

## STROUD SCHOLARS APPLICATION BREAKDOWN

The Stroud Scholars College Preparatory Program is a three-year college-prep program that prepares students for higher education by working directly with high-promise youth to provide academic preparation, mentorship, and guidance navigating college admissions and financial aid process to college. The program includes a three-week residential summer program at Colorado College each summer that will provide academic support in quantitative reasoning and writing skills and help prepare students for life on a college campus. Students successfully completing the program will earn admission to Colorado College and receive a financial aid package that will enable them to attend.

### **Application Opens: Mid-November** **Application Deadline: Presidents' Day**

Please submit all responses and relevant materials through the Stroud Scholars Online Application before 11:59pm MST on Presidents' Day. Email [stroudscholars@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:stroudscholars@coloradocollege.edu) with questions.

### **Who can apply?**

We are looking for youth with the capacity to thrive in a rigorous academic course of study, if given the opportunity and support. Strong candidates are intellectually curious, growth-minded and committed youth that will engage and enrich a diverse, inclusive community at CC and beyond.

#### To be eligible for this program the student must be:

- current 9<sup>th</sup> grader residing in the Pikes Peak region.

*And any of the following*

- the first in their family to graduate from a 4-year college or university
- from a low-income family
  - families with three or fewer dependents: \$60,000 or less
  - families with four or more dependents, \$75,000 or less
- self-identify as a student of color or another socially marginalized identity
- attend a school relatively under-resourced in college readiness support

Students that have faced significant financial hardship are encouraged to apply and will be given the opportunity to share more about their family situation and the obstacles they have experienced.

### **What do you need to complete the application?**

#### **Information:**

- Name of Academic Reference (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, counselor, or someone who can meaningfully speak to your academic potential)
- Name of Personal Reference (Someone not related to you)
- Contact Information (both you and your guardian)
- Your Bio-demographic Information
- Household Information
  - Your family's total annual household income
  - Information about those living in your household

**Stroud Scholars Essay:** Max 500 words or 3.5 minutes

**“Tell us about yourself and why you want to participate in the Stroud Scholars Program. What do you hope to gain, and what do you hope to contribute?”**

Your response may be submitted either as a written essay or a video blog.

**Short Answers:** Max 150 words each

We want to learn more about you. There aren't wrong answers to the questions below as they are all about you. We are interested in learning more about your desire to learn, your motivations, and your role in your community. Please choose one from each category.

**Category: Intellectual Curiosity/Desire to Learn**

Option 1	If you could take a class on anything, what would it be and why?
Option 2	If you could meet a historical figure or character from a book, who would you choose and what would you ask or do with them?

**Category: Growth Motivation/Self-Accountability**

Option 1	Tell us about your grades; do they reflect your best effort?
Option 2	What are your goals (academic, career, life) and what steps are you taking toward accomplishing them?

**Category: Community Building**

Option 1	What do you dream about for yourself, your community and the world?
Option 2	Tell us about the communities you consider yourself to be a part of (identities, places, organizations, friends, families). How have they shaped you, and how do you participate in and affect them?

**Portfolio:**

This is an opportunity to show us what makes you *you* that isn't conveyed through the rest of this application. Draw a picture, do a math problem, write a poem, submit a paper or piece of art you're proud of, talk about your hobby, tell a story (or a joke!)- Do whatever you want here. Feel free to express yourself. You may upload a file or a written response.

**Optional Question:**

We understand that this application only provides a glimpse into who you really are. Is there anything else we should know about you that you haven't been able to cover as you've responded to the questions above?

To submit your application, please visit [www.coloradocollege.edu/stroudscholars](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/stroudscholars).  
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