Welcome to Fall 2019!

We are so glad you are here!

On behalf of the UCCS Office of Financial Aid, Student Employment, and Scholarships, I would like to wish you all the best for this fall 2019 semester. Our office mission is to assist students and their parents in financing their college education and to help them become educated consumers as well.

Our staff and student employees are here to answer questions, guide you through the financial aid process and be available to you on a walk-in basis anytime you need assistance. Our newsletter comes out every fall and spring semester with helpful tips for you to assist you in topics from applying for scholarships to budgeting and financial literacy articles.

Our office is open Monday – Friday from 8am – 5pm and you are welcome to stop by, call us or email us. We are here to assist you throughout your time here at UCCS and our office is committed to helping you fund your success at UCCS. We wish you a successful fall semester.

Sincerely,

Jenius R. Rogers
Sr. Executive Director

Office of Financial Aid, Student Employment, and Scholarships

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
FERPA stands for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act passed in 1974. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of students’ education records, including their financial aid files. It governs the release of these records and the access to these records. In other words, a college or university and its various departments, including the Financial Aid Office, must have authorization from a student to be able to release information to any third party (this includes parents, spouses, and people paying the tuition bill). It’s similar to how HIPPA Privacy protects your health information at a hospital or doctor’s office.

Due to FERPA, if a student does not complete the FERPA Consent to Release form, we cannot communicate with anyone but the student regarding a student’s financial aid or other sensitive information. Students can complete the FERPA Consent to Release in the Records and Registration tab of the myUCCS Student Portal. There a student can list the name and information of anyone they wish to give this consent to. Students will also need to create a password that must be given to the person(s) whom they are giving consent. Third parties will be asked to identify themselves and to give us the password listed in order for us to release financial aid information.

If a student does NOT elect to give this authorization or fails to complete the release form, only the student will be able to inquire about their financial aid information in detail.

On DECEMBER 1st, the 2020-2021 UCCS Scholarship Application opens and the scholarship hunt for next year begins! Here are just a few tips to keep in mind while applying for scholarships:

- APPLY FOR EVERYTHING!
  If you think you are eligible to receive the scholarship, apply for it!
- COMPLETE THE APPLICATION
  If something is not applicable on the application, mark it as N/A or “does not apply.” Do not leave lines blank.
- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
  Do not supply things that are not requested (i.e. transcripts and resumes).
- NEATNESS COUNTS
  Make photocopies for working drafts. Save everything!
- MAKE SURE TO LEAVE AN IMPRESSION
  Be personal and specific. Be complete and concise, but also creative!
- WATCH ALL DEADLINES
  Do not wait until the last minute!
- GIVE YOUR APPLICATION A “ONCE-OVER” BEFORE SUBMITTING
  Proofread (and have someone else proofread) the entire application carefully!

For more useful tips, a list of frequently asked questions about scholarships, and to begin your scholarship search, visit www.uccs.edu/scholarships.
Don’t be afraid to ask for help.

Shiann T., Sociology

Apply for as many jobs as possible to maximize your work opportunities.

Sharla W., Film Studies

The biggest thing is to keep track of deadlines.

Max W., Biomedical Sciences

Do your FAFSA early! Do it in October.

Kiley M., Accounting

Use your student portal. You can find almost everything you need there!

Mickey M., Criminal Justice

If you have a name change, make sure to update your name with the school and in the FAFSA.

Rose B., Health Sciences

It REALLY helps to write down important dates. Use a planner!

Bailey M., Nursing

Always complete the FAFSA each year. You never know what opportunities may be available to you.

Julissa R., Communications

Be careful not to over borrow! Budget for college so you borrow only what you need.

Sam T., Accounting

Keep up with your holds and to do items in the student portal!

Ashleigh N., Exercise Science and Nutrition

We are here to help UCCS students and their families! Take advantage of that resource!

Madison F., Biomedical Sciences and Philosophy

If you have a name change, make sure to update your name with the school and in the FAFSA.

Rose B., Health Sciences

Don’t let your parents contact us without a FERPA. It saves them so much time and frustration.

Janessa C., Theatre Arts

### Now Is the Time to POUNCE on Financial Aid Opportunities!

Did you know that you could miss out on over $9,000.00 of grant money by doing the FAFSA even one day too late? It’s true! It’s part of the reason you want to complete the FAFSA in the fall semester of each year! Applying for financial aid early is one of the best things a student can do to maximize their financial aid opportunities and have greater peace of mind. It also allows the financial aid staff the most amount of time to assist you if you have questions or concerns. Here are the two most important financial aid dates for the fall semester. Take out your planner, open your calendar app on your phone, or find a piece of paper to jot these dates down now. Go ahead, we’ll wait...

You ready? Ok. here they are:

**October 1:** The 2020-2021 FAFSA can be completed.

**December 1:** The UCCS Scholarship Application is available.

You want to get started with these as soon as possible and complete them both no later than March 1.

Yes, that is every year!
## Fall 2019 Calendar of Events

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<td>Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes, offices open Wednesday, closed Thurs &amp; Fri)</td>
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<td>Winter Break (no classes; UCCS offices closed)</td>
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**Welcome Back UCCS!**

Please join us for the

**Fall 2019 Student Employment Job Fair**

Berger Hall  
August 27th  
11 am - 2 pm  

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**askUCCSfinancialaid**

Q: Do I need to make an appointment to talk about financial aid with a financial aid counselor?

A: No at all! You can come in any time during our office hours (M-F, 8-5pm) to speak with a financial aid staff member who will be able to answer all of your financial aid questions and concerns! **No appointment needed!**