



# puksta

FOUNDATION

ENRICHING LIVES, ENGAGING COMMUNITIES



## Who We Are

### Eligibility

- ⊕ Must graduate from a Colorado High School
- ⊕ Must show financial need (2.5x Pell Grant or below)
- ⊕ Dedicated to working on an issue to improve our communities
- ⊕ Must maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher while in the Puksta Scholars Program

The Puksta Foundation is a 501(c)3 educational foundation formed in 2000. We provide access to higher education through our Puksta Scholarship - based on financial need with a commitment bringing positive change to our communities. The Puksta Foundation operates on 4 campuses across the state of Colorado, providing grants to the University of Denver, Colorado State University, University of Colorado Boulder, and Metropolitan State University. These grants fund a 4- year scholarship program at each university called the Puksta Scholar Program. **A college education is only part of one's learning opportunity. Participation in the community is the perspective that truly shapes an individual's life.** The Foundation encourages scholars to be engaged in the community and to commit time and energy to the betterment of Colorado and beyond.

54 Puksta  
Scholars

At our 4 university  
partners and  
growing!

97%  
Graduation  
Rate

Across our partnering  
universities

# Values



Support

Mentorship

Anti-  
Oppression

Access  
to  
Education

Compassion

Community

Inclusivity

Positive  
Change



## Puksta Scholars Program

When a student enters one of our Puksta Scholar Programs they instantly enter a support network.

Our coordinators at each campus meet with scholars one on one regularly and twice per month as a group. As a requirement of our scholarship, each of our Puksta Scholars is actively working on a project of their choosing in their community to make our world a better place to live in and work in.

- ① Mentorship
- ① Community
- ① Experiential Learning
- ① Relationship Building
- ① Opportunity to work on your passion
- ① Collaborate with peers
- ① Develop community partners
- ① Support throughout the year
- ① Enriching programming
- ① Annual Retreats

### Puksta Scholarship

University of Denver - \$6,000/year

University of Colorado at Boulder - \$5,000/year

Colorado State University - \$5,000/year

Metropolitan State University - \$3,500/year

**\*New Program Launching Fall of 2022\***

University of Colorado Denver - \$5,000/year

*- Our scholarship covers*

*roughly 40% of tuition/fees*



### Life After Puksta

After graduation scholars are entered into our **Puksta Alumni Network** comprising of over 384 Puksta Alumni. Many of them continuing their community work that they began with Puksta as their career path. We have Puksta Alumnus across the nation and even spanning across the globe. At Puksta, we stay engaged with the alums and find them continually coming back to help current scholars with their projects and how to navigate life after graduation.

① To learn more... please visit [www.pukstafoundation.org!](http://www.pukstafoundation.org!)



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