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Steps for CA Dream Act Applicants at Chico State

We are excited you are thinking about attending Chico State! Here is 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 Chico State 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 – November 30
- Spring term: Apply August 1 – September 30

Step 2 – Apply for Educational Opportunity Program at Chico State through www.calstate.edu/apply between October 1 – November 30. You can reach EOP at 530-898-4028. See EOP's website for more information: www.csuchico.edu/eop

Step 3 – Apply for CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) at dream.csac.ca.gov starting in December, 2023 but before extended priority deadline of April 2, 2024. After 2024 the priority deadline will revert to March 2.

Step 4 – If admitted to Chico State, 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
- Or email to: info@csuchico.edu

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 #.
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Step 6 – Apply for Chico State Wildcat Scholarships from January 2 – February 15, for the next academic year: www.csuchico.edu/fa/scholarships/wildcat.shtml. You can reach the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office at 530-898-6451.

Step 7 – Submit your GPA Verification to California Student Aid Commission prior to April 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 with a link to view your estimated financial aid offer (usually in April). You can reach the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office at 530-898-6451.

Step 9 – Complete your intent to enroll through your Student Center account by May 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. If you submit your documents after this date, your fall disbursement could be in September or later. Please allow a minimum of 8 weeks for processing. 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 your financial aid offer to see if tuition and housing fees are covered. Please note: It is likely your financial aid will *not* cover all of your housing fees.
- 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 or call Off-Campus Student Services for more information about off campus housing at 530-898-6325.

Step 12 – Go to Web Grants 4 Students mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/ to 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. You have to accept aid in your Student Center for it to be “pending”. 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.
- View deadlines here on the Student Financial Services website: www.csuchico.edu/sfin/student-accounts/deadlines.shtml

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.
- Sign up for e-Refund in your Student Center to receive electronic funds into your bank account. You will receive your money quicker if you sign up for e-Refund. For more information about e-Refund, view the following webpage and look under the “Financial Aid” section: www.csuchico.edu/sfin/student-accounts/nso2020.shtml. If you will be receiving your refund by mail, make sure to update your local mailing address in your Student Center.

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