

CSU- Frequently Asked Questions - Freshman Admission

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How do I apply?

It's easy to apply. Simply complete the 2011-2012 California State University Undergraduate Application for Admission. The application is available online at this site ([Admission Application](#)) or by downloading [in PDF format](#), completing it, and mailing it directly to the CSU campus to which you are applying. You can also complete the [Educational Opportunity Program \(EOP\) Supplemental Application online](#).

Can I use my computer to apply?

Yes! You should file the online application ([Admission Application](#)) right from this site. You can even pay your application fee online using a credit card and a secure connection.

When do I apply?

A list of initial filing period dates for the 2011-2012 Admission Application can be found [here](#).

After the initial application period, campuses continue to accept applications on a space-available basis. For high-demand (impacted) majors, you must file during the initial filing period. Filing your application during the initial filing period is strongly encouraged for all applicants to facilitate your attending your campus of choice.

What if I miss the initial filing period?

Some campuses will continue to accept applications after the initial filing period, though many will not. In addition, if you are applying to a high-demand (impacted) major at any CSU campus, then you must file during the initial filing period. Be sure to check the [Application Status](#) page for the campus(es) in which you are interested to learn more about application filing periods, closed majors, and impacted programs.

Where do I send my application?

When you complete your application online, your completed admission application will be routed automatically to the campus(es) of your choice. Paper applications must be sent to the admission office at the campus(es) to which you are applying. The application booklet contains the campus mailing addresses. Online application is the preferred method for the submission of the CSU admission application.

How much does it cost to apply?

Each admission application you file requires a \$55 application fee. This fee is nonrefundable and may not be transferred to another term. Fee waivers are available, please see Mrs. Sanchez.

What if I can't afford the application fee?

In case of financial hardship, campuses allow a limited number of application fee waivers for residents of California. If you file the admission application via CSUMentor, the fee waiver request is included in the online system as part of the application process. You will be notified at the time you apply online if you qualify for the fee waiver. In situations where the online application is unable to determine your eligibility for a fee waiver, you will need to submit the [PDF Request for Application Fee Waiver](#) directly to the campus admission office(s). The campus will inform you if you do not qualify for the fee waiver. Only California residents are eligible for application fee waivers and may use up to a maximum of 4 fee waivers.

In addition to the application, what other documents will I need to provide?

The campus to which you are applying will provide information about when to submit your official high school transcript. Transcripts must be received in sealed envelopes directly from the high school from which you graduated.

When will I know if I am admitted?

Each campus has its own timeline for notifying students of admission. Some campuses begin notifying applicants of an admission decision soon after the receipt of an application and all necessary documents. Other campuses notify all applicants at the same time. It is not uncommon for there to be a several-month period before admission decisions are mailed to applicants.

How can I improve my chances for admission?

The key to improving your chances for admission is under your control. Working hard, earning good grades, and taking the right classes will improve your chances for admission. Taking either an SAT or ACT on a timely basis is also helpful. Remember that you must meet the minimum CSU admission requirements, but high-demand majors and competitive admission campuses may require higher standards.

Am I automatically eligible for housing if I apply for admission and am admitted?

No. The housing application is separate. Be sure to contact the campus housing office when you apply for admission to request housing information since housing at some campuses is limited.

How do I retrieve my application confirmation number?

- Go to www.csumentor.edu
- Click on the tab "Apply Online"
- Click on "undergraduate admission application" (or "graduate admission application" if you submitted a graduate application)
- Enter your "username" and "password" in the grey "returning users" box on the left hand side of the screen. Click the button, "logon"
- Click on the link representing the term/year for which you applied. e.g. Fall 2011
- Scroll down to the bottom of the screen that comes up and click on the link for the "application already submitted" that corresponds to the correct term/year
 - Click on the box under the "Action" column labeled "view application confirmation"
- You can click on the red link at the top "If you wish to print out a copy of the information you submitted in this application for your records only. Click here."
 - This will allow you to print a summary of your application including the application confirmation number.