College Opportunity Fund: How to Authorize your COF Stipend

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Accessing the COF Authorization Page

Once the student has navigated to “All Student Functions” there 2 ways to access the COF Authorization Page:

- Academics
- Student Account
Accessing via “Academics”

Click on Academics> Click on COF Authorization/Review:
**COF Authorization/Review Page**

COF Authorization page will state the student’s name at the top left of the window.

A message will be displayed to the student defining the student’s COF Status.

- If student has **previously authorized COF** you will see the following message:

  ![Diagram of COF Authorization/Review page with student name and statistics](image)

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  - A "checked" box indicates that the student has applied for the COF Stipend.
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Authorizing COF for Continuing Students

For students who have authorized COF prior to attending CU or from a sister CU campus, the following information will be displayed:

- Notification of previous COF Authorized options
- How many total COF hours have been used previously
  - Hours used at sister campus
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- If the student has applied the stipend in previous terms OR has applied the stipend at a different institution, the hours used will be reported here.
To Authorize/Confirm Authorization

To access the terms you would like to authorize:

- Using the scroll bar to the right of the window
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Pre Baccalaureate Statistics

- Nearing Lifetime Max?:
  - Lifetime Maximum: 145.00

Each Undergraduate Student will be given 145.00 credit hours to use towards an Undergraduate degree.
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  - If student states they have applied to COF then transfer the call to COF Coordinator.

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