



SCHOLARSHIPS

2026-2027

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 2026 admissions application at cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/Apply-Register.

Application period: October 1, 2025-August 1, 2026

STEP 2: Submit your Scholarship application (Apply by priority deadline, March 2, 2026, to be considered for additional scholarships) at cuesta.academicworks.com.

Application period: October 1, 2025-August 1, 2026

STEP 3: Complete the 2026-27 [FAFSA \(studentaid.gov\)](https://studentaid.gov) or the [Dream Act application \(dream.csac.ca.gov\)](https://dream.csac.ca.gov).

Application period: October 1, 2025-August 1, 2026

STEP 4: Complete the Cuesta College Online Orientation at cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/orientation.

Orientation period: October 1, 2025 -August 1, 2026

STEP 5: Register for your classes at login.cuesta.edu.

Registration period: Beginning May 2026-August 2026

Starting in Summer 2026? You must complete all the above steps by the first day of Summer Term to start the Promise early! Summer Deadline is **June 7th 2026!** You must complete BOTH the 2025-26 FAFSA or Dream Act application AND the 2026-27 FAFSA or Dream Act Application.

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 2027-2028 by **August 1st, 2027**.

More information and Frequently Asked Questions available on our website at cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/cuestapromise/promisefaq.

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QUESTIONS?

Visit online at [Financial Aid Page](#)

NEED HELP?

Attend one of our October workshops to apply early.

FAFSA/CADAA

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