



Counselor Update - December 2023

Admissions

Fall 2024 Admission - Extended Deadlines

Several CSU campuses have extended their application deadlines to December 15 and beyond for freshman applicants. Visit our [application dates & deadlines page](#) and use the “*Is Your Campus Still Accepting Applications?*” feature to view open campus programs and their deadlines.

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](#). Document deadlines include letter of recommendations.

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.

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 campuses](#) they applied to directly.

EOP Recommendation Request Deadlines

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 December 1, the EOP deadline date automatically selects December 15). The default date cannot be changed. However, if the default deadline date passes, a recommender will still be able to submit a recommendation. The documents deadline for fall is January 31, 2024 unless noted 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) will open on December 31, 2023. The state deadline to file these applications is April 2, 2024, however, the CSU encourages students to submit by March 2, 2024.

Read our [Funding Your Education article](#) to learn more about the top FAFSA changes that will take place as part of the [FAFSA Simplification Act](#).

California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) Financial Aid Tools

Students, including high school seniors can receive step-by-step guidance on how to complete their FAFSA/CADAA on [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#). Their financial aid lessons are available to do the following:

- Help students identify which application they need to complete .
- Provide students need-to-know information to help them prepare for December 31.
- Include a checklist for students to begin gathering information and document.



To learn more about financial aid tools on [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#), please [access this PowerPoint](#) and watch the video above.

Federal Student Aid YouTube Channels

The Federal Student Aid and FSA Outreach YouTube channels have to the following playlists available as resources:

- [Preparing for the FAFSA form](#)
- [2024-2024 FAFSA FAQs](#)
- [College Access Professionals](#)

2023-2024 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

The California Student Aid Commission is offering statewide financial aid workshops through February 2024.

Workshops will include training on the upcoming changes:

- **New** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- **New** CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- **New** Cal Grant Reforms

[Register for a financial aid workshop.](#)

The CSU on Instagram

Students and counselors are encouraged to follow [@theesu](#) on Instagram. Stay tuned for Instagram Reels in January 2024 that will address financial aid questions.

CSU Survey Coming Your Way

You may receive an email in the near future from **SimpsonScarborough** inviting you to take an online survey to explore your attitudes and opinions about the California State University. Your input is highly valued, and we hope you choose to participate. If you do not want to receive survey related communications, please email calstateapply@calstate.edu to opt-out.

Thank You and Happy Holidays

The California State University (CSU) is grateful for your dedication and ongoing support of future CSU students and their educational endeavors. We wish you and yours a restful holiday break and all the best in 2024.

CSU News

EXCELLENCE IN (SUPPORTING) DIVERSITY

Four CSUs received national recognition for demonstrating an outstanding commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

[Find out which four CSUs were recognized](#) 



5 STORIES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED IN 2023

Read these 2023 stories celebrating the work of the CSU's faculty, staff and students.

[Recap 2023 with the CSU](#)



CONNECTING STUDENTS GLOBALLY

Five California State Universities have been named [Fulbright Hispanic-Serving Institution \(HSI\) Leaders](#) by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for their work to produce global citizens and provide a variety of international experiences for all students.

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