Counselor Update - December 2023

Admissions

Fall 2024 Admission - Extended Deadlines
Several CSU campuses have extended their application deadlines to December 15 and beyond for transfer 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.

Transfer Academic Update
Fall 2024 transfer applicants will be able to make academic history updates in Cal State Apply starting Friday, January 5, 2024, through Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Applicants will receive an email in early January with more information.

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.

Webinars

CSU Transfer Planner Webinar for Community College Counselors
The California State University (CSU) is excited to announce the launch of the next phase of the CSU Transfer Planner during the week of January 8, 2024.

To learn more about the new features that will be available as a part of this next phase, we invite you to register for our CSU Transfer Planner for Community College Counselors webinar on **January 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** This session will be recorded.

New CSU Transfer Planner features will support transfer students and provide a seamless transition to a CSU. Students will have ability to:

- enter completed and planned coursework and standardized test scores
- save of follow campus programs of interest
- track their progress toward transferring to a CSU

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Register for the Webinar

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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 FASFA changes that will take place as part of the FAFSA Simplification Act.

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 [@thecsu](#) 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.

[Learn more about CSUs producing global citizens](#) ⧉

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