**Student Checklist for ASCENT Program Consideration**

**Please Note:** This document is only for your personal tracking use and does not constitute an application to participate in the ASCENT Program. **You must follow all the requirements of your school district/charter school to applying** to participate in the ASCENT Program.

**Things to consider before you apply to your district/charter school for consideration to participate in the ASCENT program**

* You must meet all of these all of these basic eligibility requirements for the ASCENT program:
* I have completed, or am on schedule to complete, at least 12 credit hours (semester hours or equivalent) of transcripted, credit-bearing, college-level postsecondary coursework**\*** prior to completing his/her 12th grade year. Remedial/developmental education college courses do not qualify as part of the 12 required credits.

***\*****Does not include International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Education Program (CLEP), prior learning, or experiential courses, unless these exams/experiences have been converted to transcripted credits on a college transcript.* ***Check with your high school counselor if you have these types of these courses that you would like to apply toward the required 12 postsecondary cred hours.***

* I am college ready in that I have completed the required minimum college course prerequisites and assessments, and I am not in need of basic skills coursework in the pathway in which I plan to enroll.
* I have completed an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) prior to declaring intent to participate in ASCENT and reviewed it with my high school counselor. It has been determined that the college courses that I plan to enroll in as an ASCENT student satisfy college degree or certificate requirements and are in line with my ICAP.
* I have checked with my district/charter school for the proper procedure, documents/information, and deadline date to submit my ASCENT application.
* I understand that I will still be considered a high school student until after I complete the 5th year of my ASCENT program; and I have checked with my high school to see if they will allow me to participate in my class graduation activities even though I will not receive my diploma until after I complete the 5th year of the ASCENT program.

**While applying to your district/charter school for consideration to participate in the ASCENT program**

* I have received information and guidance from my high school counselor regarding participation in the ASCENT program.
* I have applied to and have been accepted into a postsecondary degree program at the qualified Colorado college/university that I plan to attend if selected by my district/charter school to participate in the ASCENT Program.

In the event that I am not selected to participate in the ASCENT program, I will:

* Apply to any postsecondary institutions/programs that I am interested in, and
* Research career and/or military opportunities that I am interested in, and
* Apply for any scholarships that I might be eligible for, and
* Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**After you have applied to your district/charter school for consideration to participate in the ASCENT program**

* I have applied for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) and I will authorize the High School/School District to release my SASID # to the college for the purpose of COF, at institutions which receive COF funding.
* I have been notified by my district/high school/charter school that I have been accepted to participate in the ASCENT program.
* I have registered for college courses.
* I have read and understand the course expectations and prerequisites as college students (as noted in course catalog and/or syllabus) for the college courses that plan to enroll in.
* I have met with my high school counselor to review financial aid award letters that I have received from colleges/universities to determine that the ASCENT program is the best path for me.
* I have reviewed the billing statement from the college with my high school counselor and parents/guardians, and understand which course expenses I and my parents/guardians must pay directly to the college.