantship (GSA)
    - Positions open on an as need basis to support faculty and staff
    - Positions are NOT teaching assistantships
    - GSA positions are part-time jobs that result in a bi-weekly paycheck directly deposited to your bank account
    - You must be admitted and enrolled in MENV before applying
  - Note: International students can work on campus up to 20 hours a week while school is in session during the fall and spring semester. If a student has multiple on campus jobs, the total hours worked for all jobs cannot exceed 20 hours a week while school is in session. You can read more about this policy here.
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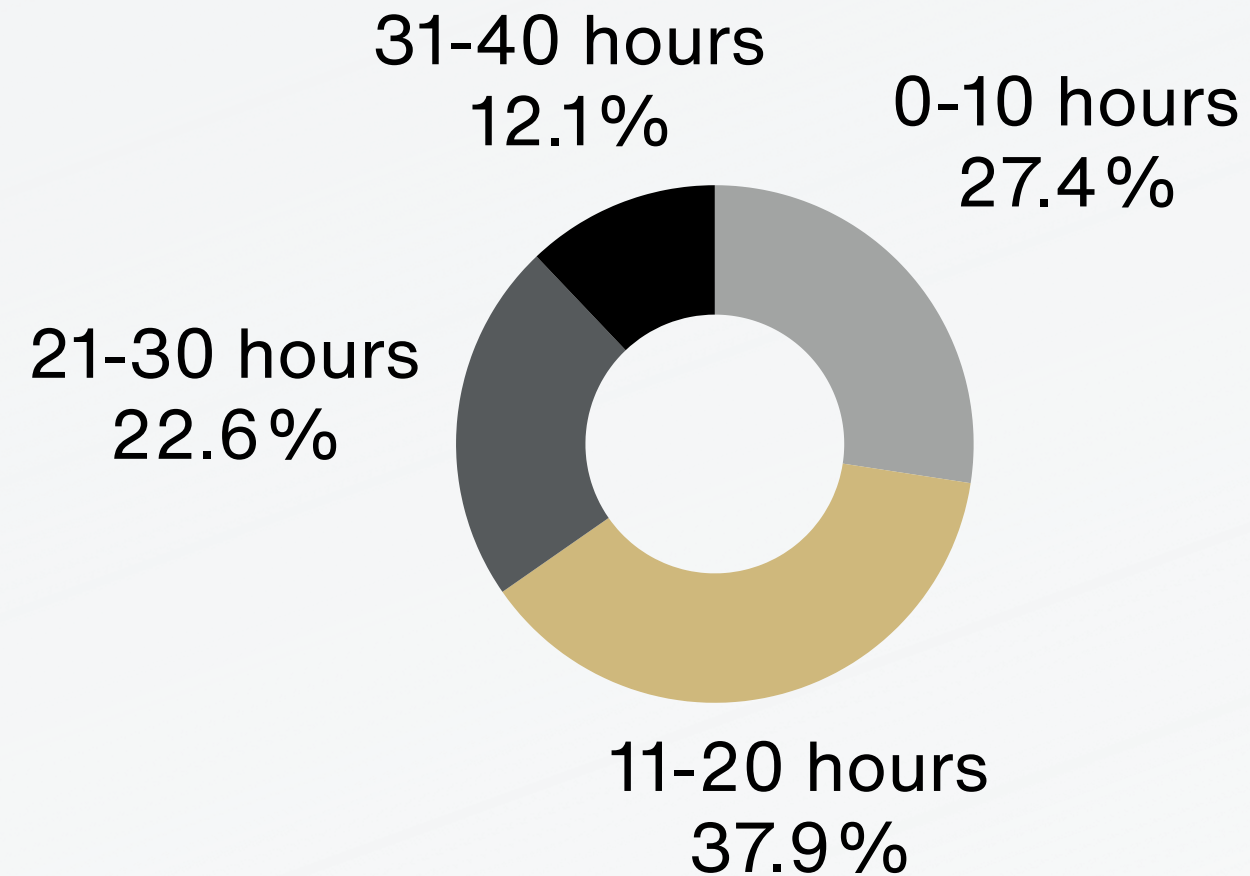
# WORKING IN GRADUATE SCHOOL CONT.

90 students from MENV were surveyed about working while in the program.

## Number of Students Working:



## Hours Worked Per Week:



## How does your job affect your studies?

- Over 50% of students said that their jobs had no real effect on their studies.
- 23% said their position helped them with their MENV studies as it put their coursework into practice.



**98%** of students are **compensated** for their roles

## Most Common Sectors:

- CU/Universities **14**
- Service **10**
- Non-Profits **6**
- Consulting **6**

## Most Common Roles:

- Grading TA
- Barista
- MENV GSA
- Intern



# RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR POSITION

- **Job Requirements**

- Completed at least two full-time (12 credit hours) semesters at the collegiate level by employment
- Must be a regularly enrolled, full-time student at CU Boulder
- Must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA on the date of job offer and the end of fall 2024 semester
  - Note: the minimum GPA for honors halls is 3.0, with additional requirements
- Must complete a criminal background check or show that one has been done within the last year
- Must continue to show academic progress by completing at least 12 credit hours per semester, excluding summers

- **Cost Savings**

- Room and board and a meal plan are offered as compensation for the job.
- Up to 8 hours a week of compensated working hours are given (4 of which are required by the position).
- Normal undergraduate resident halls offer employment from August to May and Bear Creek
  - May to May: Ideal for MENV Students who needs to be in Boulder for the summer
- Graduate and Family housing offer similar positions called housing assistants. The job averages about 25 hours a week of commitment time.



Job Description



Application Process Information and Qualifications





# PEACE CORPS, AMERICORPS AND VETERAN AFFAIRS

- **Peace Corps**

- Under the Colorado Tuition Classification for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (effective Fall 2023), a student who would not otherwise qualify for in-state tuition and who was certified by the director of the Peace Corps as having served satisfactorily as a Peace Corps Volunteer, is eligible to be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes.

- **AmeriCorps**

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards can be used to pay for educational expenses at CU Boulder.
- The deadline for AmeriCorps requests is July 1.

- **Veteran and Military Affairs**

- Eligible students may use their GI Bill® Benefits by applying for a VA Certificate of Eligibility(CoE) that can then be sent to CU Boulder Veteran and Military Affairs.
- The University of Colorado Boulder offers many other funding opportunities, such as the Veteran Bridge Program, on the Veteran and Military Affairs website.

[Peace Corps Requirements](#)



[AmeriCorps Requirements](#)



# HOUSING

- SEEC
- On Campus
- Off Campus
- Transportation





# CITY OF BOULDER





# SEEC

Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Community Building

4001 Discovery Drive Boulder, CO 80303

SEEC is accessible via:

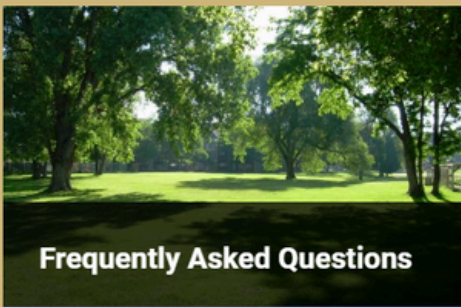
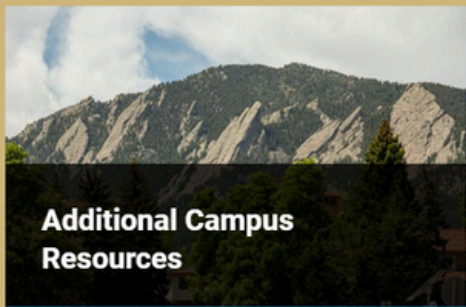
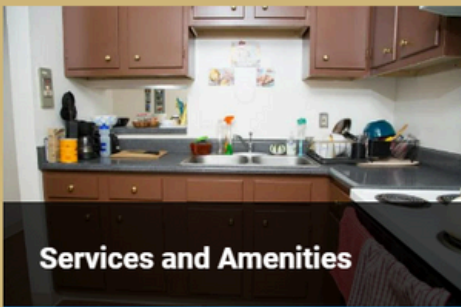
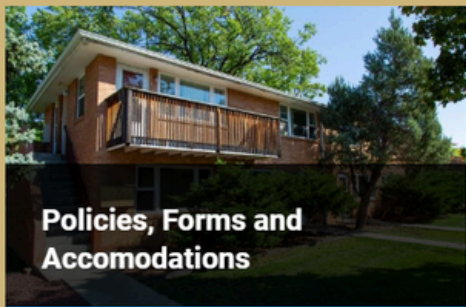
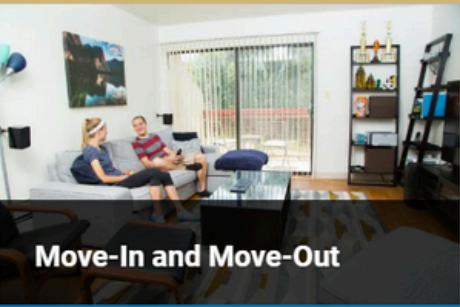
- Roadway (Foothills Parkway and Colorado Ave)
- Bike/Walking Trail (Boulder Creek Path)
- Public transport (Buff Bus System)






# ON-CAMPUS

## Graduate and Family Housing Resources




# OFF-CAMPUS


## Graduate and Family Housing




Search for Housing




Find Housing Information




Book a Legal Appointment



Schedule a Community Living Course



Tenant Student Resources



Post a Rental

## Off Campus Housing



# OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING OPTIONS

## Ralphie's List

Ralphie's list is the university's official off-campus housing marketplace. This is a great resource for finding options and connecting with potential roommates.

## Slack

This is an MENV-specific slack channel for housing. As more 2nd-years finalize post-graduation plans, more options will be posted!

## Facebook Groups

Boulder Creative Housing.

CU Rentals

CU Student Housing.

## Zillow/ Apartments.com

Zillow is a national rental/buy housing website. This is a great place to check out different neighborhoods and find more images of options. Zillow will likely have the most options.





Off-Campus Housing &  
Neighborhood Relations  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

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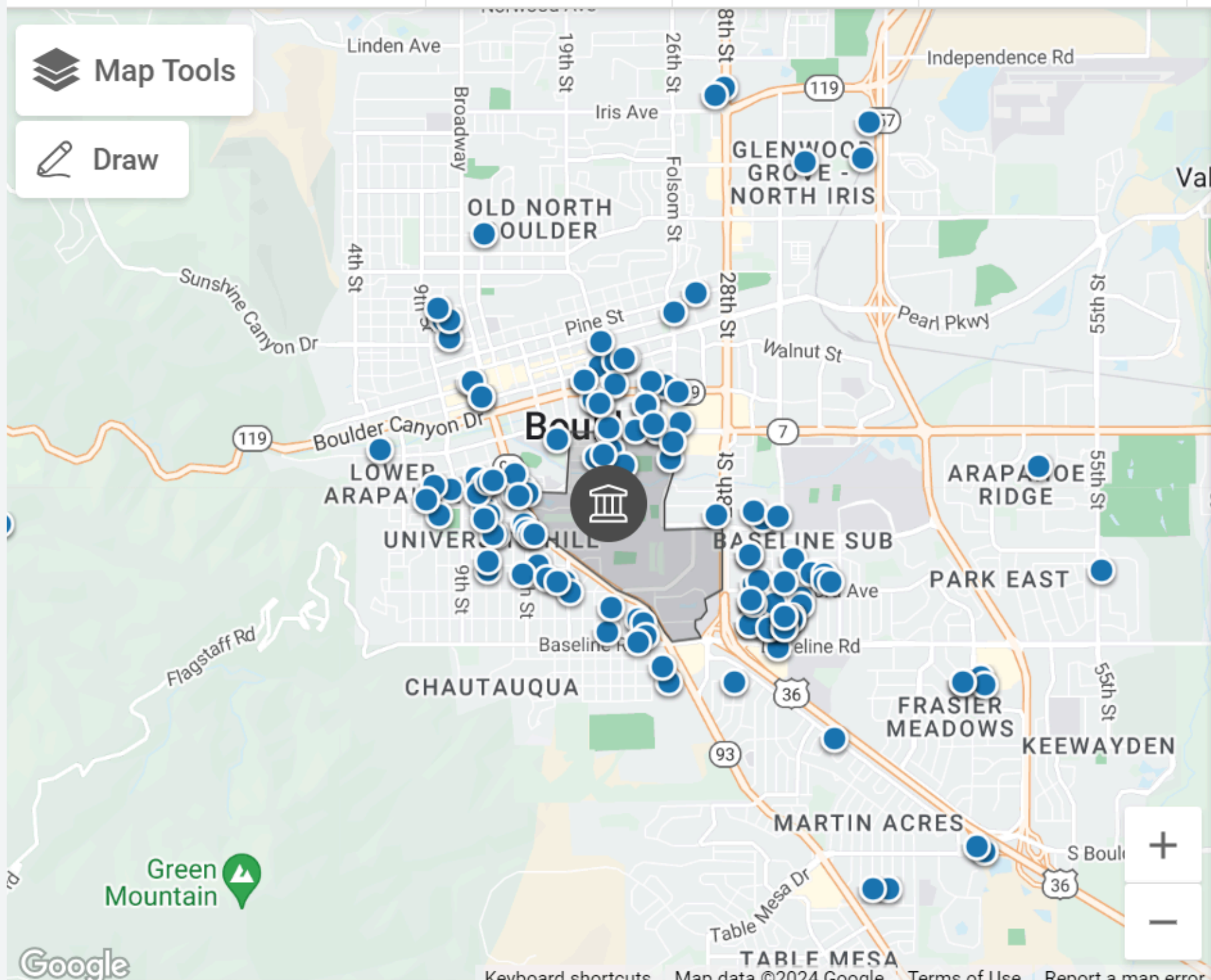
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Map Tools



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Virtual Tour

2 Wks Ago



**4440 Laguna Pl. - Meadows**

**Apartments (2BR/1BA)**

4440 Laguna Place, Boulder, CO 80303

2 Beds | \$2,130 - \$2,730per month per ...

1.4 miles to University of Colorado,  
Boulder

Email Property

(518) 636-0354



Sublet / Shared Housing

Virtual Tour

1 Wk Ago



**969 15th St**

969 15th Street, Boulder, CO 80302

1 Bed | \$1,250per month per bedroom

0.1 miles to University of Colorado,  
Boulder

Email Property

(714) 334-7600



# SURROUNDING AREAS

## Longmont

Just north of  
Boulder

Connected via  
Diagonal HWY

Easy Commute

Lots of single-family  
homes

## Broomfield / Lafayette / Louisville / Superior

Just east of Boulder

Connected via HWY 36

Easy Commute

Lots of apartment/townhome  
complexes at a more  
affordable price on average

## Denver / Golden

South of Boulder

Connected via HWY 36  
and CO 93

Lots of different options  
and the resources of a  
major metropolitan city



Downtown Louisville, CO



Downtown Golden, CO



# TRANSPORTATION TO SEEC

## Use your Buff OneCard (student ID)

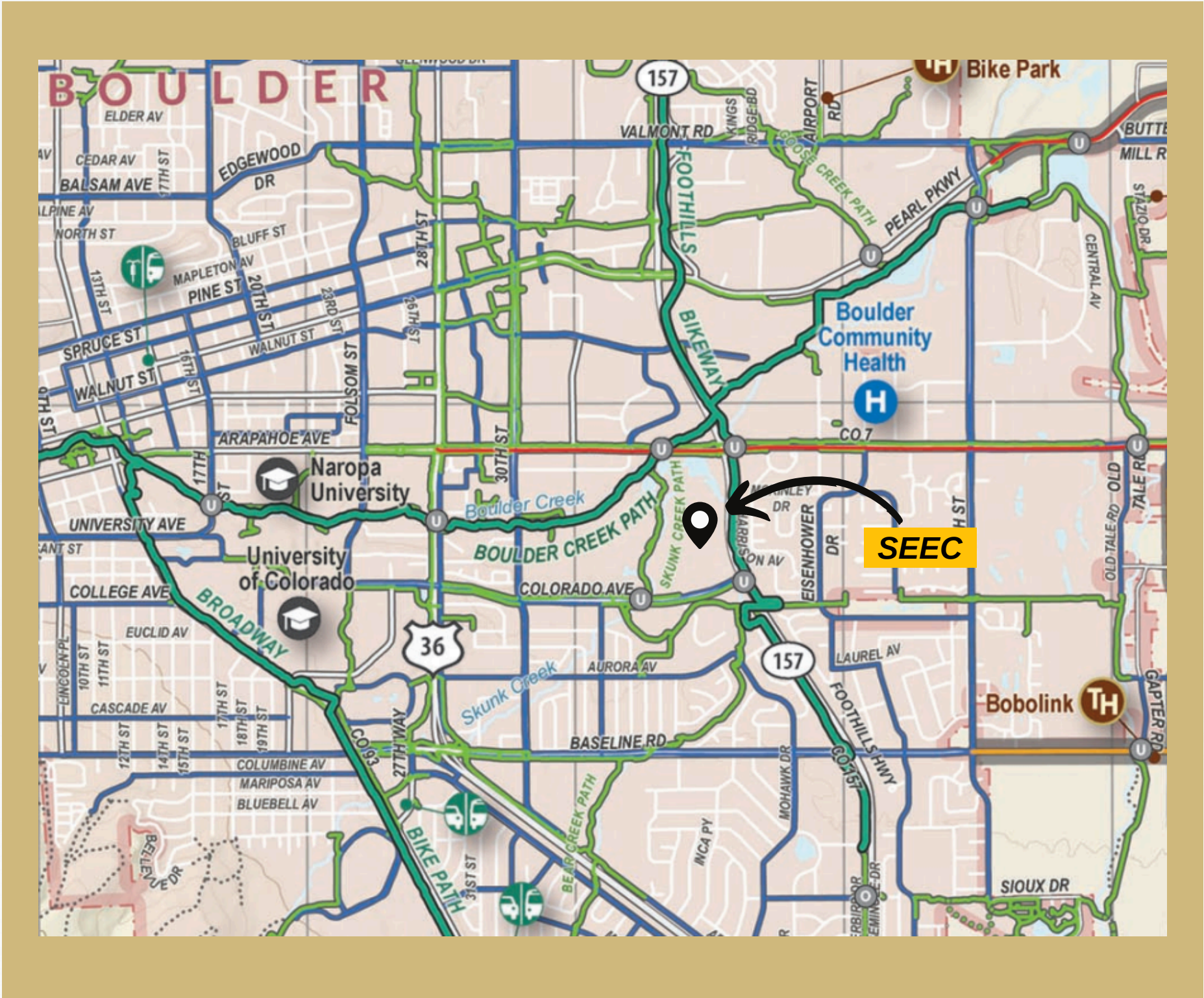
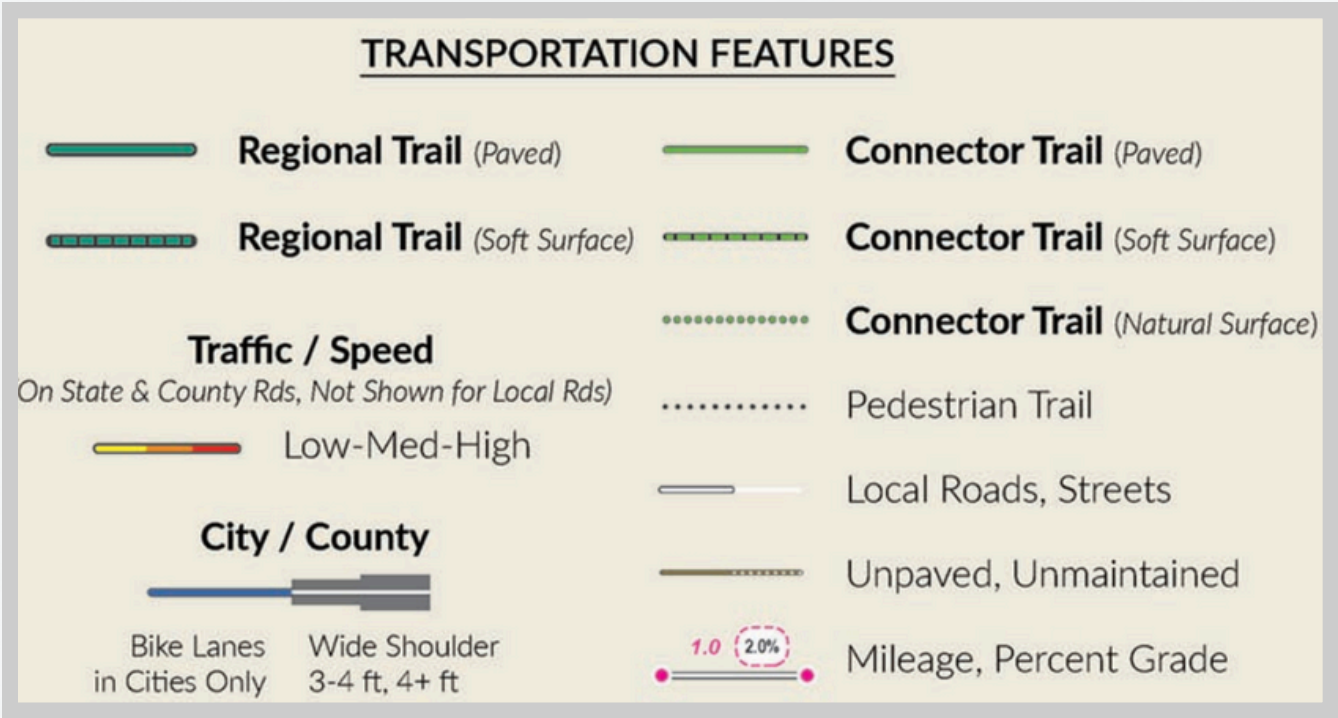
- Biking:
  - Bike paths and racks
  - B-Cycles: *Students get unlimited trips for 12 months as long as the trips are under 60 minutes*
- Parking:
  - \$240 Parking Pass per Semester
  - ParkMobile ~\$2 per hour
  - Limited Neighborhood Free Parking





# BIKE PATH MAP

## Boulder County Bike Path Map





# TRANSPORTATION BY BUS

## Use your Buff OneCard (student ID)

- Bus:
  - University Stampede Bus from SEEC to Student Union on Main Campus
  - Flatiron Flyer: transport to the airport
  - Bus to Eldora [N (RTD Ski-n-Ride)]: to Nederland and Eldora from Boulder Station
  - Ski Bus to Ikon Mountains: Students only. (Destinations vary)







# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



# TIPS TO SAVE MONEY

## Utilize Student Discounts

- Take advantage of student discounts offered by local businesses, restaurants, and entertainment venues.
  - Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Botanic Gardens
- Always carry your student ID with you to ask about discounts
- Students will have access to Outdoor Pro Link once enrolled in MENV

## Food

- Save money by cooking meals at home and bringing lunch to campus
- Attend on-campus events providing free food
- Download [Flatiron Meal Plan](#) for discounts
- Access the on-campus [Buff Food Pantry](#).
- Work with the Basic Needs Center or Liz to find out your eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ([SNAP](#))





# TIPS TO SAVE MONEY CONT.

## Furniture

- Visit thrift stores, consignment shops, and online resources (Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Nextdoor)
- Check out the MENV Slack Channel
- Websites and apps like Freecycle, OfferUp, and Letgo list free furniture items that people are giving away

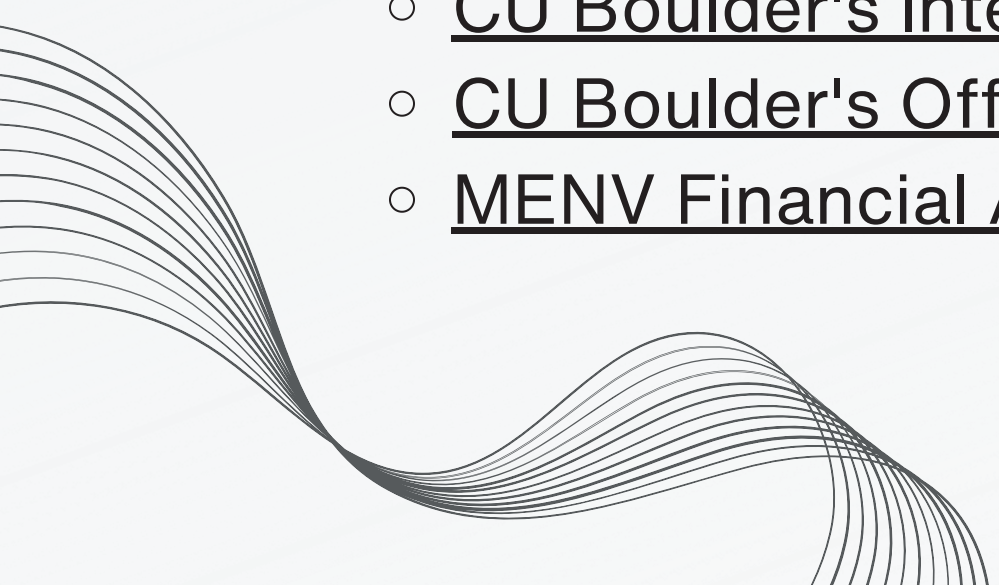
## Explore Affordable Housing Options

- Connect with other MENV students on the MENV Fall 2025 Housing Slack Channel
- Consider living off-campus or find roommates to split housing costs
- Explore student housing cooperatives to save on rent  
Live in neighboring communities like Broomfield, Lafayette, Longmont, or Denver





# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAMPUS RESOURCES

- CU Boulder offers various resources and services for students that can help you save money. This includes free access to the library, recreational facilities, career services, and academic support programs
    - Free NY Times subscription
    - Access to downloadable library books
    - 6 free therapy sessions at CU Boulder's Counseling and Psychiatric Services per semester
    - Free and discounted computer software through OIT
  - Resource List
    - CU Boulder's Office of Financial Aid
    - Financial Aid Office Contact
    - CU Boulder's Office of the Bursar
    - CU Boulder's International Student and Scholar Services
    - CU Boulder's Office of Veteran and Military Affairs
    - MENV Financial Aid Page
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# REMINDERS

- **April 4th and 5th - Admitted Students Weekend**
- April 10th - Virtual Admitted Students Event
- April 15th - Enrollment Deadline





# THANK YOU

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# QUESTIONS?

