

Things to Know Before Deferring

What you will retain by deferring:

- Confirmation deposits carry forward—they are not refunded.
- Admission to the program you have been admitted to is retained.
- Scholarships awarded by the Office of Admissions (Chancellor's, Presidential, CU-Boulder Esteemed Scholarships, and Arts and Humanities). All other awards do not carry forward.
- Honors status for students in the College of Arts and Sciences and Leeds Honors.

What you lose by deferring:

- Your guarantee of first-year student on-campus housing no longer applies. Some students have been able to secure on-campus housing in the past, but you will lose your guarantee.
- Your confirmation deposit will be forfeited should you fail to enroll by the expiration of your deferral term.
- Any scholarships not awarded by the Office of Admissions.
- Should you take college courses elsewhere during your deferral you will be switched over to being a transfer student. Your offer of admission may be subject to being rescinded if the grades you earn in your college coursework elsewhere is below our standards.
- Invitation to honors programs not listed above may be in jeopardy. We recommend reaching out to the director of any honors programs you have been invited to (aside from Leeds Honors and the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program as those offers are retained during the deferral period) and discussing with them your options, if any, to retain your spot in the respective honors program.
- You cannot be reevaluated or appeal for any Office of Admissions awarded automatic consideration first-year merit scholarships or the Transfer Excellence Scholarships if you defer. In other words, your credentials for these awards are locked based on the information on hand with the Office of Admissions at the time of your deferral.

What is a deferral?

A deferral is a formal request by an admitted or confirmed student to push their offer of admission to a future term. Deferrals are only granted for up to one year.

How does the deferral process work?

To submit a deferral, log into your application status page and submit a term change request to a future term. After submitting your term change request, the Office of Admissions will process your deferral in 2-4 business days, and you will receive an email notification letting you know that your deferral has been processed. From there, it becomes the student's responsibility to look out for emails from CU about next steps as the term the student has deferred to approaches.

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How long can I defer my admission?

Students can defer for up to one year from their initial term of admission. I.e. from fall 2020 up to fall of 2021.

When is the last day to defer?

We accept deferrals up until 5:00 PM MT on the first day of classes for the term to which you have been admitted. Note that summer admits have until the first day of fall term classes to defer.

If I paid my confirmation deposit already, do I get the deposit back?

No. However, the confirmation deposit carries forward to the term to which you have deferred. If you do not attend CU Boulder by the time your deferral expires, you forfeit the deposit.

Will my scholarships carry forward and will my financial aid package be the same?

Only those scholarships you were offered at the time of admission that are awarded by the Office of Admissions carry forward. You must reapply for all other awards. Your financial aid package will also be deleted, and a new package will need to be awarded in the future. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information—they can be reached at 303-492-5091 and financialaid@colorado.edu.

Can I submit new information to appeal for or be reconsidered for Office of Admissions awarded automatic consideration merit scholarships?

No. New information will not be accepted. The deadline to submit new information for fall/summer first-year students is May 1st of the year of initial application. The deadline to submit new information for fall/summer transfer students is June 15th of the year of initial application. All incoming spring students have until December 20th of the initial year of application to be reconsidered for these awards.

Will housing be guaranteed?

No, housing is only guaranteed for first-time first-year students enrolling at CU Boulder in the term immediately following their high school graduation. Any housing assignments, including any RAP assignments do not carry forward.

If I don't attend CU Boulder by the expiration of my deferral, but I still want to come in the future, how does that work?

You will need to reapply for admission using the transfer application (if you earned a letter grade in at least one college course since graduating from high school), or through the Common Application (if you have not earned a letter grade at least one college course since graduating from high school).

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Can I take college courses at another school during my deferral?

Yes, and you will be reclassified by our office as a transfer student upon receipt of your official transcripts from the college/university where you took courses. Note too that we hold the right to rescind your offer of admission should your academic performance during your deferral fail to meet standards.

Can I transfer credit from courses I am taking while deferred?

Yes. We will evaluate your courses for credit and update your degree audit upon receipt of your official college transcript(s) from the institution(s) you attended during your deferral. Note, however, that if you were admitted as a first-year applicant and you take college courses during your deferral your status will be updated to transfer student upon the receipt of the official transcripts.

If I am reclassified as a transfer student, will I lose Office of Admissions awarded scholarships?

No. If you are reclassified as a transfer student, you will not lose any merit awards offered by the Office of Admissions at the time of admission. These are the only scholarships that carry forward. All other awards must be reapplied to and students may no longer be eligible to apply for some of those awards if their classification changes. There are, however, some transfer specific awards students would become eligible for upon a classification change. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information—they can be reached at 303-492-5091 and financialaid@colorado.edu.

How will I know if the courses I am taking will transfer?

The Office of Admissions partners with Transferology - a transfer planning and online credit resource for applicants and students. You can create an account, enter the courses you are looking at completing and see how CU Boulder may accept the credits.

Can I change my term if I have not yet been admitted?

Yes, you should submit the term change form on your application status page and your application will be reviewed as your new term approaches.

What if I want to change my major?

If you have already been admitted, your admission to the University and to the program to which you were admitted will be honored for up to one year. As such, you will not need to re-apply or be re-evaluated. If you would like to pursue a different major than the one to which you were admitted, you will need to complete the major change request on your application status page. Admission to any other major is not guaranteed.

For questions, call us at 303-492-6301 or email your [admission counselor](#) directly.

To reach another office on campus, visit colorado.edu or call the campus operator at 303-492-1411.

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