

Application procedures:

Complete the CSU application for admission online at www.calstate.edu/apply; submit a \$55 (non-refundable) application fee --unless a fee waiver is granted online--and include:

- high school transcripts as well as ACT or SAT scores if applying for freshman admission
- official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended if applying for transfer or graduate admission

Admission Requirements

To be eligible *for freshman* admission students must minimally :

- be upcoming high school graduates or GED recipients
- have completed “a-g” college preparatory subject requirements:
 - 2 years History/Social Science
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of college preparatory mathematics (beginning with Algebra)
 - 2 years laboratory science (1 year of Natural Science and 1 year of Physical Science)
 - 2 years language other than English (same language both years)
 - 1 year visual or performing arts (if two semesters in the same discipline)
 - 1 year elective course
- have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above in all grade 10-12 a-g courses
- take the ACT or SAT exam and have met the eligibility index – see www.csueastbay.edu/prospective

To be eligible for *transfer admission* students must minimally:

- have grade point averages of 2.0 or better in all attempted transferable units
- be in good academic standing at the last college or university they have attended
- have at least 60 transferable semester credits (90 quarter), and have completed the *Golden 4* courses in English composition, speech, critical thinking, and mathematics with a grade of C or higher. Visit www.assist.org for information about CSU approved transferable courses

To be eligible for *graduate admission* students must:

- have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college/university or have equivalent academic preparation
- a cumulative GPA of a 2.5> in the bachelor’s degree, or a 2.5> GPA in the last 60 semester credits attempted, or have earned a regionally accredited post-baccalaureate degree
- be in good academic standing at the last college or university they have attended
- meet the standards established by the graduate department to which applying

When can I apply for admission?

Cal State East Bay is on the semester system. Freshmen applications are only accepted for the Fall semester. Transfer applications are accepted for both the fall and spring semesters. Visit www.csueastbay.edu/deadlines for details. Graduate applications are considered each semester but not all East Bay programs are open for admission each term.

How can I get admission counseling prior to applying?

If applying as an undergraduate pre-admission counseling is available at both the Hayward and Concord campuses. Call the Hayward Campus Welcome Center at (510) 885-2556, email admissioncounseling@csueastbay.edu, or visit us online at www.csueastbay.edu/visit to schedule an appointment. Contact the Academic Services Center at (925) 602-6700 or visit online at www.csueastbay.edu/concord for Concord Campus advising,

May I take a class without enrolling in the University?

Yes. Continuing Education courses are available including the *Open University program* which enables you to take classes on a space-available basis without completing the admission process. Visit online at www.ce.csueastbay.edu.

What is financial aid?

Financial aid is money that is given, paid or loaned to help you pay for college. There are several types of financial aid:

- Grants & Scholarships - gift aid that does not require repayment.
- Loans - which borrowed from a lending institution. You are required to repay the loans with interest and related fees.
- Work-Study - which includes on-campus and approved off-campus employment that enables you to earn money.

How to apply:

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov beginning October 1 prior to the academic year you wish to enroll; March 2 is the priority deadline. Indicate Cal State East Bay as an institution allowed to access your FAFSA. Then the Financial Aid Office will be able to provide you with an estimated Financial Aid award. Be sure that your school submits your Grade Point Average form to the *California Student Aid Commission* during the October 1 - March 2 application period. For more information go to www.calgrants.org.

What information is needed to complete my FAFSA?

Your social security number, information on your family income (if dependent), tax returns, any bank statements and drivers license (if you have one).

What is the California DREAM Act?

The California Dream Act of 2011 allows students who meet AB540 criteria to apply for and receive certain state and institutional financial assistance programs. Visit to www.csueastbay.edu/financialaid for details.

When is the financial aid application deadline?

Our priority consideration deadline is the March 2 prior to the academic year you plan to enroll. While the FAFSA can be submitted after March 2, to avoid delays and receive the maximum aid possible submit by March 2. Note the *absolute deadline* for the California Student Aid Commission to receive your GPA verification form is March 2.

Who is eligible for Federal financial aid?

To receive federal student aid, you must:

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
- have a valid Social Security Number
- register with Selective Service if you are male and 18 to 25 years of age
- have a high school diploma or GED
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program at a school that participates in the federal student aid programs

What can financial aid cover?

Depending on your eligibility, financial aid can be used for educational expenses including tuition fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and personal expenses while enrolled in college.

How much financial aid can I receive?

Students and their families are expected to contribute to their college costs to the extent that they are able. Your eligibility for aid depends on your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), year in school, enrollment status, and the cost of attendance.

What are scholarships?

Scholarships are funds offered to students who meet specific criteria. Scholarships may be awarded on merit, need, or a combination of factors and do not require repayment! For scholarships where financial need is considered, most require the filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline of March 2. To learn more about Cal State East Bay scholarships, go online to: www.csueastbay.edu/scholarships.