

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 while also earning college credits toward a college degree or certificate.

The Gateway to College program is funded through partnerships with 5 area school districts: Mapleton 1 School District, Adams 12 School District, Adams School District 50, Brighton 27J School District, and Jeffco Public Schools. We serve students who have dropped out of high school or are currently "at-risk" of dropping out. Please read the eligibility requirements on Page 2 Section 1 to make sure that you meet them.

Students must apply and be accepted in to the Gateway to College program. If you are accepted, you receive a scholarship that pays for your tuition and books from FRCC and your school district. In order to keep your scholarship from semester to semester, you must meet Gateway to College scholarship expectations each semester. Please see Page 2, Section 1 for those expectations.

In order to make sure that your application receives full consideration, please complete all written materials neatly and promptly. **Your application will not be processed until all paperwork is in and your file is complete.** If possible, please bring all application materials with you to the Information Session. Please see Page 2 Section 2 for application steps.

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: <https://www.frontrange.edu/programs-and-courses/high-school-programs/gateway-to-college/steps-to-enroll>

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

Complete application packet is 7 pages!

Application

SECTION 1: Gateway to College Eligibility and Scholarship Expectations

Please review the **eligibility requirements** before applying to the program to make sure that you:

- Are between the ages of 16 to 20 years old
- Reside within Adams 1, Adams 12, Adams 50 or Brighton 27J, or Jeffco school district boundaries
- Are able to complete diploma requirements by your 21st birthday
- Are dropped out of high school or at risk of dropping out of high school
- Have **at least 6 high school credits** when applying to the program (if you do not, please speak with a GTC staff member ASAP)

Please review **scholarship expectations** below. This is what you will be held accountable to if you are accepted in to the Gateway to College program.

- Maintain 85% attendance or higher
- Earn C's or better in all of your classes
- Demonstrate improvements in college readiness skills

Section 2: Applying to Gateway to College at Front Range Community College

STEP 1: ATTEND A MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION.

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

- Calling 303-404-5700, OR
- Registering online at:

<https://www.frontrange.edu/programs-and-courses/high-school-programs/gateway-to-college/steps-to-enroll>

If possible, bring **ALL** of your application materials to the Information Session (see step 2). At the Information Session you will:

- Receive information on the Gateway to College program and ask questions; and
- Take a preliminary reading level test.
 - o One of the requirements to be accepted in to the GTC program is that you read at the 8th grade level.

STEP 2: COMPLETE AN APPLICATION PACKET.

- Download application (also available in Spanish) at:
https://www.frontrange.edu/docs/default-source/programs-courses/high-school-programs/gateway-to-college_application_english.pdf?sfvrsn=4
- Ask your high school counselor, dean, or principal to complete Student Referral Form on page 7 of the application
- Obtain a copy of your unofficial transcript from the last high school you attended
- Complete the application packet in full!

STEP 3: ATTEND EVALUATION/ASSESSMENT SESSION.

If you meet the eligibility requirements and earn an 8th grade reading level at the information session, you will return for an Assessment Session, typically the day after the Info Session. The Assessment Session will last approximately 2 hours. You will be evaluated on Reading, Writing, and Math skills necessary to achieve success in a college academic environment.

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. 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 and assessments as soon as possible
- Has received school district approval
- Achieves the minimum standard scores on evaluations
- Displays positive behavior, attitude, and motivation for 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.

Application Application for Admission

Print clearly in blue or black ink. If possible, please 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: _____

Current school district (either reside in district or are enrolled in): _____

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: _____

Email: _____

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? Please select or write in one or more.

School Counselor Former Student Current Student Agency Teacher

(Please Specify Name) _____

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: _____

What is your status in school?

- Are you attending regularly, but behind in credits?
- Are you dropped out?
- Thinking about dropping out?
- Enrolled but not attending?
- None of the above. Please explain your school status here:

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. How would you plan to pay for fees? **Please check one.**

- Free and Reduced Lunch currently approved in a school district
- Planning on applying for free and reduced lunch. If so, please read below:
 - o If approved, we will need a copy of the approval letter within 30 days of the semester beginning.
 - o Ask GTC staff how to apply.
- 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. ESSAY

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 PROMPT

Gateway to College 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 to College? How would Gateway to College 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.

Student Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Birth (m/d/y)	SS# or Student ID#
-------------------	------------	----	-----------------------	--------------------

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 Adams 50 Brighton 27J Jeffco
- 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.

Name (Parent/Guardian)	Address	Relationship	Phone Number
------------------------	---------	--------------	--------------

Name	Address	Relationship	Phone Number
------	---------	--------------	--------------

Name	Address	Relationship	Phone Number
------	---------	--------------	--------------

Information that will be released through authorization of signature below includes:

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

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: _____

Application 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: _____