

Community College Counselor Update - April 2024

Counselor Events

2024 CSU Counselor Conferences

The California State University Office of the Chancellor and all 23 universities invite you to register for our [2024 Community College Counselor Conferences](#).

Monday, September 23

[Cal State LA](#)

5151 State University Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90032

Planning campus: Los Angeles

Tuesday, October 8

Virtual High School Counselor
Conference

Fees for in-person and virtual conferences are:

\$115 (per-person)

\$140 (per-person) beginning August 1, 2024

Register

Visit www.calstate.edu/counselorconferences to register and view conference dates, locations and fees. Registration for each conference is available on a first come, first serve basis. Registrations are limited in number due to venue space constraints.

2024 CSU College Nights

The dates and locations for our 2024 CSU College Nights are now posted on www.calstate.edu/collegenights. Registration will open in August.

Financial Aid

California State University Financial Aid Update

California State Universities have issued financial aid offers to newly admitted students starting the week of April 1 to students that have a processed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

In some cases, students have had trouble filing the FAFSA, including students from mixed-status families. CSU Campuses have received FAFSAs from mixed-status students, as well as CADAA's for first year, first time applicants. The CSU will use either form to award state and CSU grant aid to mixed status students but will need a FAFSA to offer federal aid.

If you have students who have yet to receive their CSU financial aid offer and are trying to meet a May 1 acceptance deadline at another college or university, we recommend asking the other college for extra time to decide. As a reminder, the CSU has extended its [statement of intent to register \(SIR\)](#) deadline to no earlier than May 15, 2024, with many campuses extended to June 1.

Students with Contributors without a Social Security Number

On April 30, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education announced changes to allow applicants and contributors without a Social Security Number (SSN) to immediately access the online 2024-25 FAFSA form after creating a StudentAid.gov account. These changes should significantly streamline the application process for prospective college students from mixed-status households. Mixed-status families include a student who is a U.S. citizen with one or more parents without a Social Security Number (SSN).

The Department is temporarily allowing individuals without an SSN to enter and complete the 2024-25 FAFSA. Contributors without an SSN must continue to manually enter their tax information. [Read the full announcement.](#)

Prospective college students from mixed-status households still unable to complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA), can complete a California Dream Act Application (CADAA) as a short-term measure until they are able to access and complete a FAFSA to receive the federal financial aid available to them. Students are encouraged to attempt to complete FAFSA first, to ensure that federal aid can be received. [Access additional instructions for mixed-status families completing the FAFSA.](#)

More information on the California Dream Act and how students from mixed-status families can apply for state financial aid is available at www.csac.ca.gov/cadaa-msf.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid and California Dream Act Application

The state deadline to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) is **May 2, 2024**. The CSU encourages students to complete and submit their application as soon as possible.



Como Presentar El Formulario FAFSA 2024-2025

The White House Hispanic Initiative hosted a How to Submit FAFSA webinar in Spanish on April 17. [View the recording](#) in Spanish with English subtitles.

CalKids - Free Money for College

CalKIDS is a program from the State of California that funds up to \$1,500 in free money for eligible low-income public school students to save for college and career training. Eligible students who were enrolled in a low-income public school in grades 1-12 during the 2021-2022 academic year can [claim their funds](#) and can be used for higher education expenses, such as tuition and related fees, books and required supplies, and computer equipment.

Visit www.calkids.org today to [learn more about eligibility](#).

Admissions

CSU Statement of Intent to Register Deadlines

A reminder that the California State University (CSU) [extended the intent to register deadline](#) for fall 2024 admitted undergraduate students to no earlier than **May 15, 2024**. Some campuses have extended their deadline to June 1.

For information on each CSU's intent to register deadline, visit our [Statement of Intent to Register webpage](#).

Next Steps for Transfer Students

Congratulations to your students who have been admitted to one or more of our California State Universities! Our [Transfer: Next Steps](#) webpage provides access to the admitted student websites for all twenty-three CSUs. Campus websites provide information about important deadlines and next steps in the admissions process.

Fall 2024 Admission - Extended Deadlines

A number of CSU campuses are still accepting 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.

Counselor Resources

CSU Services for Students with Disabilities Shares College Accommodation Tips

The California State University (CSU) will host a webinar on **May 1, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** to feature the programs and direct services offered to students with disabilities across the 23 CSU campuses. [Register for the webinar](#).

Live captioning and ASL interpretation will be provided. Please contact LDstudio@calstate.edu with technical questions or webinar accommodation requests.

For more information, visit the [CSU Services for Students with Disabilities](#) website. If you have questions regarding the webinar, please contact Dr. Ana Aguayo-Bryant at aaguayo@calstate.edu.

CSU Transfer Planner Counselor Portal Webinar

Visit [CSU Webinars](#) to view the recording our Community College Counselor Portal Training for the CSU Transfer Planner webinar held on April 9.

CSU Outreach Publications

Various CSU outreach publications, including Cal State Apply postcards, are available for counselors and educators to download and order for high school, middle school and community college students. [Access the publications and order form.](#)

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CSU News

CSU NURSING PATHWAYS

The CSU's nursing pathways help students complete their baccalaureate nursing education and join the workforce faster.

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7 CSUs HOLD PRESTIGIOUS RESEARCH DESIGNATION

The R2 Classification of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education denotes doctoral universities with high levels of research activity.

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EXPANDING ETHNIC STUDIES PATHWAYS

CSU to Receive \$1.5 Million from Mellon Foundation to Expand Ethnic Studies Pathways. The CSU is one of five public universities selected to receive larger grants from Mellon's Affirming Multivocal Humanities initiative.

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