

High School Counselor Update - February 2025

Admissions

Fall 2025 Admission - Extra time to apply

The following CSU campuses continue to accept freshman applications:

- Bakersfield*
- Channel Islands
- Chico*
- Dominguez Hills
- East Bay*
- Humboldt
- Maritime
- Monterey Bay*
- Sacramento*
- San Francisco
- San Marcos
- Sonoma

Visit our [application dates & deadlines page](#) and use the “*Is Your Campus Still Accepting Applications?*” feature to view open campus programs and their deadlines.

**CSUs with campus and/or program deadlines on February 14 or 15*

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.

In response to the wildfires and state of emergency declaration in January, the [California Student Aid Commission \(CSAC\)](#) extended the state financial aid application priority filing deadline for all high schools and colleges within the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties to **April 2, 2025**. The deadline applies to students who reside in these counties based on the address reported in the FAFSA or CADAA. [View the official CSAC memo](#) for more information and support.

The current state deadline to file these applications for students outside those counties 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.

FAFSA FAQ

CADAA FAQ

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

The California Student Aid Commission now has a website with financial aid information and resources for undocumented students in California. Visit www.csac.ca.gov/undocumented.

[Social media resources](#) are also 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](#).

Events

2025 CSU Counselor Conferences

Save the dates for the 2025 CSU Counselor Conferences this fall. Stay tuned for registration details in future counselor updates.

Central California

Monday, September 15 - Visalia

Northern California

Wednesday, September 17 - Santa Clara

Friday, September 19 - Sacramento

Southern California

Thursday, September 25 - Riverside

Tuesday, September 30 - Pasadena

Virtual

Friday, October 3 - Virtual

2025 CSU College Nights

Save the dates for the 2025 CSU College Nights this fall. Lookout for more details in the future.

Northern California

Tuesday, September 16 - Santa Clara

Thursday, September 18 - Sacramento area

Southern California

Thursday, September 25 - Riverside

Monday, September 29 - Pasadena

Central Valley

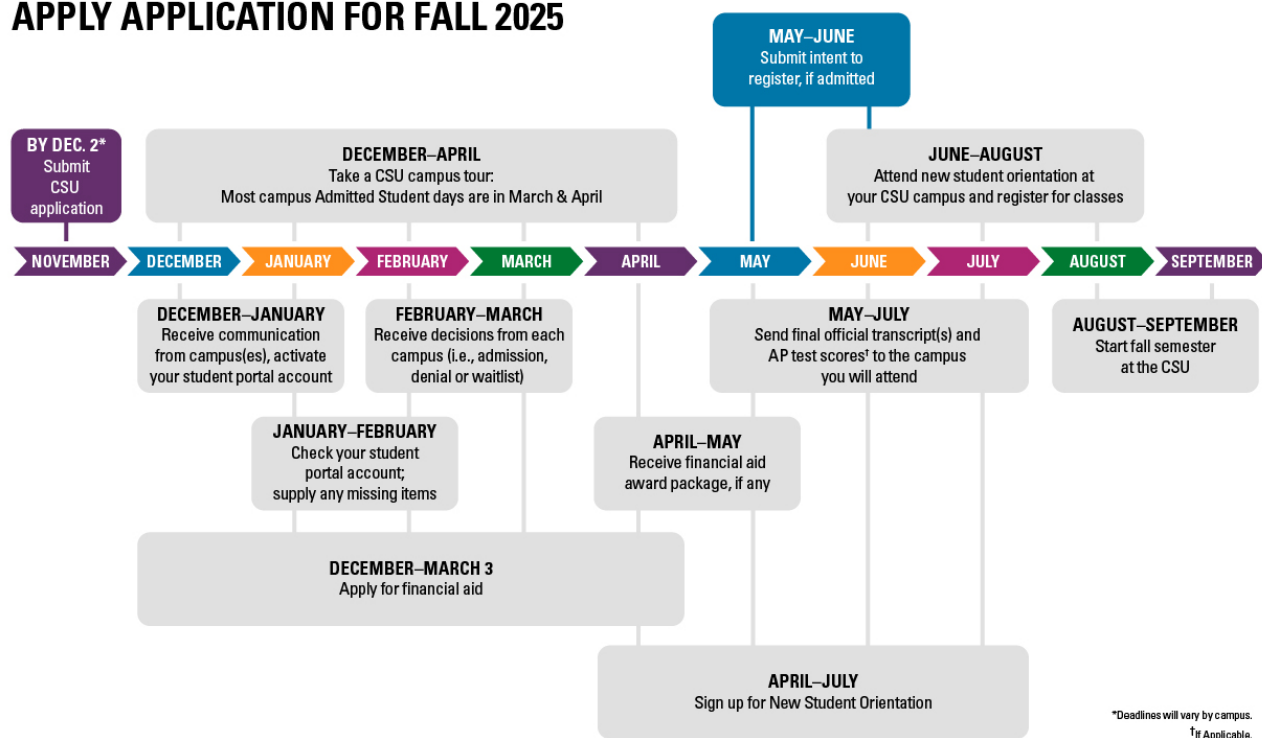
The California State University and its universities will attend the [Fresno Area College Night](#) on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

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 APPLY APPLICATION FOR FALL 2025



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

CSU News

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

For Black History Month, we acknowledge the milestones and exceptional people who have helped to make the California State University what it is today: a place of academic rigor, exceptional achievement and pioneering inclusiveness.

[LEARN MORE](#)



CSU AI-EMPOWERED

CSU Announces Landmark Initiative to Become Nation’s First and Largest AI-Empowered University System. AI tools and training will be available to all 460,000 students and 63,000 faculty and staff.

[LEARN MORE](#)



CONSORTIUM FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION

The California State University (CSU) has announced the launch of the **CSU Consortium on Climate Adaptation** that unites the 23 universities to advance climate literacy and research across the system.

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