



**A scholarship for every new SLO
county high school graduate,
paying all student fees for
TWO YEARS!**

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| ✓ Submit your Cuesta College Fall 2019 admissions application | October 1, 2018 - August 1, 2019 |
| ✓ Submit your Scholarship application
<i>(Apply by priority deadline, March 2, 2019, to be considered for additional scholarships)</i> | October 1, 2018 - August 1, 2019 |
| ✓ Complete the FAFSA or the Dream Act application | October 1, 2018 - August 1, 2019 |
| ✓ Complete the Cuesta College online orientation | March 1, 2019 - August 1, 2019 |
| ✓ Register for your classes | April 2019 - August 2019 |
| ✓ Complete these steps and the Promise is yours for the first year! Check your Cuesta email for announcements and updates. | |
| ✓ 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. | |
| ✓ Met the academic requirements? Then simply register for classes the next consecutive year and your fees will be paid! | |

The Cuesta College Promise FAQs

What is the Cuesta College Promise?

The Promise is a scholarship program available to all San Luis Obispo County high school graduates. Beginning in the Fall of 2018, the Promise offers all local graduates - who come straight to Cuesta following their graduation - **two years of attendance fee-free (two consecutive Fall and Spring semesters).**

What fees does the Promise pay for?

The Promise covers these costs for the Fall and Spring semesters:

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| • Enrollment (\$46 per unit) | • ASCC Student ID Card (\$10) | • Student Rep (\$1) |
| • Health (\$19) | • Student Center (\$10) | • Course Materials Fees* |

*(fees indicated in the course description on Class Finder; **does not include books or items the instructor requires in his/her syllabus).**

The Promise will pay for all unit fees, whether a student is full or part-time.

How do I qualify for the Promise?

All graduates from San Luis Obispo County high schools, who earned their diplomas between the dates of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, including students who receive their GED or are home-schooled, must attend Cuesta College's Fall 2019 semester. Qualifying students must follow the application process and deadlines above.

How do I qualify for the 2nd year of the Promise?

To earn a second fee-free year, students must complete more than 50% of the units attempted in their first year, and earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher during their first year on the Promise.

What if I want to take a break and not attend the second consecutive year at Cuesta, can I still get the second year free when I decide to come back later?

No, you must return to Cuesta for the next consecutive year in order to qualify for the second-year fee-free.

What happens if I miss the deadlines?

You won't be eligible for the Promise Scholarship.

I'm not a senior this school year. Will I be able to get the Promise in the future?

Yes! The Cuesta College Foundation has established an ongoing fund so that the Promise will be around for future generations of SLO County high school students. Just remember: after you graduate, you must attend Cuesta College the Fall semester immediately following your commencement to obtain the Promise Scholarship.

Do I qualify for the Cuesta Promise Scholarship if I earned a GED, graduated from a home school or passed the CHSPE between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019?

Yes. If you are a San Luis Obispo County resident and earned your GED, graduated from a home school or received your CHSPE results between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, and you indicated this on your Cuesta College admissions application, you qualify for the Promise.

What if I received the Promise in the Fall – do I need to do anything extra to get it in the Spring?

No. Just register for classes and your fees will be paid.

What if I received the Promise for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 – do I need to do anything extra to get it for Fall 2019 and Spring 2020?

You will need to meet the following academic requirements to qualify for year two fee-free:

- Complete more than 50% of the units attempted in the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters
- Earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher during the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters

If you meet these requirements, simply register for classes and your fees will be paid.

What should I do if I don't see my high school listed on the Cuesta College admissions application?

If you do not see your high school on the Cuesta College admissions application, please email promise@cuesta.edu to ensure that your high school or home school qualifies for the Cuesta Promise Scholarship and find out if you will need to submit a Promise Appeal.

How do I check the status of my Promise application?

You can check the status of your Promise application in the same place you check your financial aid status.

https://www.cuesta.edu/student/documents/financial_aid/FA_Status_Checklist.pdf

Once I've completed all the requirements, when will I be awarded the Promise?

Cuesta begins awarding the Promise each year in May. When you've been awarded, you will receive an email in your myCuesta email account and be mailed a congratulatory letter to your home address. You can also doublecheck your account balance in myCuesta to see if the fees have been paid!

(Find it in myCuesta: Student Tab > Direct Links to Registration Services > "Pay Fees/View Account")

What if I think I've done all of the requirements, but I don't see the Promise on my student account?

Doublecheck that you have completed all of the requirements and allowed enough time for those changes to be processed. If you still don't see the Promise on your student account, please email promise@cuesta.edu for assistance.

More questions?

Email: promise@cuesta.edu

Call: 805-546-3153



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