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## Virtual Information Session—Financial Aid and Scholarships

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mountain Standard Time

Financial Aid support and Scholarships are available at CMC! Theresa Haddock, Assistant Director of Financial Aid and JoAnna Hulett, Scholarship Coordinator are hosting a Virtual Financial Aid and Scholarships Information session. Want to have a better understanding of financial aid? Have questions? Find answers at this session.

Optional: After an overview of information, you will have an opportunity to remain in the Zoom meeting for a FAFSA/CASFA workshop for assistance completing your financial aid application. Guidance will also be offered in Spanish for the workshop portion.

Register to attend!

[Register](#)

CMC Foundation Scholarship Applications are due March 1st!

To apply:

Visit the [CMC Scholarships](#) web page and click on the blue button for CMC Foundation Scholarships.

## HEERF III Emergency Grants for Students—Spring 2022 Awarding Update

CMC still has HEERF funding available for Spring 2022 students who demonstrate exceptional financial need. To qualify for the HEERF III emergency financial aid grant, students must meet the following criteria by one of the determination dates (March 1 and April 5)

- CMC received an official 2021-2022 [FAFSA](#) or [CASFA](#) from the student and the corresponding Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) is between \$0-\$8,770.
- OR—CMC confirmed the student's need via a [Demonstration of Exceptional Need Form](#).
- AND—the student is enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours or 1 ESL course or GED preparation course.

For more information, visit the [HEERF III page](#) on the CMC website.

## FAFSA —Now is the time to apply.

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your first step in gaining access to valuable federal and state funding opportunities for your college education. These can include grants, work-study programs, and student loans. Other entities, such as private foundations offering scholarships, may also require the FAFSA.

Semester you will attend	Application to complete
Summer 2022	2021-2022 FAFSA or CASFA using 2019 Federal Tax information
Fall 2022	2022-2023 FAFSA or CASFA using 2020 Federal Tax information

For more information:

- [Instructions for filling out the FAFSA](#)
- [FAFSA Deadlines](#)
- [Video—FAFSA Overview](#)
- [Video—How to Fill Out the FAFSA](#)

## CASFA—State aid for non-citizens and non-permanent residents

State aid is available for Colorado ASSET students, including those without lawful immigration status.



- [Financial Aid for Students](#)
- [CASFA checklist](#)
- [Read the FAQ and start your application](#)



### Employee Spotlight—Lisa Tuthill

Soon we will bid a fond farewell to Lisa Tuthill, Financial Aid Specialist at CMC since 2017. Lisa is a multi-talented high achiever with a Bachelor's degree in Biology, and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering and Strategic Management. Before bringing her energy and expertise to

CMC, Lisa was a community-minded entrepreneur in partnership with her husband. They owned and operated the Columbine Markets in Gypsum and Rifle for almost 20 years.

A native of the Western Slope, Lisa enjoys Nordic skiing, biking, hiking, reading, and cooking, especially when she can share those activities with her family. When asked what she has appreciated most about her Financial Aid work at CMC, this was her reply.

"The task, the team, and the students....I felt that if a student couldn't pay, they couldn't attend, so this was the last, and maybe, biggest hurdle to making their life larger. Along the way, I was so happy with all the quality people that were a part of the CMC effort.

"I have been very grateful for ALL of my coworkers from my home campus at Edwards, to my adoptive campuses at Aspen and Carbondale, to all the others I have had the pleasure to work with. It's an awesome team.

"Finally, the students never cease to amaze me. It has been so fun meeting so many good people, and seeing them work, grow, and achieve."

And what does she look forward to in retirement?

"I'll start with sleeping in. It will unfold from there."

We at CMC are tremendously grateful to Lisa for her service. We wish her the best in her retirement.



## How to contact the Office of Financial Aid

Do you still have questions about grants, loans, or scholarships?  
Email us at [finaid@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:finaid@coloradomtn.edu) or call 970-947-8322.