

Welcome to the Stroud Scholars Program

Congratulations on being chosen for the Stroud Scholars Program! You were chosen out of a strong pool of applicants to be one of our 25 members in our 2023 cohort. We saw potential in you and want to provide support and resources to become the best student you can be.

The Stroud Scholars Program is a three-year year-round college preparatory program. Students will participate in an academic course each summer after their freshman, sophomore, and junior years of high school. The course will provide academic support in quantitative reasoning and writing skills and help prepare students for life on a college campus.

Students will engage in Stroud Scholars programming throughout the school year for their entire time in high school. This programming will include mentorship from current Colorado College students and introductions to a wide variety of subjects. Colorado College will support these students academically, emotionally, and holistically throughout their engagement with the Stroud Scholars Program and help them apply for and transition into a college environment.

Students successfully meeting program requirements and completing the program will earn admission to Colorado College and receive a financial aid package that will enable them to attend.

As part of your program registration, please read and sign the following pages. These forms outline community expectations and what you can do to get the most out of the Stroud Scholars Program.

Please email stroudscholars@coloradocollege.edu with any questions.

Stroud Scholars Program Community Agreement 2023-2024

Colorado College has launched the Stroud Scholars Program as part of its larger goal to increase college access in the Colorado Springs community. The program will not only support students academically but also holistically. It is designed to build a strong foundation of academic and interpersonal skills, broaden their aspirations and confidence, and connect them to a supportive community of peers and mentors. In order to accomplish this, the Stroud Scholars Program requires a partnership between Colorado College, the student, and their families/support systems. Outlined below is what each piece of this partnership is committing to throughout their entire engagement in the program.

	Colorado College	Student	Family/Support System
College Readiness/Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support students through high school and help prepare them for transition into Colorado College or another intentionally chosen college or university Provide resources and guidance to support the whole student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain 3.0 GPA or better (aim closer to a 3.5 GPA in junior year) Engage in summer and academic-year programming Meets expectations of all classes and workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be engaged in student's education and support their goals and needs whenever possible Ensure child's attendance in Stroud Scholars events Give students space for classes and trust in their ability to achieve
Mentorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Colorado College students as trained mentors to lead small groups of Stroud Scholars through programming Support students academically and holistically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in mentoring events Respond to messages from your mentors Be open to building new relationships Reach out to your mentor with questions, ideas, and concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be supportive of your student through the mentoring aspect of Stroud Scholars Provide guidance and ensure students are responding to any correspondence
Community Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop skills and capacities in ways that will assist you in your work as a current and future change agent, and that increase preparedness for future careers and experiences in all domains. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop confidence in your ability to influence positive change Reflect on how environments and social forces influence your life, thoughts, behaviors, and potential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage students to become engaged citizens, participating in community life through efforts to create positive social and environmental change.
Family Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep families informed and aware of student's progress Connect students and their support system to financial, socioemotional, academic, and professional resources as needed throughout the three-year program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure your family is informed of all relevant information Bring your guardians to family events Ask your family for support throughout the program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be active and present at Stroud Scholars family events Support your child with their engagement in the program Ask questions and complete necessary paperwork.

What you can do to get the most out of the Stroud Scholars Program:

During the Summer:

This summer, we will be hosting our 2-week academic program on campus from July 10th-21st, 2023.

You will participate in two classes as well as additional social and academic programming. With such a short timeframe, if you miss one day, you miss a lot. You will be expected to attend class every day and participate in additional events with your mentors and classmates. This is also a great time to get to know the other members of your Stroud Scholars cohort whom you will be working with throughout the next three years.

If you need transportation to and from campus and other events, we can arrange for bus or shuttle transportation.

During the School Year :

There will be at least one program each month and events throughout the academic year that will cover a wide variety of subjects and may require the completion of homework assignments (essays, research, group projects, etc.). These programs will allow you to spend time with your cohort, engage with your mentors and instructors, and explore areas of Colorado Springs that may be new to you. There will also be programming available for your parents or guardians to attend with you. *To fulfill your commitment to the Stroud Scholars program, we ask that you attend at least seven (7) of the program offerings during the school year.*

We recommend going to all the programs in the academic year, however, we understand that scheduling conflicts occur, or things happen that you can't avoid: sickness, emergencies, or mandatory school events. In case you miss one of the academic-year programs, we will work with you and provide an opportunity to make up your missed session.

Throughout the Program:

Even when you are not on Colorado College's campus or attending an event, you are still a Stroud Scholar. You were chosen for this program out of over a hundred applicants, and we want you to help us represent the Stroud Scholars Program to the community, your school, and everyone you encounter. Here's how you can do that:

- Be Accountable
 - Show up on time to all events and be prepared to engage. If you don't attend the program, you won't get anything out of it.
- Actively Participate
 - Be involved! If you ask questions or share your own thoughts on a subject, you'll learn a lot more. You'd be surprised how many other people have the same questions as you. Take a leap and ask!
- Have an Open Mind
 - You'll be introduced to a lot of people and friends through the Stroud Scholars Program. They will bring different ideas and talk about perspectives that may be new to you. Be willing to listen and learn from them.
- Put in Effort
 - Stroud Scholars is going to challenge you, but it won't be impossible. We will give you the tools and support you throughout this program, but only you can push yourself farther.
- Trust in Yourself
 - Don't get discouraged if you run into an obstacle. Know that you are worth this program and any other opportunity that comes your way. We see something special in you and want to help support you in the path towards achieving your goals.

Statement Signature Pages

Student Statement:

I understand that the Stroud Scholars Program is a no-cost college preparatory program that **requires a three-year year-round commitment from BOTH me and my family.** I promise to show up to and actively participate in classes and programming, model good citizenship, and share what I learn with those around me. I will be challenged in this program, and I promise to put in effort and ask for help when I need it. I will make friends, have fun, and become a better student. I understand that I was chosen for this program out of many strong applications and will continue to work hard.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Statement:

I understand that the Stroud Scholars Program is a no-cost college preparatory program that **requires a three-year year-round commitment from BOTH my student and my family.** I understand that my involvement in the program will strengthen my own understanding as well as support my student's academic future. I promise to attend a variety of family events throughout each summer and the duration of my student's high school education. I will communicate regularly with Stroud Scholars staff to receive updates on my student's progress, be informed of upcoming events, and engage with other Stroud Scholars parents. I understand that my student will be challenged in this program and that I will do what I can to support them. I believe my student can complete this program and I trust in their ability to achieve their dreams. I understand that my student will be supervised and taken care of while on Colorado College's campus and participating in program events.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Agreement to Follow Program Rules:

In order to ensure your safety as well as the safety of others, it is very important that all participants follow all Stroud Scholars and Colorado College policies and expectations. Among these expectations are:

- Stroud Scholars are expected to abstain from drug and alcohol use while in the program and to refrain from carrying weapons or using tobacco at program events. Reports of violating these expectations will be reviewed by the program director in conjunction with Colorado College's Community Standards and Conduct Specialist.
- Students are required to participate in all three summer programs to successfully complete the Stroud Scholars Program.
- Students must participate in at least 7 academic-year activities; students may make up a maximum of two (2) excused absences per year with additional work or events.
- Respect yourself and others during all parts of the program; this includes maintaining confidentiality as appropriate, not engaging in harassment, and abiding by Colorado College's Community Standards.
- Observe general safety precautions and act in a way which limits harm to yourself and others.

Important! Please read: Colorado College reserves the right to terminate continued participation in the program for any student whose behavior is considered inappropriate, disruptive or dangerous to the group.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES STATED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____