



Thank you for your interest in the CSUSM Aspiring Scholars Program!

To ensure you complete and submit your application properly and will be considered as a candidate for our program please refer to this guide and follow these instructions as they are exactly described.

***Please reach out to us if you have any issues with the application, email us directly at scholars@csusm.edu**

1) Go to the following link: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

2) Click **Create an Account** and answer the required questions to make a profile.

CAL STATE **APPLY**

Welcome to The California State University

Thank you for your interest in The California State University. You can apply for the 2025-2026 cycle here, including Fall 2025, Winter 2026, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026.

To determine the exact deadline for your desired program, visit the [Application Dates & Deadlines](#) page.

Refer to the [Applicant Help Center](#) for additional information, including [browser requirements](#). Here, you can chat with us for live support.

If you are seeking entrance for Fall 2026, the application and application link will be available beginning October 1st 6am PST.

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Sign in with your username and password below. First time here? Select Create an Account to get started.

Sign In

Create an Account

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CAL STATE **APPLY**

Create an Account

The information below will be provided to the admissions offices at the programs to which you apply. Please provide complete and accurate information. Within the application, you will be able to specify additional addresses and alternate name details.

* Indicates required field

Your Legal Name

* Legal First Name

Middle Name

* Last or Family Name

Suffix (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)

Contact Information

* Email Address Home

* Confirm Email Address

* Preferred Phone Number (011) 555-0123 Mobile

Alternate Phone Number (011) 555-0123 Mobile

Test and Phone Authorization

☐ I agree to the Terms of Service and to receive calls and/or texts at any phone number I have provided or may provide in the future, including my wireless number, from any entity associated with my application process, including but not limited to my designated schools and programs, the Liaison International support team, the association or institution for this Centralized Application Service.

Username and Password

Your username must be at least 6 characters. Your password must be a minimum of 8 characters and contain at least one lower and upper case letter, one number, and a special character.

* Username

* Password

Your password must meet these minimal requirements:

- Password cannot contain username.
- Minimum of 8 Characters
- 1 lowercase letter
- 1 uppercase letter
- 1 number
- 1 special character

* Confirm Password

Terms and Conditions

Terms of Use

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☐ I agree to these terms.

European Union Data Protection

* Are you currently located in a European Union country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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3) After clicking Create my Account, select **Don't Copy, Start a New Application** to continue creating your extended profile.

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Freshman and all other applicants: Click "Don't Copy, Start a New Application" to continue creating your account.

Transfer students: Save time! If you have a Transfer Planner account, copy your data by clicking "Continue."

 **Don't Copy, Start a New Application**

Start a fresh application without copying data from my previous application or copying data from my Transfer Planner account.

NEXT

 **I already have a Transfer Planner Account**

Use my existing Transfer Planner account to prefill this application.

CONTINUE



4) Fill in your Extended Profile.

*** It is very important you complete this section by selecting the following options:**

Question 1

- First Bachelor's Degree (Seeking your first bachelor's degree and **have not earned a prior bachelor's degree**)
- Have attended or am currently attending a community college, technical college, CSU, or other four-year institution. Community college attendance includes those transferring with or without an associate degree (AA/AS) that is not part of the Associate Degree for Transfer program (AA-T/AS-T.)
- 60+ semester credits

Question 1a- Returning

- Answer No

Questions 2 & 3

- Answer Yes or No depending on your current circumstances.

Note: *Completing this section accurately will ensure the correct program you are applying for will auto populate/appear in the CSUApply system. Failure to select the appropriate options will cause errors and result in a void application altogether.*

Extended Profile

Please provide some additional information in order to set up your application.

The information below is provided to your program's admissions offices. Provide complete and accurate information here. For more information, visit the [Applicant Help Center](#).

Once you submit your application, you cannot edit this section.

* Indicates required field

1. Educational Goal

* What degree, credential, program or certificate are you applying for?

- ☒ First Bachelor's Degree (Seeking your first bachelor's degree and have not earned a prior bachelor's degree)
- ☐ Second Bachelor's Degree and Beyond (e.g. Master's, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)
- ☐ CSU Summer Arts
- ☐ Dual Enrollment (I am a current high school student who is interested in taking college-level courses at a CSU campus before high school graduation)

* Which of the following best describes your current educational status?

- ☐ Graduating High School Senior or equivalent (with or without college coursework prior to High School graduation)
- ☐ Transferring from a California Community College and earned or planning to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/ AS-T)
- ☒ Have attended or am currently attending a community college, technical college, CSU, or other four-year institution. Community college attendance includes those transferring with or without an associate degree (AA/AS) that is not part of the Associate Degree for Transfer program (AA-T/AS-T.)

* By the time you enroll at the CSU campus you are applying to, how many college credits will you have earned?

Note that if your courses are based on quarter credits, click [here](#) to convert your total credit hours to semester hours.

- ☐ 0 - 59 semester credits ☒ 60+ semester credits

1a. Returning

* Are you applying to return to the CSU campus which you previously attended, and intend to complete the same major?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. US Military Status

* Have you ever served in the United States military?

3. International Applicant

* Do you have or will you require an **F1 Visa (student)** or **J1 Visa (exchange)** to study at the California State University (CSU)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Save Changes



5) After clicking Save Changes, in the search bar, type in Aspiring Scholars and add the Aspiring Scholars Program to your application by clicking on the plus sign (+) and continue.

Filters RESET

[APPLY INVITATION CODE](#)

Available

PROGRAMS

- ☒ Available Programs
- ☐ Future Programs
- ☐ Past Programs

CAMPUS

Search

- ☐ Cal Poly and Cal Poly Maritime Academy
- ☐ Cal Poly Humboldt
- ☐ Cal Poly Pomona
- ☐ Cal State Channel Islands

Programs

Search: Aspiring Scholars

You must select at least one program to begin your application. Use the search filters on the left to locate programs by **Campus Name**, **Start Term**, **Delivery**, and **Source**. When using the Search field, results are limited to matching on program name or organization (i.e., Fullerton Undergraduate). You can add additional programs on the Add Program page at any time before the submission deadline.

[VIEW MORE](#)

San Marcos Extended Learning

Aspiring Scholars Program - Fall +

DEGREE TYPE	Certificate
START TERM	Fall
ACADEMIC YEAR	2027
LOCATION	Main Campus
DEADLINE	Nov 30, 2026, 11:59 PM PST

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7) Click **Personal Information**, answer all required questions as they pertain to you until 8/8 sections are completed.

Questions about your application? Ask Cassie, Cal State Apply's virtual assistant, using the chat bubble in the bottom right corner.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Have you added all the programs you want to apply to?

[ADD PROGRAMS](#)

Entering your colleges and universities attended is required for subsequent sections of the application. Enter them early to get a head start!

COLLEGES ATTENDED

STATUSES

- [Academic Records](#)
- [Recommendations](#)
- [Official Test Scores](#)

Application

Application Status

IN PROGRESS RECEIVED COMPLETED

Your application has not yet been submitted.

Personal Information

1/8 SECTIONS

- Extended Profile
- Release Statement
- Biographic Information
- Contact Information
- Citizenship/Residency Information
- Race & Ethnicity

[VIEW ALL SECTIONS](#)

Academic History

2/5 SECTIONS

- High Schools Attended
- Academic Information
- Colleges Attended
- College Coursework
- Standardized Tests
- General Education: Golden Four

Supporting Information

0/1 SECTIONS

- 1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Program Materials

0/1 PROGRAMS

- Aspiring Scholars Program - Fall
- San Marcos Extended Learning
- Details
- Organization Questions
- Program Questions
- Documents

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Personal Information

1/8 SECTIONS

[Extended Profile](#) ✓
[Release Statement](#)
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[Citizenship/Residency Information](#)
[Race & Ethnicity](#)
[Other Information](#)
[Financial and Parental Information](#)
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8) Click **Academic History**.

Academic History

2/6 SECTIONS

[High Schools Attended](#)
[Academic Information](#) ✓
[Colleges Attended](#)
[College Coursework](#) ⚠
[Standardized Tests](#) ✓
[General Education: Golden Four](#) ⚠

***It is very important you answer the required questions accordingly and by selecting the following options:**

High Schools Attended

- Add a high school you have attended by typing the city of your school then selecting your school from the list provided.
- *For Dates Attended*- Select the calendar icon to select the month and year you started and ended or plan to end high school.

* **State, city, zip code, or CEEB code**



* **Dates Attended**

Start Date  to End Date 

- Select if your school was semesterly, quarterly, year-round, etc. Then click **Save This School**.
- Add another high school or home school if applicable.
- *For Graduation Status*- Select “I will not be receiving a high school diploma or equivalent” if you graduated or will graduate with a certificate of completion; otherwise, select diploma or GED if applicable. Then click **Save and Continue**

Graduation Status

* Select your anticipated or current graduation status from high school or equivalent.

☐ I have or will graduate with my high school diploma

☐ I have or will have a high school equivalency like a GED

☒ I will not be receiving a high school diploma or equivalent

 **Save and Continue**

Colleges Attended

- Click **Add a College or University**, if you have attended a college please type the institution name and answer the following required questions as they apply to you; otherwise, type “San Marcos” and select CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - SAN MARCOS.
- For dates of attendance, select your intended enrollment dates for the Aspiring Scholars Program. For example, if you are applying to begin the program in Fall, August 2027, your anticipated graduation date is Spring, June 2031.

Add Your Colleges or Universities



Please add all undergraduate, graduate or professional institutions you attended or are currently attending.

You may update the information in this section at any time prior to submission.

* Indicates required field

* What college or university did you attend?

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - SAN MARCOS

* Did you obtain or are you planning to obtain a degree from this college or university?

☐ Yes ☒ No

* What type of term system does this college or university use?

☐ Quarter ☒ Semester ☐ Trimester

* What was your tuition status (resident or non-resident) at this college or university during the last term you attended?

☒ In-State Tuition ☐ Out-of-State Tuition ☐ Not applicable

When did you attend this college or university?

Select the first and last semesters that your transcript covers, even if there were breaks between semesters.

* First Semester

Fall August 2026

* Last Semester

Spring June 2030

☐ Check if you are still attending this college or university

Save

- After answering all required questions, click **Save**. You may add another college if applicable.

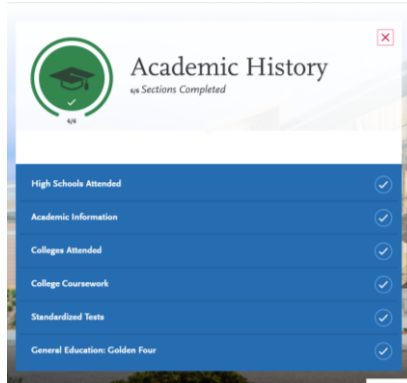
College Coursework

- Unless you have college transcripts to submit, select **I Am Not Adding Any College Transcripts**.

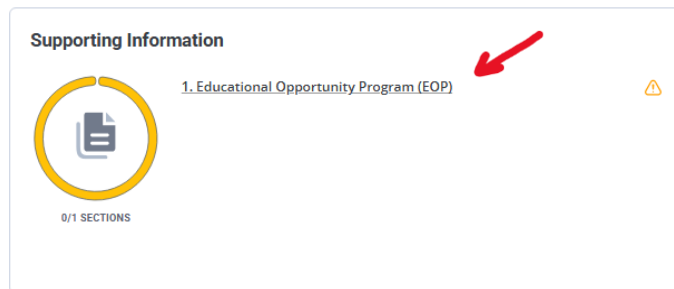
Standardized Tests

- Select **I Am Not Adding Any Standardized Tests**.

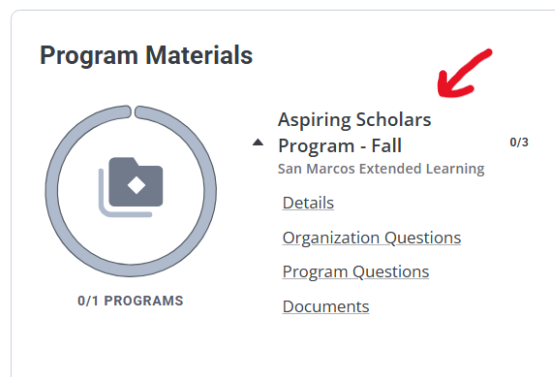
Note: Look to ensure you answered all required questions and all 6/6 sections are completed.



9) Click **Supporting Information**, answer all required questions as they pertain to you until 1/1 sections are completed.



10) Click “**Aspiring Scholars Program- Fall**” under **Program Materials**.



12) Click **Organization Questions**, then answer all required questions as they pertain to you and your current circumstances. Do the same for **Program Questions**. Click **Save and Continue** before moving on.

***If you are a Regional Center and/or Department of Rehabilitation client, you can reach out to your case manager to discuss if they will cover the \$70 application fee.**