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Colorado State University, with support from the Daniels Fund, announces a scholarship opportunity for students who first enrolled at CSU this current (fall 2009) semester.

The Daniels Fund is a philanthropic organization that provides scholarship funding for non-traditional students such as adults pursuing education later in life, GED recipients, returning military personnel, and young people from a foster care system. The Daniels Opportunity Scholarship (DOS) is funded by a grant to CSU and we are contacting you to encourage you to consider submitting an application by **October 27, 2009**, if you meet the eligibility criteria.

To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be an incoming transfer student who has a date of birth of August, 1984 or prior and has a minimum of 60 credits accepted by CSU;
- Was a Foster Child, Orphan, or Ward of the State;
- Earned a GED, or;
- Has Veteran status or is in Active Duty.

Eligible candidates must also meet additional criteria:

- Was admitted and is enrolled at CSU for the fall 2009 semester;
- Is enrolled full time in an undergraduate degree program at CSU;
- Demonstrates significant financial need (as determined by the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid- FAFSA);
- Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non- citizen (see FAFSA for description of eligible non-citizen);
- Be a resident of Colorado for tuition purposes;
- Demonstrate academic promise, maturity, character, leadership, perseverance, and commitment to serving their community.

If you meet the criteria stated above and are interested in applying for the Award, visit www.casa.colostate.edu under "Outreach and Support Programs" and download, complete, and return the Daniels Opportunity Scholarship (DOS) application to the Center for Advising and Student Achievement by email, fax, mail, or in person, no later than **October 27, 2009**. A postmark no later than October 27, 2009 will be accepted.

If you are selected as a Daniels Opportunity Scholar, you will be awarded a scholarship to meet your remaining financial need up to \$5,000. The Daniels Opportunity Scholarship amount will be calculated by subtracting from the cost of attendance, expected family contribution, Pell Grant, and any resources including institutional and outside scholarships. The remainder will be met with the DOS up to a maximum amount of \$5,000 per year.

In addition to the financial benefit, award recipients are provided support from a University resource person who serves as a guide and advocate during a students' undergraduate experience. The award may be renewable for two years (four consecutive fall and spring semesters). Renewal of the DOS Award requires that a student be in good academic standing according to Scholastic Standards, be making satisfactory academic progress according to Student Financial Services, enroll full time, and submit a complete financial aid application (FAFSA) for each year you are enrolled in the program.

Colorado State University has a long tradition of commitment to educational opportunity. We are pleased to partner with the Daniels Fund to offer the Daniels Opportunity Scholarship Program to Colorado State University students. We hope you will act quickly to develop a high quality application.

For background information on Bill Daniels and insight into why this scholarship is being offered, visit: <http://www.danielsfund.org>.

Daniels Opportunity Scholarship applications can be submitted by mail or fax to:

Daniels Opportunity Scholarship Committee
c/o Shari Douglas
Center for Advising and Student Achievement- CASA
801 Oval Drive
121 TILT Building
1052 Campus Delivery
CSU Fort Collins, CO 80523-1052
Fax: 970-491-1133

or by email to Shari.Douglas@colostate.edu using the subject of "DOS application"

If you have any questions about the scholarship or the expectations of scholars selected, please contact Barb Musslewhite at the Center for Advising and Student Achievement (CASA) at (970) 491-7095.

Good luck!