Community College Counselor Update - January 2025

Admissions

Fall 2025 Admission - Extra time to apply!
Several CSU campuses continue to accept transfer applications. Visit our application dates & deadlines page and use the *"Is Your Campus Still Accepting Applications?"* feature to view open campus programs and their deadlines.

Transfer Academic History Update
As part of the application process, the CSU requests transfer applicants update their academic history information in Cal State Apply during the month of January. Fall 2025 transfer applicants can now make academic history updates in Cal State Apply through **Friday, January 31, 2025**. Applicants received an email with instructions and access to the 2025-2026 Academic History Update Guide and will receive additional reminders next week.

The 2025-2026 Academic History Update Guide provides clarification of what specific updates, additions and deletions can be made in the academic history section of Cal State apply during this period (page 4).

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Deadlines
Students who expressed interest and the intention to apply to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) in Cal State Apply should check individual campus EOP application and document deadlines on the EOP Admission by Term website. The majority of campuses have a **January 15, 2025** application deadline. Document deadlines include letter of recommendations.

If an applicant requests a letter of recommendation for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Cal State Apply will automatically select a default deadline date two weeks from the date the applicant submits the request (e.g., if the recommendation request is submitted on January 1, the EOP deadline date automatically selects January 15). The default date cannot be changed. However, if the default deadline date passes, a recommender will still be able to submit a recommendation. All recommendations must be submitted by the documents deadline of **January 31, 2025,** unless noted otherwise on the EOP Admission by Term and Deadlines page.

Financial Aid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid and California Dream Act Application
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) are open.

The current state deadline to file these applications is **March 3, 2025**, however, the CSU encourages students to submit earlier.

California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) Resources
The California Student Aid Commission has various resources available to students, families and educators in effort to make sure seniors are all in and ready for FAFSA/CA Dream Act.

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FAFSA FAQ   **CADAA FAQ**

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Mixed-Status Families
Mixed status families, students with a spouse or parent(s) that lack a Social Security number, are feeling uncertain and vulnerable during this time.

Mixed status family students that are hesitant to fill out the FAFSA, at this time, can complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). This will ensure they are able to be evaluated for state aid. If they wish to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) later, they can do so.

CSAC provided this memo and published a website with information for 2025-26 financial aid for mixed status families: www.csac.ca.gov/cadaa-msf.

Undocumented Students
Social media resources are available to help partners promote the availability of the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to undocumented students.

"Cash for College" Workshops for Students & Families
CSAC is hosting free Cash for College virtual workshops throughout the application period to help students and families connect with information about applying for financial aid. These workshops review frequently asked questions and go over the FAFSA and California Dream Act Application. Visit www.csac.ca.gov/c4c to register.
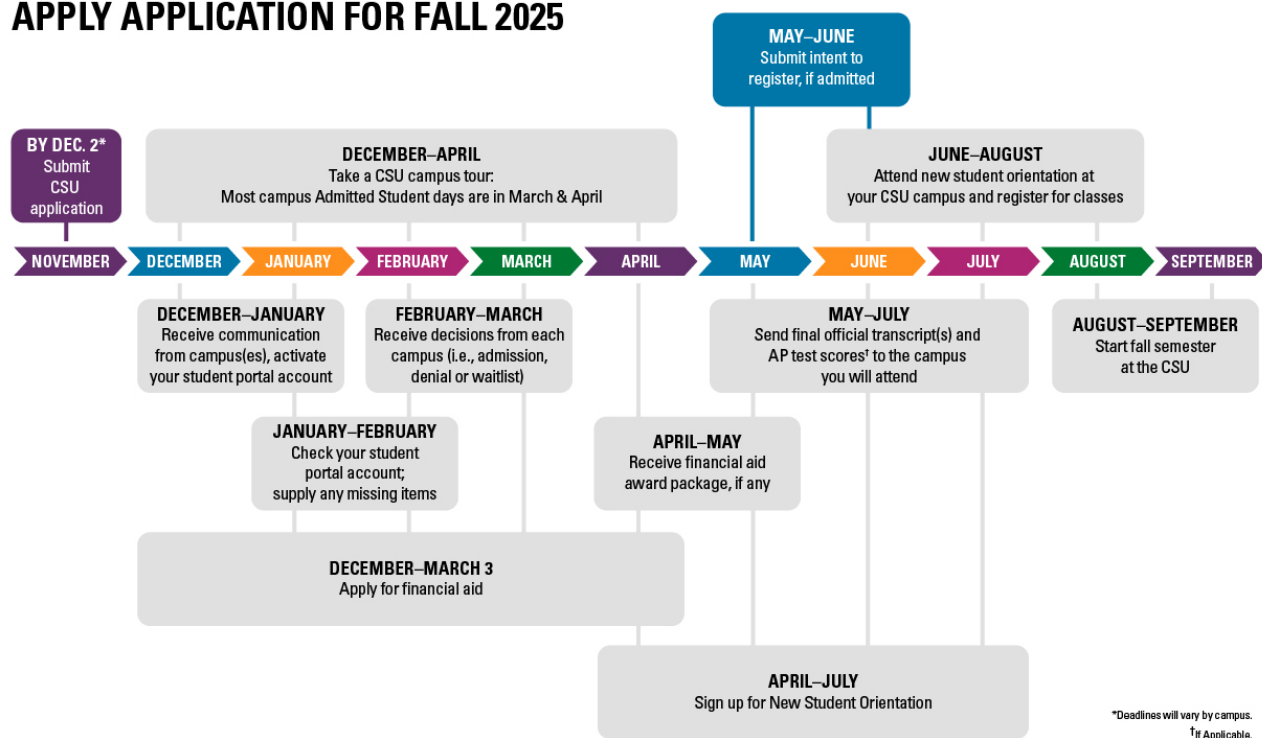
Training Opportunities
CSAC regularly hosts "Train the Trainer" workshops to equip and allow partners to host Cash for College workshops for their community. Attendees joining a *Train The Trainer* workshop can become a Cash for College Community Champion and receive a certificate from CSAC. View available workshop dates and register.

Reminders and Clarifications

Changes or updates to a submitted application
When a student submits their first application to any campus, regardless of the priority deadline, they will not be able to make any changes to any subsequent application. If students need to report any corrections or updates, please have them contact the universities they applied to directly.

AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR CAL STATE APPLICATION FOR FALL 2025

BY DEC. 2*
Submit CSU application

DECEMBER–APRIL
Take a CSU campus tour:
Most campus Admitted Student days are in March & April

MAY–JUNE
Submit intent to register, if admitted

JUNE–AUGUST
Attend new student orientation at your CSU campus and register for classes

| NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |

DECEMBER–JANUARY
Receive communication from campus(es), activate your student portal account

FEBRUARY–MARCH
Receive decisions from each campus (i.e., admission, denial or waitlist)

MAY–JULY
Send final official transcript(s) and AP test scores† to the campus you will attend

AUGUST–SEPTEMBER
Start fall semester at the CSU

JANUARY–FEBRUARY
Check your student portal account; supply any missing items

APRIL–MAY
Receive financial aid award package, if any

DECEMBER–MARCH 3
Apply for financial aid

APRIL–JULY
Sign up for New Student Orientation

*Deadlines will vary by campus.
†If Applicable.

Share this article with your students who already submitted their applications and are wondering what to expect in the near future.

Cal State Apply Coupon Code Requests
School districts, community colleges and community-based organizations who wish to purchase application fee waiver codes (coupon codes) for their students may do so through our CSU Purchase Program. Visit our CSU Purchase Program webpage for more information.

CSU Chancellor Statement on California Wildfires

The following statement can be attributed to CSU Chancellor Mildred García:
"Our hearts go out to all of those impacted by the devastating wildfires currently ravaging Southern California, including students, faculty, staff and other members of the California State University community. At the CSU system office and across our Southern California university campuses, we are closely monitoring the situation and are in regular communication with our students and employees to ensure their safety and well-being and to make them aware of the resources available to them. Additionally, as in all times of crisis, the CSU stands ready to serve as a resource to local officials, first responders and to all members of our extended campus communities."

Click here to view the press release.

CSU News

CAL MARITIME AND CAL POLY INTEGRATION

The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees voted to approve the proposed integration of California State University Maritime Academy and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

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CSU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

See six impressive facts about how CSU Centers for Community Engagement provide hands-on student learning and community impact.

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2024: A YEAR OF ACTION

Take a look back at some of the year's stories highlighting California State University's efforts for students and all Californians.

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