

COLORADO STUDENT LEADERS INSTITUTE BENEFITS COLORADO:

- Builds loyalty and commitment from Colorado's best and brightest teens;
- Provides an impetus for Colorado's students to remain in Colorado for college and career;
- While the average student takes six years to complete a four year college degree, 90% of students participating in a Governor's School program complete it in four;
- Develops a civic voice among Colorado's best students so that they graduate from high school as civic participants;
- Creates young leaders energized to find solutions for Colorado's most pressing issues;
- Readies motivated students for a competitive Colorado workforce;
- Nationwide, up to 80% of students participating in a Governor's School program stay in state for college and career.

COLORADO STUDENT LEADERS INSTITUTE STUDENTS ARE:

- High school students from across the state;
- Representative of Colorado's counties;
- From wide-ranging socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Motivated by opportunities for education choice.
- Motivated, mature, passionate learners.



Colorado Student Leaders Institute

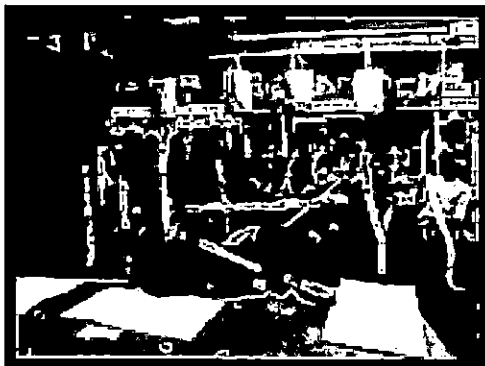
Affiliated with The National Conference of Governor's
Schools

WHAT IS COLORADO STUDENT LEADERS INSTITUTE?

- Four week immersion collegiate academic experience for high school students;
- Residential at University of Colorado Denver
- College-level course work taught by university professors, secondary educators; and business and government leaders;
- Connecting the best and brightest students from across the state to create a community of Colorado's future leaders;
- Enrichment opportunities to complement course of study (concerts and theatre).

COLORADO STUDENT LEADERS INSTITUTE WILL:

- Promote entrepreneurialism;
- Create civic-minded, problem-solving citizens;
- Strengthen students' connections to Colorado by teaching Colorado history, economics, politics, culture and geography;
- Help prepare motivated students for a competitive Colorado workforce;
- Encourage young Coloradans to stay in Colorado for college and career;
- Empower students to create solutions for Colorado;
- Teach important college readiness skills including high level literacy.



CREATING COLORADO STUDENT LEADERS INSTITUTE:

Cost: There is no tuition for participant, to allow for an inclusive and diverse population. The program cost per participant is \$2600.

Location: COSLI is hosted by University of Colorado Denver.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is COSLI only for gifted and talented students?

COSLI is appropriate for any highly motivated, intellectually curious high school students seeking post secondary readiness.

How will COSLI be all inclusive?



will be eligible for free and reduced lunch and/or will be first generation post secondary attendees."



At least 50% of our students are free and reduced lunch eligible or are first generation college students.

Mission Statement

"Colorado Student Leaders Institute is an academic summer residential program for college bound high school students with exceptional intellectual curiosity.

At least 50% of COSLI students

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February 17, 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend that the State of Colorado support the funding of the Student Leader Institute. This program, similar to others that most states currently support, helps to cultivate home-grown leaders within our state. The program offers leadership training, exposure to the legislative process, and multiple hands-on opportunities for the next generation of state leadership.

In order for Colorado to maintain a competitive edge and not lose its best and brightest future leaders, it is critical that the next generation be prepared to address the issues facing our state; the Student Leader Institute works directly toward this goal. For a small investment, Colorado can cultivate a big return for next generation of Colorado citizens.

As a teacher, I have seen some of our best students depart Colorado for states that offer the next generation opportunity, scholarship money, and top-level jobs. Programs such as the Student Leader Institute help students build connections to their home state, offers students a chance to personally invest themselves in the state in which they grew up, and offers avenues for students to maximize their talents in order to make Colorado an ever stronger, competitive and desirable place to live, educate and raise the next generations. I strongly encourage this opportunity to invest in the future of our state — our kids!

Sincerely,

Sheila Sloan

Pueblo West High School Teacher

AP US History * IB World History *Accelerated US History

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello. My name is Jacob Sloan, and I'm a senior currently attending Pueblo West High School. I've had the great fortune of being a member on COSLI's student leader board, as well as the honor of working with Celeste Archer, the program's director.

Having participated in a number of extracurricular programs in my high school career, including YMCA Youth in Government, Mock Trial, Speech and Debate, Knowledge Bowl, I know how difficult it can be for programs to gain traction on the state level. However, the Student Leader Institute has done just that.

As a program that draws upon the most promising young adults from across the state, COSLI fosters Colorado growth in Colorado collegiate institutions. This program offers students from all walks of life and backgrounds a single common objective: to develop from students into mature, well-adjusted leaders equipped with the modern education necessary to thrive in Colorado communities. The Student Leader Institute is a unique program that can excel with a minimal investment, as it will use public and private monies to welcome any and all students willing and able to learn into an educational environment. The Student Leader Institute's use of a 4-week residential immersion experience presents to students a number of benefits, including statewide student exposure, a premier college education experience, and an exclusive preview of the proficient educational resources offered here in the great state of Colorado.

It is my hope that, as public servants, you will also see the incredible utility of a program like this, as well as the multidimensional experience it will provide to a huge number of driven students in our state.

On behalf of the student board and students across Colorado, I want to thank you for the consideration you've given our program, and to urge you emphatically to move forward with this bill's progression.

Best regards,

Jacob Sloan
Pueblo

Holly Fink, South High School, Denver

About a year ago, my high school counselor nominated me to join a program that at the time was called Colorado Governor's School, and is now called Colorado Student Leaders Institute. I wasn't quite sure what it was at the time, but I'm never one to pass up on joining something new, so I applied.

Our first meeting explained to us how we were the students from all over the state chosen to be on the student board for the new summer program we were trying to implement in Colorado. We spent multiple weekends over the past year together, planning, brainstorming, and creating friendships. We were all so excited to learn and be a part of something so important. Without this opportunity, we never would have met each other or had the chance to meet so many people from so many different places.

Now, we want to give this opportunity to the best and brightest students of Colorado. In the first two years, COSLI will bring together 136 students, at least 2 students from every county, to spend time together in a unique learning experience. I believe this program is very important because the students who apply will be eager to learn and strive to go to college. Students who attend this program will most likely attend college in Colorado. Students will have a choice in study for the four-week program, so they will be 100% invested in what they are learning. The three main majors offered will be Language Arts, STEAM, and Global Studies. Along with the three academic majors, enrichment classes will be included. Every student who attends COSLI will be required to complete a National History Day project relating to their major and about a Colorado Topic. Language Arts students would do research on an author, or important literary figure in Colorado History. The same follows for STEAM and Global Studies. There are so many important figures in Colorado History, and it is important that students learn this history. COSLI will encourage students to take pride in their state and the important academic figures that have made an impact.

Through this learning experience students will find friends with similar interests as themselves and have the opportunity to get excited and share thoughts on their interests. They will have the opportunity to push themselves and try new things. For many students, spending four weeks away from home will be a difficult challenge. For myself, this will be the longest I will have ever been away from home. I believe that students who participate in COSLI will have an advantage over their peers in college because we will understand what it is like to be away. We will know what it is like to meet new people, stay in a dorm, and have an experience similar to college. Our program will be 50% free and reduced lunch and/or First Generation College. The goal is to have a diverse setting that does not exclude anyone from the program, as long as they are curious and excited to learn. Working on this project with all the amazing students and mentors has been so much fun. I have learned so much that I know will help me when I apply to college, as well as when I apply for jobs. I have learned how to be a leader and work really hard for something I believe in. COSLI is definitely something I believe in.

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Legislators,

When people talk about education in America, they always bring up some type of lack. The focus always seems to be on the lack of funding, lacks in test scores, etc. Yet as a student in America, one thing I've noticed is that there is no lack whatsoever of bright, young, motivated students. The challenge that is faced within our schools is connecting these students with opportunities and strategies, so that we can build a future where people can no longer focus on what's lacking in education. Because I am aware of this challenge, I realize the immensely positive contribution that the Colorado Student Leaders Institute has the potential of making in our education system. But we need your support.

COSLI would bridge a widening gap between bright low income students, and a successful future. The program that these students would go through would not prepare students for college, but inspire them to achieve. A program like this is necessary because there truly is a lack of connections available between high schoolers and available college readiness programs. Beyond this, the benefits of COSLI are undeniable. The program keeps bright students in our state, improves the opportunities for our youth, and acts as a highly engaging college preparation experience.

In addition to the opportunities that COSLI offers students around Colorado, the program has already taught me so many valuable lessons. I have gotten the chance to meet kids around all of Colorado, and have been amazed by the capability of my peers. Through working with these people, I have learned more about being a leader and advocating for something that is very important to me. COSLI has shown me the power of motivated people, and has proved that my influence is not insignificant. I hope that holds true today. Your support is crucial to the dream of Colorado Student Leaders Institute, and I hope that we share the appreciation for this blossoming program.

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	Grade	Students	Birth	Length	Cost/Day	Cost Per Student	Total Cost	Public \$	Private \$	Main Funding Sources	
Alabama Governor's School	11	90	1988		13	\$76.92	\$1,000.00	\$90,000.00	Yes	Yes	Student Tuition
Arkansas Governor's School	11	400	1980		42	\$52.98	\$2,225.00	\$890,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
California State Summer School for the Arts	9-12	480	1987		28	\$178.57	\$5,000.00	\$2,400,000.00	Yes	Yes	
Delaware Governor's School for Excellence	10	130	1979		7	\$153.86	\$1,077.00	\$140,010.00	Yes		State Funding
Georgia Governor's Honors Program	10-11	691	1964		28	\$58.50	\$1,638.00	\$1,131,858.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program	11	1000	1983		35	\$71.43	\$2,500.00	\$2,500,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurship	9-11	50	2013		21	\$309.52	\$6,500.00	\$325,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts	10-11	255	1987		21	\$180.95	\$3,800.00	\$969,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Louisiana Governor's Program for Gifted Children	6-9	75	1959		49	\$96.94	\$4,750.00	\$356,250.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding and Tuition
Mississippi Governor's School	10-11	100	1981		21	\$114.29	\$2,400.00	\$240,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Missouri Fine Arts Academy	10-11	200	1996		21	\$76.19	\$1,600.00	\$320,000.00	Yes	Yes	
Missouri Scholars Academy	10	330	1985		21	\$65.76	\$1,381.00	\$455,730.00	No	Yes	
New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences	11	100	1983		21	\$166.67	\$3,500.00	\$350,000.00	Yes	Yes	
New Jersey Governor's School of Engineering & Technology	11	90	2001		28	\$107.14	\$3,000.00	\$270,000.00	Yes	Yes	
New York State Summer School of the Arts - School of Ballet	6-12	60	1976		28				Yes	Yes	State Funding
New York State Summer School of the Arts - School of Choral Studies	8-12	75	1976		28				Yes	Yes	State Funding
New York State Summer School of the Arts - School of Dance	8-12	30	1988		28				Yes	Yes	State Funding
New York State Summer School of the Arts - School of Media Arts	8-12	50	1976		28				Yes	Yes	State Funding
New York State Summer School of the Arts - School of Orchestral Studies	8-12	95	1970		28				Yes	Yes	State Funding
New York State Summer School of the Arts - School of Theatre	8-12	32	1976		28				Yes	Yes	State Funding
New York State Summer School of the Arts - School of Visual Arts	8-12	95	1976		28				Yes	Yes	State Funding
North Carolina Governor's School	11	650	1963		38.5	\$48.05	\$1,850.00	\$1,202,500.00	Yes	No	State Funding
North Dakota Governor's School	10-11	50	1990		42						State Funding
Pennsylvania Governor's School of Engineering	11-Oct	50	2014		14	\$10,714.28	\$3,000.00	\$150,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences	11	60	1982		35				Yes	Yes	State Funding
South Dakota Governor's Camp	6-12	100	1984		14	\$35.71	\$500.00	\$50,000.00	No	No	State Funding and Tuition
Tennessee Governor's School for Computational Physics	10-11	36	1985		20	\$150.00	\$3,000.00	\$108,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for Emerging Technologies	10-11	36	2008		28	\$142.86	\$4,000.00	\$144,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for Information Technology Leadership	10-11	32	2003		28	\$109.25	\$3,059.05	\$97,889.60	Yes	No	State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for International Studies	10-11	64	1986		28	\$132.81	\$3,718.75	\$238,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for Prospective Teachers	10-11				35						State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for Scientific Models and Data Analysis	10-11	30			32						State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences	10-11	32	2004		28	\$178.57	\$5,000.00	\$160,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts	10-11		1984		28	\$114.29	\$3,200				State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities	10-11	52	1986		28	\$107.14	\$3,000.00	\$156,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences & Engineering	10-11	100	1985, 1996, 2007		28						State Funding
Tennessee Governor's School for the Scientific Exploration of TN Heritage	10-11		1984		27						State Funding
Texas Governor's School at Lamar University	9-11	100	1991		21	\$47.62	\$1,000.00	\$100,000.00	Yes	Yes	Grants
University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy	9-12	110	1991		28	\$232.14	\$6,500.00	\$715,000.00	No	Yes	
Vermont Governor's Institute on Asian Cultures	9-11	20	1996		7	\$178.57	\$1,250.00	\$25,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Vermont Governor's Institute on Current Issues and Youth Activism	9-11	50	1985		10	\$195.00	\$1,950.00	\$97,500.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Vermont Governor's Institute on Engineering	9-11	80	1985, 1995		8	\$156.25	\$1,250.00	\$100,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Vermont Governor's Institute on Entrepreneurship	9-11	30	2014		7	\$178.57	\$1,250.00	\$37,500.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Vermont Governor's Institute on Environmental Science and Technology	9-11	36	1985, 1995		7	\$178.57	\$1,250.00	\$45,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Vermont Governor's Institute on Information Technology	9-11	60	2002		9	\$138.89	\$1,250.00	\$75,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Vermont Governor's Institute on Mathematical Sciences	9-11	32	2004		7	\$178.57	\$1,250.00	\$40,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Vermont Governor's Institute on the Arts	9-11	130	1983		15	\$130.00	\$1,950.00	\$253,500.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Virginia Governor's Mentorship in Engineering	10-11	12			28	\$105.25	\$2,947.00	\$35,364.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Virginia Governor's Mentorship in Marine Science	10-11	6	1993		28	\$105.25	\$2,947.00	\$17,682.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Virginia Governor's School for Agriculture	10-11	100	2001		28	\$89.29	\$2,500.00	\$250,000.00	Yes	Yes	State Funding
Virginia Governor's School for Mathematics, Sciences, and Technology	10-11	160	1973		28	\$52.57	\$1,472.00	\$235,520.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Virginia Governor's School for Medicine and the Health Sciences	9-11	26	~2000		28	\$122.11	\$3,419.00	\$88,894.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Virginia Governor's School for the Humanities and Visual & Performing Arts	10-11	400	2000		28	\$46.43	\$1,300.00	\$520,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
West Virginia Governor's Honors Academy	11	200	1984		21	\$119.05	\$2,500.00	\$500,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
West Virginia Governor's School for Math and Science	7-8	96	2001		14	\$85.71	\$1,200.00	\$115,200.00	Yes	No	State Funding
West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts	10	114	1994		21	\$119.05	\$2,500.00	\$285,000.00	Yes	No	State Funding
Wyoming Summer High School Institute	10	100	1985		21	\$132.14	\$2,775.00	\$277,500.00	Yes	No	State Funding