

# JANUARY 2017 ANNUAL UPDATE

## COLORADO COLLEGEINVEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Fiscal Report to the Colorado Legislature through the Senate and House Education Committees

### Statutory Background

Colorado Revised Statute §23-3.1-206.9 requires the Board of Directors for CollegenInvest to report annually on the Colorado Achievement Scholarship Program (the “Program”), established in 2005 by Senate Bill 05-003, refined in 2008 by HB08-1201 and amended in 2009 by SB09-279).

The intent of this report is to provide the Colorado Legislature with an overview of the program history and purpose, annual financial commitment, key outcomes, and race/ethnicity of students served.

### Program Overview

The Program, intended to increase access to postsecondary education for low-income Colorado students, consists of the CollegenInvest Early Achievers Scholarship (CEAS) Program and a trust fund established to fund the scholarships provided through that program. CollegenInvest established the trust fund in 2005 with contributions from the CollegenInvest Student Loan Program (*program now closed*) and College Assist. Both the scholarship program and the trust fund are administered by CollegenInvest, a division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, with oversight by its Board of Directors.

Since January 1, 2010, CollegenInvest has been working with Pre-Collegiate Programs across the state to award Early Achiever scholarships to low-income students who are planning to attend an eligible Colorado college or university. Each scholar will receive up to \$1000 a year, for four consecutive years, for a maximum of \$4000. The CEAS program provides scholarships to assist low-income students attend a Colorado college or university. To date, 28,239 students have applied for the CollegenInvest Early Achievers Scholarship. The scholarship may be used at any eligible Colorado college, university, community college or technical college. To receive a scholarship, a student must have applied during 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade prior to January 1, 2010, and meet all the requirements of the pre-collegiate service provider serving the student, apply for the College Opportunity Fund (COF), qualify for the Federal Pell Grant, maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the student’s college or university, be a legal Colorado resident, and qualify for in-state resident tuition at the time the scholarship is disbursed.

### Evaluations and Outcomes

#### Scholarship Awards:

The first scholarships for the program were awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year. During that time, 76 students received scholarships totaling \$91,000; the average scholarship award was \$1,197. Since that time, the following numbers of scholarships have been paid out each year:

| School Year | # of new | Total Scholarships | Amount Paid  |
|-------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2009-10     | 323      | 382                | \$ 275,788   |
| 2010-11     | 1393     | 1,882              | \$ 908,000   |
| 2011-12     | 831      | 1,403              | \$ 1,276,664 |
| 2012-13     | 548      | 1,453              | \$ 1,181,708 |
| 2013-14     | 228      | 1,028              | \$ 973,000   |
| 2014-15     | 89       | 865                | \$ 752,500   |
| 2015-16     | 0        | 560                | \$ 426,309   |

**Fiscal Year 2016 Costs:**

In the fiscal year 2016, CollegenInvest spent \$196,000 administering the program. These expenditures covered legal fees, trust administration, audit fees, investment management, outreach to students, schools, and communities, and computer and operational costs.

**Scholarship Applicants by Full Time and Part Time Enrollment Status Enrollment Status:**

| Enrollment Status | Percentage of Enrollment Status |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Full Time         | 94%                             |
| Part Time         | 6%                              |

**Scholarship Applicants and Awardees:**

Scholarship Applicants by Race and Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity                | Percentage of Applicant Pool |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 0%                           |
| Asian or Pacific Islander     | 3%                           |
| Black/African American        | 6%                           |
| White/Caucasian               | 40%                          |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 28%                          |
| Multi-Racial/Other            | 8%                           |
| Ethnicity Not Provided        | 15%                          |

Scholarship Awardees by Race and Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity                | Percentage of Scholarship Awardees |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 0%                                 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander     | 1%                                 |
| Black/African American        | 8%                                 |
| White/Caucasian               | 35%                                |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 42%                                |
| Multi-Racial/Other            | 9%                                 |
| Ethnicity Not Provided        | 5%                                 |