

Dear Prospective Gateway to College applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Gateway to College program at Front Range Community College.

The Gateway to College program is a unique alternative education opportunity where you can earn a high school diploma with the added benefit of receiving college credits toward a college degree or certificate.

The Gateway to College program is funded by contracts with Adams 1 School District, Adams 12 School District and Brighton 27J School District to serve students who have dropped out of high school or are currently "at-risk" of dropping out. Please read the eligibility requirements to make sure that you meet them.

If accepted into the program, this scholarship program pays for your tuition and books as long as eligibility is earned. You are responsible for FRCC student fees each term of enrollment.

In order to make sure that your application receives full consideration, please complete all written materials neatly and promptly; bring all application materials with you to the Information Session.

The first step is to attend an Information Session.

You are encouraged to invite your parent/guardian or any other supportive adult to join you at the Information Session.

You must reserve a seat for the Information Session: call Gateway to College office at 303-404-5700 or web site: www.frontrange.edu/Prospective-Students/Admissions/Gateway-to-College/

If accepted into the program, you must be ready to begin classes on the first day of the term with the expectation of attending 100% of all classes. Late enrollments are not accepted.

We are excited that you are considering continuing your education with us.

Sincerely,

The Gateway to College Staff

APPLICATION MATERIALS EFFECTIVE FOR THE FALL 2012 SEMESTER

Complete application packet is 7 pages!

Applying to Gateway to College at Front Range Community College

Review the eligibility requirements before applying to the program to make sure that you:

- Are 16 to 20 years old;
- Reside within Adams 1, Adams 12 or Brighton 27J school district boundaries;
- Are able to complete diploma requirements by your 21st birthday.

STEP 1: COMPLETE AN APPLICATION PACKET.

- Ask your high school counselor, dean, or principal to complete Student Referral Form and for a copy of your unofficial transcript.
- Complete the application packet in full, and don't forget to sign it.

STEP 2: ATTEND A MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION.

Make sure to reserve your place for an Information Session by:

- Calling 303-404-5700, OR
- Registering online at www.frontrange.edu

Bring **ALL** of your application materials to the Information Session, including application packet, state issued photo ID, essays and transcripts. At the Information Session you will:

- Receive information on the Gateway to College program and ask questions; and
- Take a preliminary reading level test.

STEP 3: ATTEND A 2-DAY EVALUATION SESSION.

If you meet the eligibility requirements from the Information Session you will be referred to a 2-day Evaluation Session. Each Evaluation Session will be about 2 hours long. You will be evaluated on Reading, Writing, and Math skills necessary to achieve success in a college academic environment. The Evaluation sessions are held the next two days following the information session. It is highly recommended that you complete the entire evaluation process the same week as the information session. Your application for acceptance for Gateway to College cannot be completed until all evaluations are complete.

STEP 4: PARTICIPATE IN AN INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW.

You will also be scheduled for an Individual Interview. Your interview will be one-on-one with a Gateway to College staff member. If you are not going to be 17 on the first day of class, you will need to bring a parent or guardian to the interview to sign an underage waiver. Your individual interview will not be scheduled until your application packet is complete and all testing has been completed.

STEP 5: SELECTION COMMITTEE REVIEW.

The Selection Committee will evaluate applicants based on the following factors:

- Meets the eligibility requirements, including completed application by deadline.
- Has received school district approval.
- Achieves the minimum standard scores on evaluations.
- Displays positive behavior, attitude, and participation and commitment to completing the Gateway to College program.

You will be notified by a letter or phone call of the decision. If you do not receive a notification, please call us at (303) 404-5700.

We look forward to meeting you!

Application for Admission

Print clearly in blue or black ink. Bring your COMPLETED application materials with you when you come to the Information Session.

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____ I am applying for: _____ Fall Term _____ Spring Term

I. NAME AND ADDRESS

Full Legal Name: _____
Last *First* *MI*

Phone Number: () _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Cell phone number: () _____ - _____

Current Home Address: _____
Street Address *Apt #*

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

II. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Check here if you do NOT have a SS # _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Current Age: _____ Date you turn 21: _____

Birthplace: _____ Gender: _____ Female _____ Male
City *State* *Country*

Native Language: _____ Language spoken at home: _____

Ethnicity: (Optional) Asian/Pacific Islander Black/African American Hispanic/Latino
Native American/Alaskan Native White/Caucasian Other _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: () _____ - _____

Emergency Contact Information (if different than Parent/Guardian)

Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Telephone: () _____ - _____

Who referred you to the Gateway to College Program?

School Counselor; Former Student; Current Student; Agency

(Please Specify) _____

Other: _____

III. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from a high school or college for any violations of student conduct or safety? If yes, please explain. _____

What kind of support would you need to ensure that this did not occur again? _____

Is there anything that may prevent you from attending classes on a regular basis?
(Health issues, family issues, court, work, etc.)

No _____ Yes _____ If YES, please explain: _____

Are you involved in any extra-curricular activities at your current high school? No _____ Yes _____
If yes, how will you balance the requirements of the Gateway to College program with the time requirements of your extra-curricular activity?

IV. GATEWAY TO COLLEGE STUDENT FEES

Students are responsible for **paying student fees** each term. Over half of our students received assistance with paying these fees. There are many options available. How would you plan to pay for fees?

- Free and Reduced Lunch
 - o If approved, fees will be waived.
 - o If you are not currently enrolled, fill out the attached Free & Reduced form.
 - o If approved, we will need a copy of the approval letter.
- Adams County Workforce (They will pay fees)
- Broomfield Workforce (They will pay fees, Legacy HS and/or Broomfield mailing address)
- Student/Parent to pay

V. REQUIRED SIGNATURE

I certify that the information on this application is correct and complete. I understand that if I have not provided accurate information or the required application materials, I may be denied acceptance in the Gateway to College program.

I also understand that I cannot be enrolled in any other high school or other alternative high school education program (i.e. GED) while participating in the Gateway to College program. If selected for the program, I agree to abide by the Front Range Community College Code of Student Conduct, as well as the policies and procedures of the Gateway to College program.

Front Range Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

VI. ESSAYS

DIRECTIONS: Please answer the essay question below. This should be in essay format, typewritten, and double-spaced. Attach the essays to your application.

Your application is not complete without your essay and will not be considered for acceptance without receiving them by the announced deadline.

Please respond to the following questions in detail. The quality of this assignment is an important factor in determining your admission to Gateway.

ESSAY I

Gateway is for students who do not feel they have been successful in high school. Explain what is not working and how it is impacting you. What have you done to address these issues? What changes need to occur for you to be successful? Why would you benefit from attending Gateway? How would Gateway benefit from you being a part of our program?

VII. PERMISSION TO RELEASE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

Front Range Community College shall follow all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations that apply to student records. All information contained in the college records which is personally identifiable to any student shall be kept confidential and **not released except upon prior written consent of the student** or upon lawful subpoena or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction. **Please note that we are not able to release information to parents/guardians of minor children without written consent.**

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information furnished in this "Permission to Release Educational Records" form is true and complete without intent of misrepresentation. I understand that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of a record pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offence under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a) subject to a \$5,000 fine.

*I hereby authorize FRCC to release confidential information about me contained in the college records. I also authorize my school district to release confidential information about me to FRCC. If a student is applying for free and reduced lunch to waive fees, information may also be exchanged with the school district and GTC about eligibility. **I understand that the Permission to Release Educational Records will remain in effect until I graduate from the Gateway to College program.***

<i>Student Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Date of Birth (m/d/y)</i>	<i>SS# or Student ID#</i>
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RELEASE TO:

- Front Range Community College/ Gateway to College Staff (This includes the exchange of information necessary to monitor grades, attendance and behavior from college instructors.)
- Gateway National Network staff
- Sponsoring School District (please circle one): Adams 1 Adams 12 Brighton 27J
- Parent/Guardian
- Adams County Workforce caseworkers
- Other: Add names of any support people who may have an interest in your progress and educational needs (i.e. family member, significant other, probation officer, etc).

Be advised that in cases where health or safety appear to be a factor, information may be released to Social Services, the police, or other appropriate agencies.

<i>Name (Parent/Guardian)</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
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Information that will be released through authorization of signature below includes:

- * Name, address and phone
- * Last high school attended and date
- * Date of graduation and program
- * Any other materials that make up the educational record of the student
- * Verification of Attendance
- * Disciplinary Action
- * Test scores and progress information
- * Transcript of grades
- * Date of birth

Notice of school district responsibility: I understand that alternative services provided are not supervised by the student's resident school district and that Front Range Community College is not an agent of the District. I will not expect student's resident school district to take any responsibility for any aspect of the program, for the services or in the manner in which the services are provided even if the school staff has knowledge of any particular aspect of the program or suggest it as a resource.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

School District Form

VIII. THIS FORM SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED.

A school administrator or counselor must complete the information below. Please attach an unofficial transcript and any other information that would be helpful.

STUDENT NAME AND ADDRESS

Full Legal Name: _____

Phone Number: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

Cell phone: () _____ - _____

Current Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF MUST COMPLETE AND VERIFY INFORMATION.

General: (In the last 12 months)

_____ # of Absences (periods and/or %) _____ # of Expulsions _____ # of Suspensions

Academic:

_____ Overall GPA _____ The applicant **DOES NOT** have an IEP or 504.

_____ # of earned course credit _____ The applicant **DOES** have an IEP or 504.

Has this student ever received ESL services in high school? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what is the level? _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVED STAFF MUST COMPLETE BELOW AND SIGN.

*We ask that the person signing this form have knowledge of the student as we may follow-up with a phone call to gather more information. Thank you.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____