Steps for CA Dream Act Applicants at CSU, Chico

We're excited to learn you're thinking about attending CSU, Chico! Here's a list of steps to guide you through the process of becoming a Chico State Wildcat.

Complete steps 1-4 in the fall:

Step 1 – Apply for admission to CSU, Chico at www.calstate.edu/apply. For admission requirements, please visit www.csuchico.edu/admissions. You can reach Admissions at 530-898-6322.
  · Fall term: Apply October 1 – Nov 30
  · Spring term: Apply August 1 – 31

Step 2 – Apply for Educational Opportunity Program at CSU, Chico through www.calstate.edu/apply between Oct 1 – Nov 30. You can reach EOP at 530-898-4028.
  · Submit high school transcripts to EOP before January 31
  · Submit EOP Recommendation Forms before January 31

Step 3 – Apply for CA Dream Act Application CADAA at https://dream.csac.ca.gov starting October 1 but before priority deadline of March 2.
  · Male students must register for Selective Service. Go to https://www.sss.gov/, click "Registration", click "Immigrants and Dual Nationals", click "Printable Registration Form" and complete SSS Form 1M registration form. Mail the form to this address:

  Selective Service System
  Registration Information Office
  P.O. Box 94739
  Palatine, IL 60094-4739

Step 4 – If admitted to CSU, Chico, you may receive a CSU Residency Questionnaire in the mail. Please be sure to complete and return it promptly. You can reach Admissions at 530-898-6322.
  · Mail to: Office of Admissions, 400 West 1st Street, Chico, CA 95929-0722
  · Or Fax to: 530 898-6456

Complete steps 5-15 starting in January:

Step 5 – Submit a CSU California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request AB 540 affidavit to the Office of Admissions. You can reach the Office of Admissions at 530-898-6322.
  · Download form at www.csuchico.edu/admissions/resources/forms-publications.shtml. Include your Chico State ID #.
  · Mail to: Office of Admissions, 400 West 1st Street, Chico, CA 95929-0722
  · Or Fax to: 530 898-6456


DreamSteps22
Step 7 – 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 8 – You will receive an email to review your Financial Aid offer in your Student Center account
  usually in April. You can reach the Financial Aid Scholarship Office at 530-898-6451.
  · Accept, reduce, or decline your financial aid award offer.

Step 9 – Complete your intent to enroll through your Student Center account by June 1. You can reach
  Admissions at 530-898-6322.

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. Important: If you are
  selected for verification and don't submit your documents by June 1, any aid you are eligible
  for may not be available at the start of semester. Watch for emails or texts from us—this is how
  we will let you know if we need more information from you. You can reach us at 530-898-6451.

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. You can reach University Housing at 530-898-6325.
  · For off campus living go to www.csuchico.edu/offcampus. You can speak with a University
    employee for more information about off campus housing at 530-898-6131.

Step 12 – Go to Web Grants for Students https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/ 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 have
    questions you can reach us at 530-898-6451.
  · If you do not have enough pending financial aid to cover your fees, make sure to pay the
    difference by the fee payment deadline. Your classes may be dropped if your fees are not
    paid.

Step 14 – Financial Aid Disbursement
  · If your file is complete including our review of any documents you submitted and there are no
    holds or items remaining on your "To Do List", 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 EFT in your Student Center to receive electronic
    funds into your bank account. You will receive your money quicker if you sign up for EFT.

Step 15 – View our Financial Aid and Scholarship Checklist for Dream Students for more detailed
  information. www.csuchico.edu/fa/steps/checklist.shtml