



Specified Semi-Automatic Firearms (SSF) 7-Step Eligibility & Purchase Guide

Everything you need to do — in order — to buy a semi-automatic rifle, shotgun, or gas-operated handgun in Colorado.

Notice: Colorado law now requires you to complete the Colorado Firearms Safety Program **before** purchasing or receiving an SSF. Approved eligibility is valid for **5 years**. This does not apply to firearms you already own.

1 Create Your FSS Account

Register in the Colorado Firearms Safety System (FSS) portal. Enter your Hunter Education details if you have them — that qualifies you for the 4-hour Basic course instead of the 12-hour Extended course. Save your FSS Application ID.

➔ coloradofss.com

2 Obtain a Name-Based Background Check

Complete the required check through an approved service such as MyTruSeal (about \$30), as instructed by your Sheriff's Office.

➔ mytruseal.com

3 Apply with Your County Sheriff

Submit your background check, photo ID, and FSS application to your county Sheriff (Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer, etc.). Pay the \$52 CPW fee plus any local county fee.

➔ cpw.state.co.us/specified-semiautomatic-firearms

→ County application links & QR codes on the back of this page

4 Receive Your Eligibility Card

Upon approval, the Sheriff issues your Firearms Safety Course Eligibility Card and uploads your record to the FSS database. Keep the card number handy — you'll need it to register for class.

5 Complete the Required SSF Course

Enroll with a verified provider like **Family Shooting Center**. Pass the hands-on practical evaluation and score **90%+** on the final exam.

➔ familyshootingcenter.com/product/ssf-specified-semi-automatic-firearms-course-coming-soon/

6 Instructor Enters Your Results

Your instructor logs your passing score directly into the FSS database. You'll receive an automated email confirmation — no paperwork to mail in.

7 Purchase Your Firearm

Visit a licensed dealer. The FFL verifies your active 5-year SSF eligibility in the state database and completes the standard purchase process.



**Register for the SSF
Course**

Scan to sign up at Family Shooting
Center



Start Step 1

Scan to open the Colorado FSS
portal
coloradofss.com

TYPICAL COSTS

CPW fee	\$52
Background check	~\$30
County Sheriff fee	varies
Course tuition	see website

★ SPECIAL CUSTOMER PERK ★

As a courtesy, when you complete your SSF course with Family Shooting Center, we will apply a **\$50 credit** from your course fee toward the purchase of a firearm from Family Shooting Center.

Promotion Terms: The \$50 credit is available only to customers who complete their SSF course with Family Shooting Center. The credit applies to a firearm purchase of \$500 or more, before tax. One \$50 credit per customer.

County & State Resources

Scan a code with your phone camera, or type the address. Use these for Steps 1–3 of the guide on the front.

STATE



COLORADO FIREARMS SAFETY SYSTEM (FSS)

FSS Portal Registration

coloradofss.com/



MYTRUSEAL

Name-Based Background Check

mytruseal.com/



COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Specified Semi-Automatic Firearms Info

cpw.state.co.us/specified-semiautomatic-firearms

NOT IN ONE OF THESE COUNTIES?

Contact your county Sheriff's Office

Every Colorado county sheriff processes Firearms Safety Course Eligibility Cards. Search "[your county] sheriff firearms safety course eligibility card."

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICES



ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SSF Eligibility Card Information

adamssheriffco.gov/ssf-eligibility-card/



ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Firearm Safety Course Eligibility Card

www.arapahoeco.gov/your_county/county_departments/sheriffs_office/services/firearm_safety_course_eligibility_card.php



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

FSCEC Check-In Form (PDF)

[files.arapahoeco.gov/SheriffsOffice/Services/Concealed Handgun Permits/FSCEC CHECK IN FORM SB25-03 rev 7.30.2026 B PDF.pdf](http://files.arapahoeco.gov/SheriffsOffice/Services/ConcealedHandgunPermits/FSCEC_CHECK_IN_FORM_SB25-03_rev7.30.2026_B_PDF.pdf)



DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Douglas County Application Portal

app.permitium.com/online-portal/codouglas



JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Semiautomatic Firearms & Eligibility Card

www.jeffcosheriffco.gov/services/chp/semiautomatic-firearms



LARIMER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Larimer County Application Portal

app.permitium.com/online-portal/colarimer

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