

# WHAT COLLEGE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

## INFORMATION TO GUIDE YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH

In 2017 in the United States, 66.7% of high school graduates aged 18-24 were enrolled in college. Post high school education is becoming a societal norm, with increasing pressure from teachers, parents, and employers to get a degree.

A combination of the sheer number of options, deadlines, and general pressure that comes with applying to and choosing a college can be overwhelming. For many, where you choose to attend college can be just as important as what you choose to study, and there is a plethora of factors that influence a student's college destination choice.

Colorado colleges have very diverse environments, allowing for each individual to find their perfect fit. As we approach the end of college application season, we've put together a guide including some of the top colleges in Colorado that discusses many important factors to consider as you find a fit in your home state. The larger universities listed simply touch the surface of a plethora of smaller scale public and private universities, community colleges, and technical schools that Colorado houses, so it's important to do research. Attend college fairs, representative visits, and talk to your counselor about your ideas and options. It's a lengthy process, but one that has immeasurable rewards.

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## THE UNIVERSITY FOR COLORADO VIEWS

# 01 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

The University of Colorado at Boulder is perhaps one of the most popular schools in the state, with over 30,000 students enrolled in 2017. CU is a Division I school with a strikingly beautiful campus and nationally renowned reputation for a great education, boasting elite engineering and business programs. With an average GPA of 3.67 on a weighted scale and average SAT of 1250, the acceptance standards are held high. However, in the 2015-2016 year, CU had an acceptance rate of 79.6%, leaving most people's chances of acceptance fairly high. That stellar education does not come cheap, with an in-state sticker price of around \$30,178, and an out of state price of around \$54,312. CU Boulder participates in Division I athletics such as football, women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, and more. Additionally, club and recreation sports are offered for the general population. CU tends to appeal more to people looking for the experience of a big school with a myriad of people and activities.



### GATOR ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

“I chose CU because I loved the town, the atmosphere, and the sense of opportunity and growth here.” - Patty Sokol



## THE UNIVERSITY FOR ADVENTURERS

# 02 COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Colorado State University is one of the more popular schools in the state of Colorado, with just over 25,000 people enrolled in 2017. CSU is a Division I school that competes in the Mountain West Conference for football, separate from CU, and will tend to appeal to people looking for the big school experience. With tons to do both on campus and in Fort Collins, there are plenty of opportunities for fun. Concerning admissions, the average GPA is 3.59, and the average SAT score is around 1210. These correlate with an acceptance rate of 80.8%, meaning that the majority of people that apply get accepted. CSU offers varsity athletics in Division I, but also offers club and recreation sports. In-state sticker price falls around \$25,114. In addition, CSU offers outstanding veterinary and business management programs.



### GATOR ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

“I’ve always been in love with the campus. I originally didn’t want to stay in state, but I think it was the best decision because it allowed me to live on my own and still have a close relationship with my family.” - Hannah Jensen