

## TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE CSU APPLICATION ONLINE

### Sending College Entrance Test (SAT and ACT) Scores to CSUs

Send scores to multiple campuses for free or the price of one campus! Select one campus during test registration and it's free; request a score report to one CSU after you take the test (for a modest fee) and later release scores to additional campuses for free.

**SAT:** Use school code: 3594 for CSU Mentor. Do so, either when you register for the SAT or after you take the test and request a score report. This code will send your SAT scores to CSU Mentor (i.e. all of the CSU campuses for the price of one).

**ACT:** Request that your ACT scores are sent to one of the CSUs; doing so also files the score in the CSU Mentor application system for you to release them to other CSU campuses. (1) Once scores are received, you can access the ACT Manager in CSU Mentor (under the Apply Online section) to release those scores to other campuses without additional fees. (2) On the Application Submittal screen, select the checkbox to release your ACT scores to CSU Mentor to use for subsequent applications.

### Transcripts

You are not required to send an official transcript to the CSUs when you apply; nor is it recommended you do so. Typically, you won't be asked to send an official transcript until you are admitted and decide to attend one of the CSUs. However, sometimes a CSU will email you to request an official transcript before an admissions decision is made. Be sure to check your email often and comply with any requests so your application will be considered.

### Social Security Numbers

If you don't have a social security number, leave that field in the application blank.

### Impacted Campuses for 2008

- CSU Fullerton
- CSU Long Beach
- Cal Poly, Pomona
- Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- San Diego State

If a campus is impacted that means they receive more qualified applicants that they can admit. Therefore, they are more selective in the application review process; they will look for students who exceed the minimum CSU eligibility requirements. For more information, see <http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/impactioninfo.shtml>. For a list of impacted majors, see [http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/impactedprogramsgrid\\_2008-2009.pdf](http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/impactedprogramsgrid_2008-2009.pdf).

### Rerouting Applications

When CSU eligibility requirements are met, but enrollment at a campus is filled and you are not admitted to a campus, that campus will send you a letter, giving you permission to re-route your application to another CSU that is still accepting applications at that time. The benefit is that you don't have to pay an additional application fee.

### Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

**Program Benefits:** The program offers low-income, first-generation (neither parent completed a college degree) college students with orientation to campus program and services, academic advising, tutoring, transition support, and grants. The EOP department reviews applicants and collaborates with the admissions office to make decisions.

### **Application:**

- You must submit your undergraduate application to a campus via CSU Mentor before you can apply for the EOP program at that campus. There is no fee to apply to EOP.

- The EOP application supplement is also available on CSU Mentor and works like the undergraduate application; information you enter is stored electronically and populates subsequent applications you create to save you time.
- You must write 2 short essays. There is no word limit; be honest and explain both strengths and weaknesses; they are used to determine which EOP program services you might benefit from—not hurt your CSU application!

**Recommendation Letters:** 2 are required; one should be from your TA, the other from a teacher. You enter the recommenders' contact information (name, school address, email address, and phone number) online in the application supplement. Then, the recommendation forms are sent to the student via email to forward to the teachers. Teachers should cut and paste letters written in a word processing program into the application.

For more information, go to [www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop](http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop)

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- extended hours in October and November:
  - M – F open until 9 PM
  - weekends in October and November, Thanksgiving, and the day after Thanksgiving 11 AM – 6PM
  - November 30<sup>th</sup> open until 2 AM the next morning