

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Funding Education

The Colorado Center for Medical Laboratory Science (CCMLS) offers, through their academic sponsor Metropolitan State University of Denver, these financial support opportunities to help students offset the cost of educational expenses. Admitted students are invited to explore these options with the appropriate contact as designated.

Through the Financial Aid Department at Metropolitan State University of Denver:

As a post-baccalaureate certificate program, students may take out private/alternative educational loans to off-set the cost of attendance. These loans are certified and distributed to the student's Banner Account by the MSU Denver financial aid department. This certificate program is not eligible for federal funded financial aid (Title IV funds/FAFSA) since this program is a non-credit certificate program through MSU Denver. Private loans will assist students with cost of attendance including tuition and fees and living expenses. Students may borrow up to the limits of the allowable financial aid budget.

The school code is: [Metro FA Loan ID # 001360](#)

See the following websites

- o [Private Loan Financial Aid Website](#)
- o [Financial Aid.org](#)

Veteran and Military Student Services and Benefits: CCMLS and MSU Denver are appreciative of your service to our country and are happy to assist you with your transition and continuous stay at MSU Denver. Veterans enrolled in CCMLS may receive educational benefits once enrolled in coursework. The Veterans and Military Student Services staff will assist eligible veterans with this process. Please visit their website for further information:

<https://msudenver.edu/veterans/contactus/staffinformation/>

Scholarships: The Auraria Library has a scholarship desk with extensive resources on local and national scholarships. Students seeking admission to CCMLS should spend time at the Auraria library researching these resources early in the application process. While applying for scholarships requires considerable effort on the part of the student, scholarship awards are not something a student needs to pay back after graduation. Scholarship application deadlines can fall 6-8 months prior to the program start date.

Admitted students will be provided information regarding scholarship opportunities sent directly to the Center by professional organizations as they are available.

Other Sources of Financial Aid

Students admitted to CCMLS who have completed the Metropolitan State University of Denver enrollment application will receive further financial information on:

Tuition Support Programs offered by CCMLS clinical affiliates. These awards are limited in number and offered on a competitive basis only to those admitted to CCMLS. The tuition support award amounts vary by hospital and are tied to an employment commitment upon graduation. Flyers describing available programs for the current academic year will be provided to **admitted students** by mid-spring after admission.

Other Funding: CCMLS will notify admitted students of other funding sources available for the current academic year for those admitted to the MLS professional program.

Work Opportunities: Admitted students can seek lab employment on a per diem or part time basis during evening shifts or weekends through hospital HR departments working as lab assistants or phlebotomists. Most healthcare facilities require an individual to have experience or to complete phlebotomy training at a local phlebotomy school. Any employment opportunity announcement offered by CCMLS clinical affiliates will be forwarded to those students admitted to the program.

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