



SCHOLARSHIP

2025-2026

# THE CUESTA PROMISE APPLICATION STEPS

The Cuesta College Promise is a scholarship program available to all San Luis Obispo County high school graduates. The Promise offers all local graduates, including undocumented students—who come straight to Cuesta following their graduation—two years of attendance fee-free (two consecutive fall and spring semesters). The Cuesta Promise will pay fees for students that are a California Resident or AB540 Student.

## Application Steps

**STEP 1:** Submit your Cuesta College Fall 2024 admissions application at [cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/Apply-Register](https://cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/Apply-Register).

Application period: **October 1, 2024–August 1, 2025**

**STEP 2:** Submit your Scholarship application (Apply by priority deadline, March 3, 2024, to be considered for additional scholarships) at <https://cuesta.academicworks.com/>.

Application period: **October 5, 2024–August 1, 2025**

**STEP 3:** Complete the FAFSA ([fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)) or the Dream Act application ([dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov)).

Application period: **December 1, 2024–August 1, 2025**

**STEP 4:** Complete the Cuesta College Online Orientation at [cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/orientation](https://cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/orientation).

Orientation period: **October 1–August 1, 2025**

**STEP 5:** Register for your classes at [login.cuesta.edu](https://login.cuesta.edu).

Registration period: **Beginning May–August 1, 2025**

To earn a second fee-free year, you must complete more than 50% of units attempted and earn a GPA of 2.00 or higher during your first year on the Promise, and complete a FAFSA or Dream Act application for 2026–2027 by August 1st, 2026.

Met the academic requirements? Then simply register for classes the next consecutive year and your fees will be paid!

More information and Frequently Asked Questions available on our website at [cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/cuestapromise/promisefaqs](https://cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/cuestapromise/promisefaqs).

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## QUESTIONS?

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