Applying to the California State University
Fall 2023 & Spring 2024 Freshman Application
What will we be doing today?
Completing your CSU admissions application!
A single application for all 23 CSU campuses

CAL STATE APPLY

CALSTATE.EDU/APPLY
What to expect from the CSU admissions process

To apply to the CSU, you’ll be required to:

1. Complete the Cal State Apply application
2. Pay the $70 *per campus* fee and any other fees (unless fee waiver applies)
3. Submit any transcripts and required info when notified by the campus
4. If admitted, register for orientation

**Know when deadlines are and meet them**

**Check email regularly**
You’ll need this information to apply

☐ Unofficial transcripts (both high school and college transcripts, if applicable) You’ll be asked to enter all the courses you’ve completed on your CSU application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed.

☐ Your Social Security number, if you have one.

☐ Your citizenship status

☐ Credit card or PayPal account Application fees are due at time of submission.

☐ Annual income Your parents’ if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent

🌟 Educational Program, Work and Extracurricular Participation Information You will need to provide the years you participated in college preparation programs and your average number of hours per week of work and/or participation in extracurricular activities.

☐ Information needed to apply to EOP (if applying) See the Apply to EOP website for information about materials needed to complete the optional EOP application.

☐ Test scores Optional; if you have taken or plan to take the ACT, SAT, AP, IB exams, you may include the information on the application. Reporting test scores is not required. SAT and ACT scores will not be used for determining who gets admitted into the CSU. If you are accepted, the campus will use official test scores to for placement into mathematics and English courses.

☐ California statewide student ID Optional; every K-12 student in a California public school is assigned an ID number. The number should be printed on your transcript.
The CSU Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

- Provides specialized support during your college years

- Designed to help low-income, first generation, historically educationally disadvantaged students succeed academically in college and graduate.
  
  - **First Generation**: neither of your parents went to college.
  - Meet the EOP Family Income Criteria

- The EOP application is built into the Cal State Apply application. You can submit the Cal State Apply application without the EOP portion complete and come back to it.

The EOP portion has a separate deadline that can vary by campus. Deadlines information: https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/eop/Pages/eop-campus-status.aspx
Materials you’ll need to apply to EOP

Two Recommendations are required to apply

1. **One must be from academic counselor/teacher** that can comment on your academic preparedness for university academic work.

2. The other can be from an individual who can comment about your potential to succeed in college.

- Recommenders **cannot** be self or a family member.
- You must include their names and email addresses on the application.
Materials you’ll need to apply to EOP

• Family Information including
  • Participation in public assistance programs and other publicly funded programs
  • Siblings educational information
  • Household size

• Parent/Guardian Information
  • Occupation information for at least one parent/guardian
  • Estimated and actual income for this and last year
  • Household size

• Prepare to answer some autobiographical questions

All freshman must provide this information for the 2023-24 application, not just if you're applying to EOP.
Completing Your Freshmen Application
Go to calstate.edu/apply

Select Fall 2023 in the drop down menu

Applications are open October 1 and close after November 30, 2022* for the Fall 2023 Semester.

*Some CSU Campuses have extended their priority application period past November 30, 2022. See the Application Dates & Deadline page.
Create your Cal State Apply account

Click **Create an Account** (under Sign In) and fill out information on the Create an Account page

**What email address should you use?**

- Most official CSU communication comes by email
- **Use/create a personal email address**
- Check your email regularly - consider connecting the email account to your phone
Write down your CAS ID!

• Found on top right of screen
Extended Profile

1. Degree Goal
   - Degree applying for: **First Bachelor’s Degree**
   - Current educational status: **Graduating High School Senior or equivalent**
   - College credits: **No** if you have never taken any college courses (**Yes** if you have)

2. Returning: **No**

3. US Military Status: **No**

2. Residency:
   - If you require a student (F1) Visa or an exchange (J1) Visa to study, select **Yes**; Select **No** if you do not
Select the program(s) you will apply to

- Start by typing name of program (major) or campus
  
  ![Health Education](#)

- You can also use the filter option to narrow down

- Select the programs you wish to apply to by clicking the plus button

- Program must be undergraduate

- You may apply to one program per campus (unsure of which program to choose? You may consider Undeclared/Undecided)
Finish and review your selections

- See your total fees on the top left ($70 per campus except with fee waiver for up to four campuses)
- Once ready, click I am Done, Review My Selections
- Review. Make sure you selected the right campus(es) and program(s).
Four parts of the application

- Personal Information
- Academic History
- Supporting Information
- Program Materials

*Don’t skip the Program Materials section. The Program Materials quadrant will appear completed if the program(s) you are applying to did not require any additional information from you here. **Even if it appears complete, be sure to click and read the Program Materials** as campuses put important information about the programs you are applying to in this section.*
Let’s complete Part 1: Personal Information
Release Statement

• Review the following statements carefully and respond:
  • Release Statement
  • CAASPP Results Release Statement
  • Release of Contact Information
Biographic Information

• Complete the biographic information section.
  • Be sure your name matches your name on your high school transcript
• The questions on sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity questions are optional/voluntary.
• Any changes you make after you submit your application must be sent to each campus that you applied to.
Contact Information

• Complete the contact information section.

• **Current address** = 💌
  This should be where you want to receive mail correspondence

• Is your permanent address different than your current address? If so, select **No** to "Is this your permanent address?"
Citizenship/Residency Information

- Will not be used to determine your eligibility for admissions but may be used to help provide you with **additional support** and used for items like **tuition fees**.
Citizenship/Residency Information

***For those who selected No earlier to "do you have or will you require an F1 or J1 Visa to study at the CSU?"***

• US Citizen: born in the US or attained citizenship through naturalization

• Permanent US Resident: holds a Green Card and is permitted to permanently live and work in the US

• None: no US Citizenship

• Refugee: forced to leave country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster

• Other Visa: holds a Visa other than F1 (student) or J1 (exchange) - You will be prompted to choose which Visa if you select this option
Citizenship/Residency Information

***For those who selected No earlier to "do you have or will you require an F1 or J1 Visa to study at the CSU?"***

Residency

- The US state/possession you regard as your permanent home is filled in from earlier; to update, go to Extended Profile
- If your permanent home is California, you'll be prompted to:
  - Indicate whether you claim California residency
  - Indicate if you've lived there continuously since birth (If no, you'll be asked to give dates)
Citizenship/Residency Information

***For those who selected Yes earlier to "do you have or will you require an F1 or J1 Visa to study at the CSU?"***

Citizenship (for International Applicants)

- Select your country of citizenship and the Visa type you have or will have when you study at the CSU (F1 or J1 Visa)
- If you already have a Visa, enter the date it was issued
Race & Ethnicity

• Complete the questions on this section.
• This section will **not** be used to determine eligibility for admissions.
• This information may be used to help provide you additional support.
Parent / Guardian Information

• If you are a dependent, you must enter at least one parent / guardian's information in this section.

• If you are considered independent, you can opt out of this section if you wish.

• **Unsure of how to answer at this moment?** You can move onto the other sections and come back to this later. **You cannot submit your application until you complete this section.**
Other Information

Social Security (SSN)

• Carefully type in your SSN if you have one.
• Incorrect or missing information could delay your admission or require you to turn in additional documentation.
• Enter your SSN If you have qualified for DACA and been issued a SSN.
Financial and Parental Information

- Complete this section. This information is not used to determine financial aid eligibility and is used for information purposes only.
- Read the **Household Income and Size Information** carefully as your answer will determine what other information you will have to provide here.
- Any of the statements apply? You are considered **Independent**
- None of the statements apply? You are considered **Dependent**
Let’s complete Part 2: Academic History
High Schools Attended

• Complete this section.
• To begin, click Add High School
• Type [ENTER CITY OF SCHOOL NAME OF SCHOOL HERE] from the list.
• Enter dates attended [ADD DATES FOR THEM?]
• For term type, select [ENTER TERM TYPE AND UPDATE SELECTION ON EXAMPLE AS NEEDED]
• Be sure to enter ALL high schools you have attended, if you've attended more than one.
Graduation Status
• Select I have or will graduate with my high school diploma
• Enter the date: [DATE HERE]

Academic Information
• Select No unless you have attended another high school/secondary school and it was outside of the US
Colleges Attended

**This section will only appear if you indicated in your Extended Profile that you have completed one or more courses at a college/university**

• If applicable, you must enter ALL college courses you've ever taken, regardless if they are relevant and even if you transferred them already.

• Start by Adding a College of University
Colleges Attended

• Then, start typing in the name of the college/university and options should begin to appear.

**Term Type Guide**

4 grades per year = Quarter
3 grades per year = Trimester
2 grades per year = Semester
1 grade per year = Full Year
High School Coursework

• Complete this section carefully as failure to follow instructions will delay admissions decision and can ultimate impact your admissions decision altogether.

What should you report?

• All high school courses used to satisfy A-G requirements
• Do NOT include non-college prep courses, e.g. Health or P.E.
• **Middle school coursework exception:** Any math (Algebra or higher) and/or languages other than English courses (LOTE Level 1 or higher) taken in middle school that continued course progression into 9th grade can be entered to receive consideration.
High School Coursework

- Now add courses for that grade level used to satisfy A-G requirements
- **Start by adding a Grade Level**
- Select the **School** you attended for that grade
- Select the **Academic Year**
- Once you've entered, click green checkmark
- You will be repeating for all grade levels

REMINDER: Add middle school math and/or language other than English only if applicable

REMINDER: Add summer grade levels too if you took A-G courses during that summer
Standardized Tests (ACT, SAT, TOEFL, AP, IB, CLEP)

• For Fall 2023 freshman admissions, standardized tests will not be used to determine admissions eligibility.
• These scores may still be used to help place you in math and English courses by campuses.
• You can enter your ACT, SAT, AP, IB, CLEP, TOEFL exams either have taken or plan on taking.
• If you have not taken or are not schedule to take any standardized tests you can opt out.
About Part 3: Supporting Information
Educational Programs & Work Experience

• These responses may be used as supplemental criteria to make Fall 2023 admissions decisions
• Select Yes or No to indicate your involvement in the programs listed
• If you worked during the last 36 months, type in the average # of hours worked per week
• If you were involved in extracurricular activities during the last 12 months, type in the average # of hours per week
Overview of the EOP Application

• Section 1: General questions
• Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status
• Section 3: EOP Biographical Questions
• Section 4: Contact information for two people who will complete your recommendation
Indicate if you will apply to EOP

• “Do you wish to apply to EOP?”

• **Not applying to EOP?** Click No. You are done with Section 3 of your application.

• **Applying to EOP?** Click Yes, *I will return later to complete these EOP Questions.*
Let’s complete part 4: Program Materials
Program Materials

• Depending on the campus and major ("program") you choose, there may be required items to complete. Check for multiple tabs.

• Once you’ve read through and responded to anything in this Program Materials section, you can exit back to My Application on the top left.
You must **complete** all sections of the application before submitting, with exception of Section 3 Supporting Information – EOP Application.

Completed sections of the application will show green.
Submit Application

Before Submitting

• Check total fees and # of applications ready to submit

• Reminder: No changes after submission besides EOP application and new test scores

WAIT: Review the SUMMARY PAGE carefully!

• Note any warning messages ⚠️

• Note any red text

• Update/fix and missing or problematic info before processing to submit (in the gray bar on the right, it explains where to make updates to your information if needed)
Submit Application

When you’re ready click Submit All

• Be sure to check your email regularly for any updates

• You can log back into your Cal State Apply application after submitting but may only update limited information