



## Steps for CA Dream Act Applicants at CSU, Chico

Step 1 - Apply for admission to CSU, Chico at [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply)

- Fall term: October 1 – Nov 30
- Spring term: August 1—31

For admission requirements, please visit [www.csuchico.edu/admissions](http://www.csuchico.edu/admissions).

Step 2 – Apply for Educational Opportunity Program at CSU, Chico through [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply) between Oct 1 – Nov 30.

- Submit high school transcripts to EOP before January 31
- Submit EOP Recommendation Forms before January 31
- Take EPT/ELM by March of your senior year

Step 3 – If admitted to CSU, Chico, you may receive a CSU Residency Questionnaire in the mail. Please be sure to complete and return it promptly.

- Mail: 400 West 1st Street, Chico, CA 95929-0722
- Fax: (530) 898-6456

Step 4 - Submit a California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request (AB 540 affidavit) to the Office of Admissions.

- Download form at [www.csuchico.edu/admissions/forms-page.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/forms-page.shtml). Include your Chico State ID #.
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Step 5 – Apply for CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov> after January 1 but before priority deadline of March 2.

- For male students only, you must register for Selective Service by selecting “Register Me” on CA Dream Act Application or by mail.

Step 6 – Submit your GPA Verification to California Student Aid Commission prior to March 2.

- Check with your high school counselor first, they may have already submitted your GPA for you.
- Transfer students; please check with the Financial Aid office at your community college.

Step 7 – After completing your federal tax return, go back to your CA Dream Act application (CADAA) <https://dream.csac.ca.gov> if you need to make any updates to income.

Step 8 – You will receive an email to review your Financial Aid offer in your Student Center account (usually in April).

- Accept, reduce, or decline your financial aid award offer.

Step 9 – Complete your intent to enroll through your Student Center account by May 1.

Step 10 – Check your Student Center account and view your “To Do List”. Submit any requested documentation by June 1. Please allow a minimum of 8 weeks for processing.

Step 11 – Create a student budget and compare your cost of living (living on campus vs. living off campus).

- Check Financial Aid award to see if tuition and housing fees are covered.
- Submit housing application if you decide to live on campus. Please check housing rates at [www.csuchico.edu/housing](http://www.csuchico.edu/housing).

Step 12 – Go to Web Grants for students [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org), create an account and confirm:

- College you will be attending, **and**
- Confirm your high school graduation date.

Step 13 – Tuition fees are due by the fee payment deadline.

- If you have enough pending financial aid to cover your fees, you will not need to pay out of pocket. Your balance due will automatically be deducted from your financial aid.
- **If you do not have enough pending financial aid to cover your fees, make sure to pay the difference by the fee payment deadline.**

Step 14 – Financial Aid Disbursement

- If your file is complete and there are no holds or items remaining on your “To Do List” by the beginning of August, the first possible disbursement for the Fall semester is the Thursday before school begins.
- Make sure to update your local mailing address to receive your remaining financial aid award by mail or sign-up for Electronic Funds Transfer to receive an electronic deposit into your bank account.

Step 15 – View Financial Aid and Scholarship Checklist for Students for more detailed information [www.csuchico.edu/fa/awardinfo/checklist.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/fa/awardinfo/checklist.shtml)