

Community College Counselor Update - March 2024

Financial Aid

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 currently **April 2, 2024**. The CSU encourages students to complete and submit their application as soon as possible.

FAFSA Updates for Students with Contributors without a Social Security Number

Due to recent technical updates, students with contributors without a social security number (SSN) should now be able to successfully submit the FAFSA form according to an [announcement](#) made last week by the U.S. Department of Education.

Students in this scenario may still encounter trouble submitting the form, however, a resolution is being worked on. To support students in navigating the FAFSA form and any related issues, the department created a tips document, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Assembly Bill Proposes Financial Aid Deadline Extension

In response to the ongoing submission issues with the 2024-2025 FAFSA form, [California Assembly Bill 1887](#) aims to move the current state deadline for financial aid from April 2, 2024, to May 2, 2024. The California State University is in support of this bill. If it passes, the CSU will notify students and counselors accordingly.

[View more information about the AB 1887 and its status.](#)

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](#). You can also obtain more information by registering for their free, live online webinar on April 17, 2024 at 11:00 am PST. [Register for the webinar](#).

Admissions

CSU Extends Intent to Register Deadline Due to Federal Aid Processing Delays

A reminder that the California State University (CSU) has [extended the intent to register](#)

[deadline](#) for fall 2024 admitted undergraduate students to no earlier than **May 15, 2024**. This extension applies to each of the 23 universities in the CSU system.

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 more information about important deadlines and next steps in the admissions process.

Fall 2024 Admission - Extended Deadlines

Several 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.

Campus Events

Admitted Student Days

Our campuses are hosting admitted student days in March and April for students and their families to experience and immerse themselves in their future college campus. View our [campus events webpage](#) for more details.

Webinars, Events & Resources

Community College Counselor Portal Training for the CSU Transfer Planner

Register for our Community College Counselor Portal Training for the CSU Transfer Planner webinar on **April 9, 2024, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am**. Learn more about available features, including how to track students and their progress towards transferring to a CSU. The webinar will be recorded.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

2024 CSU Counselor Conferences

The dates and locations for our 2024 Counselor Conferences are now posted on [calstate.edu/counselorconferences](#). Registration will open in mid-April. An email notification will be sent to counselors and educators when registration opens.

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](#).

CSU News

CSU WINS ADMISSIONS REDESIGN CHALLENGE

The California State University (CSU) is one of seven winners of [The Great Admissions Redesign](#), a competition by [Lumina Foundation](#) to revolutionize the admissions process and increase accessibility to higher education for all students.

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WOMEN LEADERS OF THE CSU

This Women's History Month, we honor their hard work and dedication to the CSU and its students, faculty and staff. Meet the women leading the CSU to a brighter future.

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CSU ALUMNA WINS PULITZER PRIZE

Award-winning journalist Caitlin Dickerson shares how her CSU education inspired her career.

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