

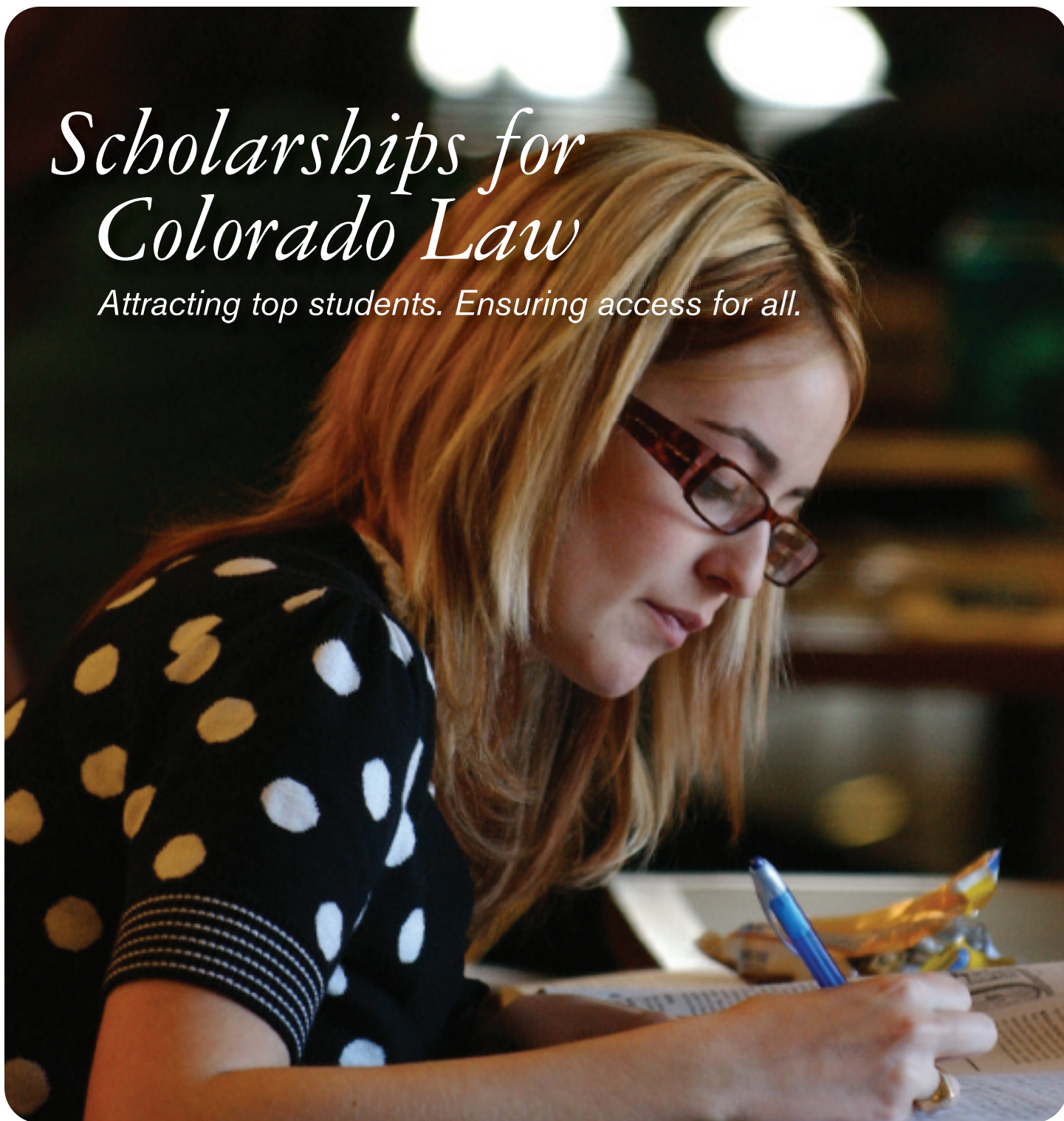
Creating Futures

University of Colorado *at Boulder*



Scholarships for Colorado Law

Attracting top students. Ensuring access for all.





“By attracting the best students from diverse backgrounds and enabling access to the most qualified, regardless of wealth, we will strengthen the 115-year-old tradition of public legal education at Colorado Law. This is the foundation upon which the Law School will grow.”

—David Getches
Dean, University of Colorado
Law School

Well-Positioned, but In Need of Scholarship Support

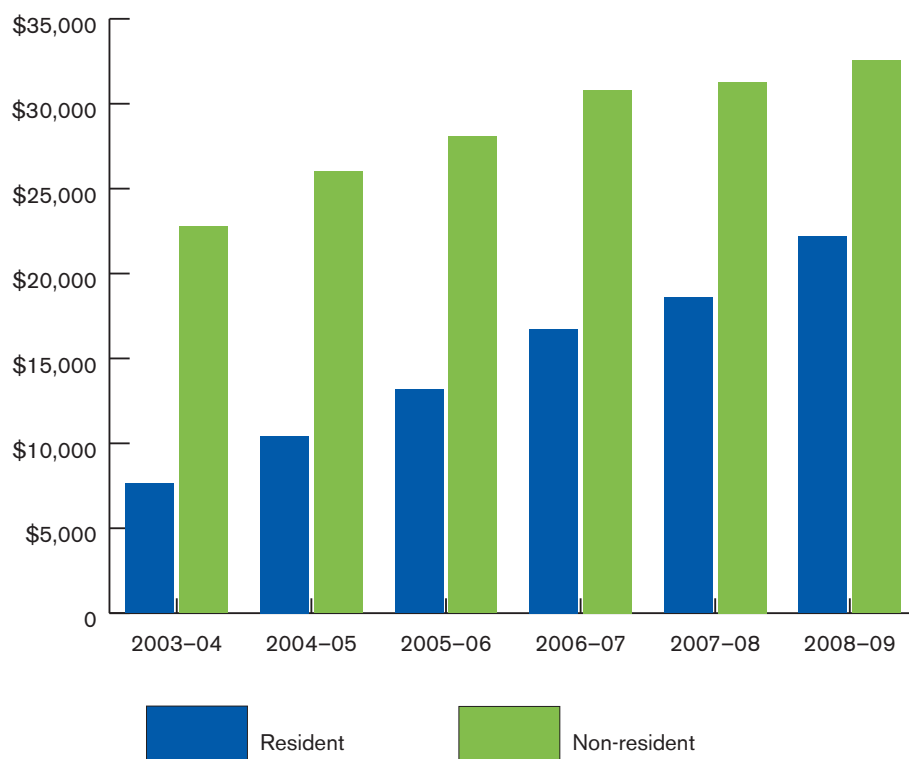
The University of Colorado Law School occupies a distinctive position among American law schools. The academic qualifications of our students are among the highest of any public law school. Our faculty’s influence exceeds its relatively small number. Our spectacular setting at the gateway to the Rockies inspires the mind and spirit to soar. Colorado Law’s intimate size, low student-to-faculty ratio, and new Wolf Law Building also contribute to the school’s rise in recent law school rankings, and they are strengths that we aim to preserve and to bolster.

While Colorado Law is enhancing its ability to educate tomorrow’s leaders, law schools face an increasingly competitive admissions climate. State support for operations and programs has sharply decreased. Colorado resident tuition and fees are four times higher than they were 20 years ago, even accounting for inflation. Although Colorado Law remains a bargain relative to its peers, the increased cost of a legal education is a barrier for many students and leaves most graduates with significant debt.

Eighty-five percent of our students fund their Colorado Law experience with loans. This escalating financial burden threatens our accessibility, diversity, and competitive standing. Today’s costs far exceed what a student can earn in part-time and summer work, resulting in loan payments that stretch for years after graduation, and inhibit graduates from choosing less-lucrative but rewarding career paths in the public service and nonprofit sectors.

Colorado Law Tuition 2003–08

	2003–04	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09
Resident	\$7,645	\$10,424	\$13,175	\$16,738	\$18,594	\$22,047
Non-resident	\$22,781	\$26,016	\$28,079	\$30,814	\$31,278	\$32,559



You Can Help Keep Colorado Law Competitive

Attracting and accommodating stellar and diverse talent is a key component of our Strategic Plan. While many leading law schools offer full tuition and living expense grants to the nation's most qualified applicants, Colorado Law's merit scholarship program has been modest. **We must increase our merit scholarship resources** or risk losing the very best students to other schools. Meanwhile, those with the greatest financial need are being priced out of the opportunity for a Colorado Law education. **Support for need-based scholarships will help us educate the most promising students regardless of financial background.**

With your help, we can bridge the gap.



***"My scholarship at the
University of Colorado Law
School allowed me to
choose public service as
a career."***

—Bill Ritter '81
Governor, State of Colorado

A Top Reputation Requires a Solid Bottom Line

Robust scholarship funding is critical to Colorado Law's ability to attract and admit highly qualified students from all backgrounds. In 2008 we ranked 11th among public law schools (up from 23rd two years earlier). We've attained this ranking with efficiency and hard work, but unless we strengthen our general operating budget and endowment, we will decline in national reputation and ranking. To maintain our quality, we must provide more funding for our students.

Consider these facts:

- Four of the top five public law schools have endowments over \$200 million.
- Eight of the top ten public law schools also rank among the top ten in educational expenditures per student and average scholarship award.

Challenged to Keep Up With Our Peers

(Figures below are for FY 2007; peer cohort is top 20 public law schools)

	<i>Colorado Law</i>	<i>Peer average</i>	<i>CU vs. average</i>
Average scholarship/fellowship award	\$5,715	\$9,265	-38%
Endowment (\$ millions)	\$36.9	\$97.5	-62%
Average spending per student	\$29,520	\$35,586	-17%





Our Goal: 40 New Full Scholarships for Colorado Law

You can help Colorado Law recruit and support the most desirable students from among the best-qualified applicants. We aim to fund a minimum of 40 scholarships at resident tuition rates. This represents \$882,000 per year at 2008–09 tuition rates, or an endowment of at least \$20 million. Achieving this ambitious goal would triple our current scholarship endowment. Dramatically increased scholarship funding is critical to the enduring status of Colorado Law as one of the best law schools in the nation, and to our students' ability to flourish.

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Barash Scholarship Honors Commitment to Public Service Law

Daniel B. Barash graduated from Colorado Law in 2002. Inspired by his clinical work in law school, Daniel became a public defender, serving clients in El Paso County. But in 2004, his life was tragically cut short.

To honor Daniel's commitment to defending the rights of the underserved, his family established the Daniel Barash Scholarship Fund. The fund has quickly grown to \$500,000 in contributions from more than 1,000 donors.

"As a recipient of the Dan Barash Scholarship," says David Brown '07, "I was able to forgo a paying job my third year and work for the Denver Office of the Colorado State Public Defender. While there I was able to try a case to a jury, an experience I would not have had at any private firm."

Another recipient, Effie Hindson '07, says, "Dan Barash dedicated his life to this work, and I am so proud to be following in his footsteps."





Tom and Claire Brown,
granddaughter Lauren Brown,
and Brian Taylor at a Law School
scholarship reception.

"I give annually to Colorado Law. I so well remember that when I was a law student, Professor Al Menard told me to consider my scholarship not just as a gift, but also as a loan to be repaid someday with 'interest'—implying that the 'interest' would be a function of my ability to help future law students."

—Tom Brown '64
Former Dean, University of
Colorado Law School
Past Chair, University of
Colorado Foundation

Building Scholarship Capacity through Our Donors' Generosity

Our development officers will work with you and your financial planner to customize a giving plan that will make additional Colorado Law student scholarships a reality. As a donor, you may choose whether a scholarship will be need- or merit-based, as well as other applicant traits you seek to honor; or you can give unrestricted scholarship funds, enabling us to direct them where they are most needed. You have several options:

Endowments

Endowments are a particularly attractive way to leave a permanent legacy and help provide an enduring financial base for Colorado Law. You can endow a permanent scholarship fund at the law school with a minimum principal of \$100,000. This amount can be paid in full at the time of the fund's establishment, or pledged and paid in full over five years.

The principal is held in the CU Foundation's Long Term Investment Pool (LTIP). Earnings on the LTIP in recent years have exceeded its benchmark average.

Annual scholarship awards are typically 4 percent of the endowment principal. For example, a \$250,000 endowment would produce an annual scholarship award of approximately \$10,000. Any income above the 4 percent distribution is reinvested in the scholarship principal, to help keep up with increases in tuition and other costs. As the original principal grows, the award available to students becomes larger, as it is based on a percentage of the principal.

Endowment Gift-Named Scholarship

One full three-year scholarship each year in perpetuity	\$ 1,700,000 or more
One full-year scholarship each year in perpetuity	\$ 550,000 or more
One semester scholarship each year in perpetuity	\$ 280,000 or more

Current Scholarships

A current (non-endowed) named scholarship is paid and awarded each year in the amount the donor contributes. You may suggest the criteria for the award, which may include honoring a specific student interest or qualification, and may provide for one or more scholarships at any level.

A named current scholarship can be funded at a minimum level of \$5,000 annually with a commitment of five years.

Annual Contribution–Named Scholarship

One-year Colorado resident tuition and fees	\$22,000 per year
One semester	\$11,000 per year
Partial, with commitment of five years	\$5,000–10,000 per year

Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts

Several funding options enable donors to fund scholarships while also receiving benefits such as annuity income, capital gains tax mitigation, charitable income tax deductions, and reduced estate taxes. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these options with you and your advisors, and help you determine which best meet your needs.





The Time is Now!

To learn about the many ways
you can make a gift:

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Colorado Law has rapidly ascended the ranks of premier U.S. law schools. Support for Colorado Law scholarships will accelerate our growth in quality and reputation while continuing our tradition of providing access for deserving students to legal education. You can help us move closer still to realizing our full potential.

