



SCHOLARSHIPS

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 2025 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, 2025, to be considered for additional scholarships) at [cuesta.academicworks.com](https://cuesta.academicworks.com).

Application period: October 5, 2024-August 1, 2025

**STEP 3:** Complete the [FAFSA \(studentaid.gov\)](https://studentaid.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 2025-August 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/promisefaq](https://cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/cuestapromise/promisefaq).

### FINANCIAL AID OFFICES

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### QUESTIONS?

Visit online at [Financial Aid Page](#), or [ask Cougie!](#)

### NEED HELP?

Attend one of our October workshops to apply early.

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