The Mountains and Plains (M&P) tuition program allows students from nineteen states to attend Colorado Mesa University by paying 150% of the cost of in-state tuition instead of out-of-state tuition. Students who are residents from the states of District of Columbia, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin are considered for the classification; however, acceptance into M&P is not guaranteed. To be considered students must submit a completed CMU application, all required transcripts and/or test scores, and a copy of a valid M&P state driver’s license. Shortly after admission, students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a permanent address in one of the M&P qualifying states will be notified of their M&P status.

All undergraduate degree programs are open to M&P students. New freshman or transfer students (24–105 credits) enrolling for the first time at CMU are eligible for M&P consideration. Currently enrolled students cannot be considered for M&P after enrollment at CMU. Returning students (those sitting out one or more semesters) will be considered on an individual basis. Students with a prior bachelor’s degree are ineligible. Through acceptance of the special M&P tuition classification, students acknowledge their intent to maintain their legal domicile in their home state at the time of application. If students desire to change their legal domicile to any other state, including Colorado, they must notify the Tuition Classification Officer in the Admissions Office. At that time a student may be changed to out-of-state for tuition purposes. Please note that time accrued while participating in the M&P tuition program cannot be used to establish domiciliary intent for purposes of claiming Colorado residency. To maintain M&P program status, students must:

1. be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.;
2. be enrolled in consecutive fall and spring terms registering in a minimum of 12 credits each semester. Summer term requires six credit hours;
3. maintain a minimum 2.5 CMU GPA each academic year; and
4. remain a permanent resident of your home M&P state (maintaining your home state driver’s license will be required).

For more information please contact the Admissions Office at 970.248.1875.