Applying to the California State University

Fall 2021 Freshman Application

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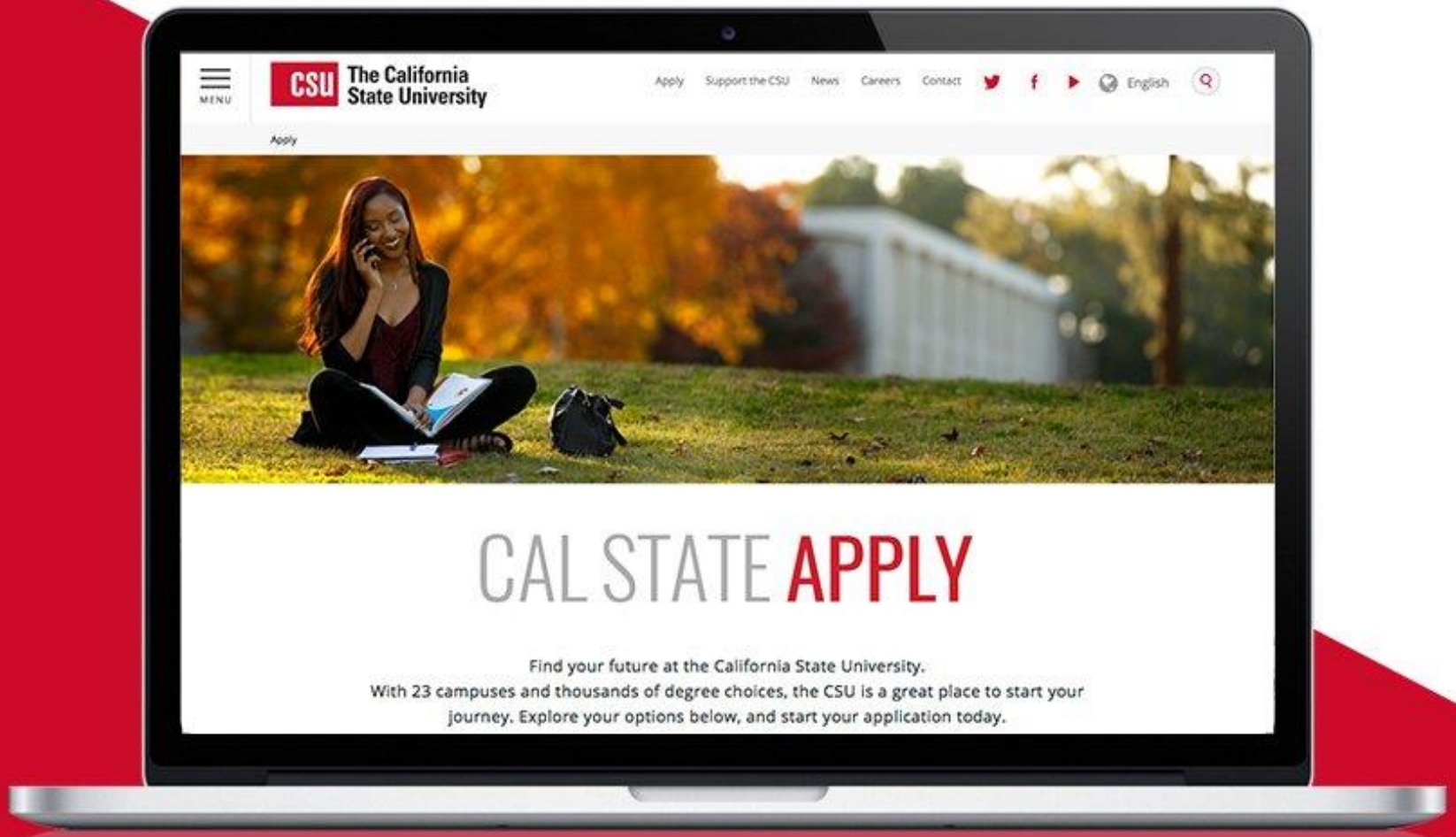
What will we be doing today?

Completing your CSU admissions application!



A SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ALL 23 CSU CAMPUSES

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What to expect from the CSU admissions process

To apply to the CSU, you'll be required to:

1. Complete the Cal State Apply application
2. Pay the $70 *per campus* fee and any other fees (unless fee waiver applies)
3. Submit any transcripts and required info when notified by the campus
4. If admitted, register for Orientation

**** Know when deadlines are and meet them****

**** Check email regularly ****

- [ ] **Unofficial transcripts** You'll be asked to enter all the courses you've completed on your CSU application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed.
- [ ] **Test scores (SAT, ACT, AP or IB)** Report test results so far as well as any future test dates.
- [ ] **Your Social Security number**, if you have one.
- [ ] **Your citizenship status**
- [ ] **A method of payment** You can pay the application fee by credit card.
- [ ] **Your parent's citizenship status**
- [ ] **Annual income** Your parents' if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent
- [ ] **Your parent's employment background and two recommendations** Applies only if you're applying to EOP.
- [ ] **California statewide student ID** Optional; every K-12 student in a California public school is assigned an ID number. The number should be printed on your transcript.

You'll need this information to apply

The CSU Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

- Provides specialized support during your college years
- Designed to help *low-income, first generation, historically educationally disadvantaged* students succeed academically in college and graduate.
  - **First Generation:** neither of your parents went to college.
  - Meet the **EOP Family Income Criteria**
- The EOP application is built into the Cal State Apply application. You can submit the Cal State Apply application without the EOP portion complete and come back to it.

The EOP portion has a separate deadline that can vary by campus.
Deadlines information: https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/eop/Pages/eop-campus-status.aspx

Materials you'll need to apply to EOP

Two Recommendations are required to apply

1. **One must be from academic counselor/teacher** that can comment on your academic preparedness for university academic work
2. The other can be from an individual who can comment about your potential to succeed in college.

- Recommenders **cannot** be self or a family member.
- You must include their names and email addresses on the application

Materials you'll need to apply to EOP

- **Family Information including**
  - **Participation in public assistance programs and other publicly funded programs**
  - Siblings educational information
  - Household size
- **Parent/Guardian Information**
  - Occupation information for at least one parent/guardian
  - Estimated and actual income for this and last year
  - Household size
- Prepare to answer some autobiographical questions

All freshman must provide this information for the 2021-22 application, not just if you're applying to EOP.

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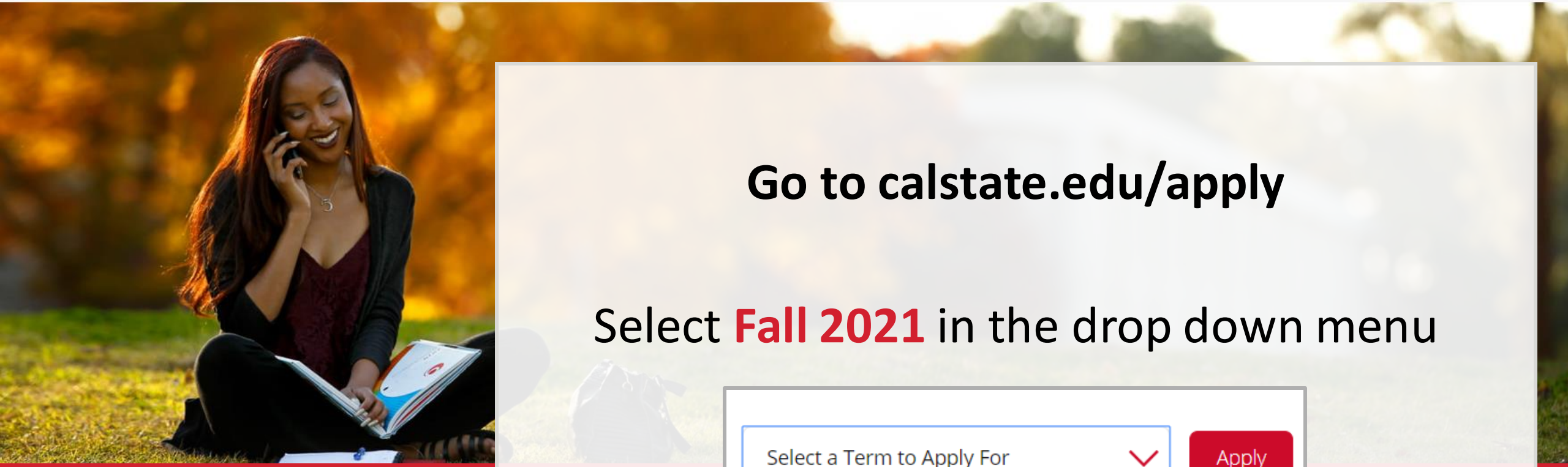


Go to calstate.edu/apply

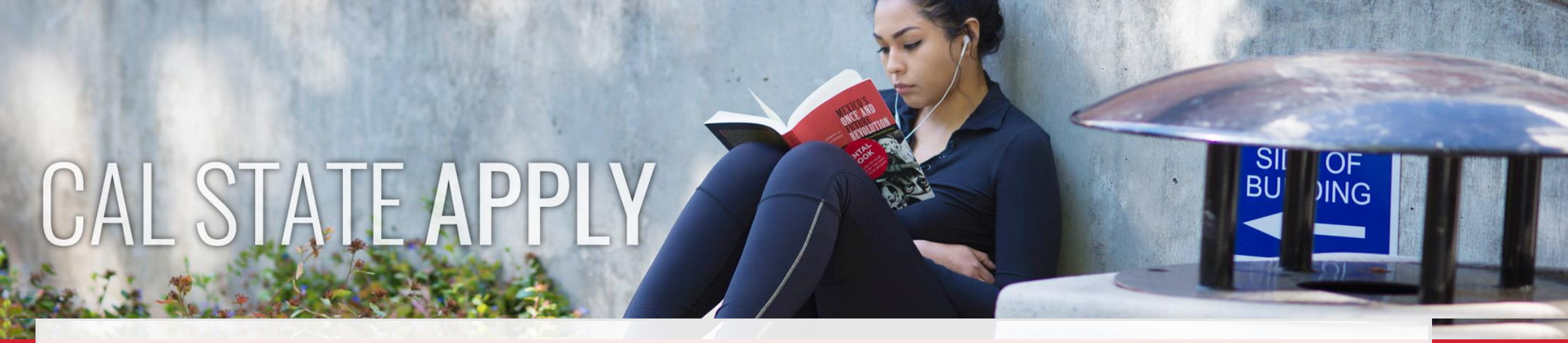
Select **Fall 2021** in the drop down menu

Select a Term to Apply For

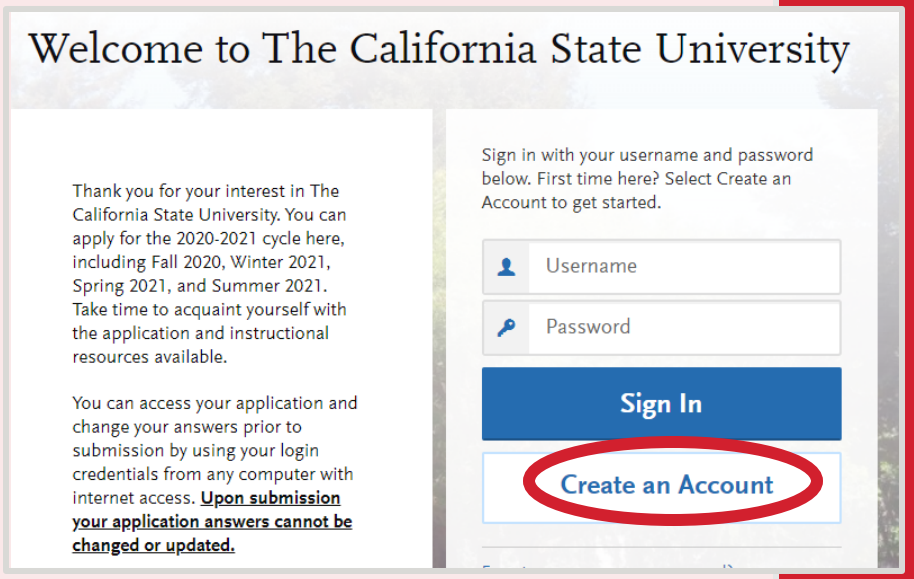
Apply

and then click **Apply**

Applications are open October 1 and close after December 4, 2020 for the Fall 2021 Semester.



Create your Cal State Apply account



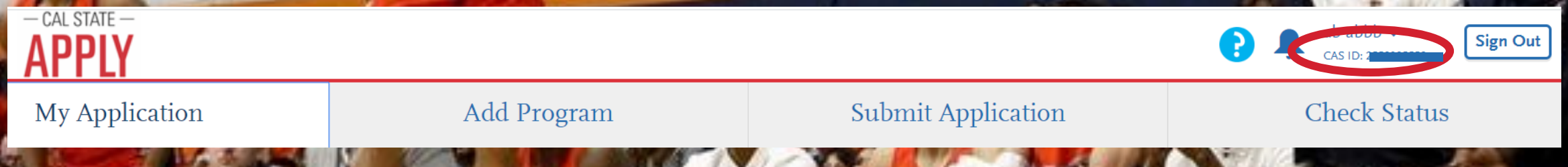
Click **Create an Account** (under Sign In) and fill out information on the Create an Account page

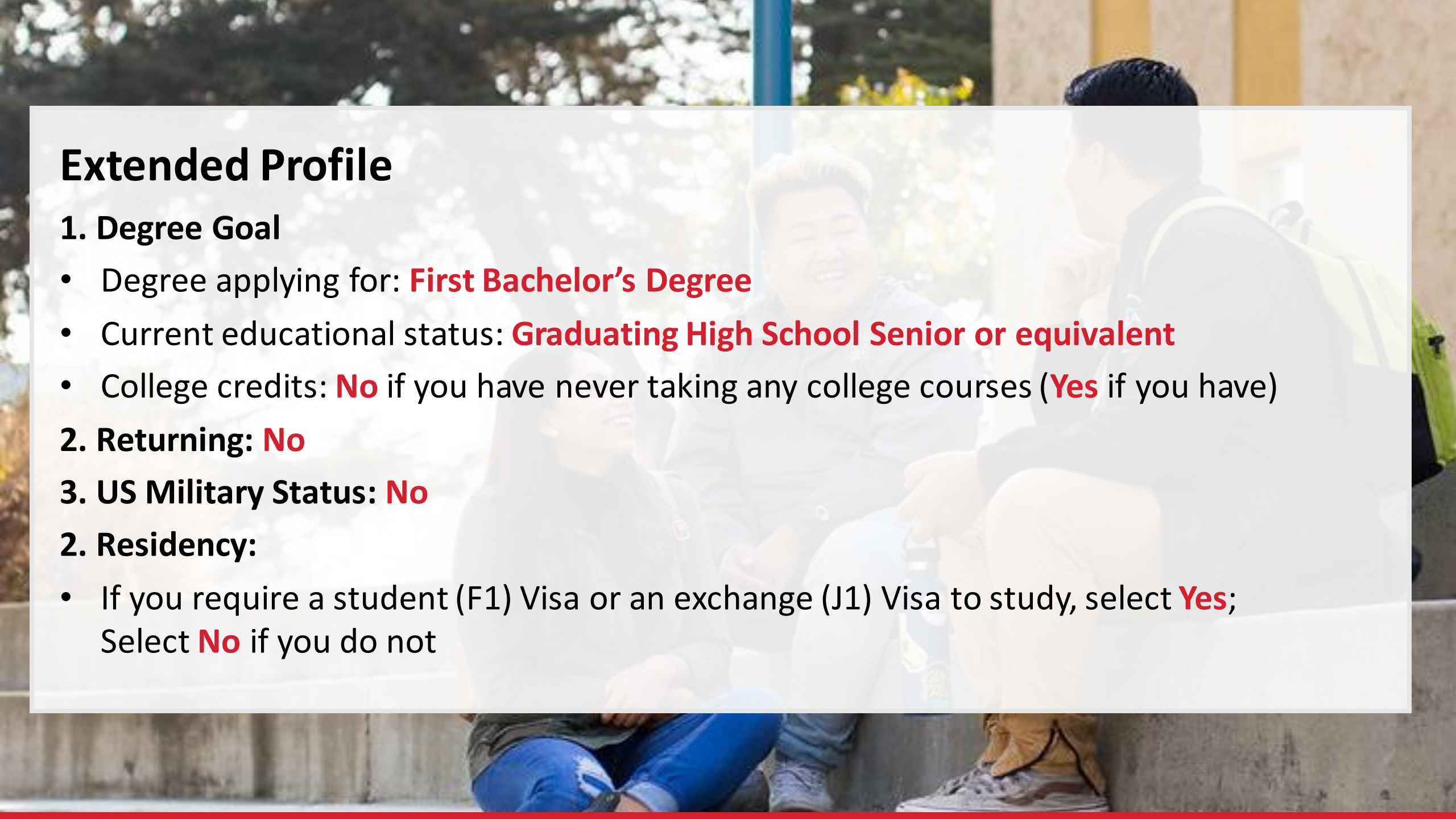
What email address should you use?

- Most official CSU communication comes by email
- **Use/create a personal email address**
- Check your email regularly - consider connecting the email account to your phone

Write down your CAS ID!

- Found on top right of screen





Extended Profile

1. Degree Goal

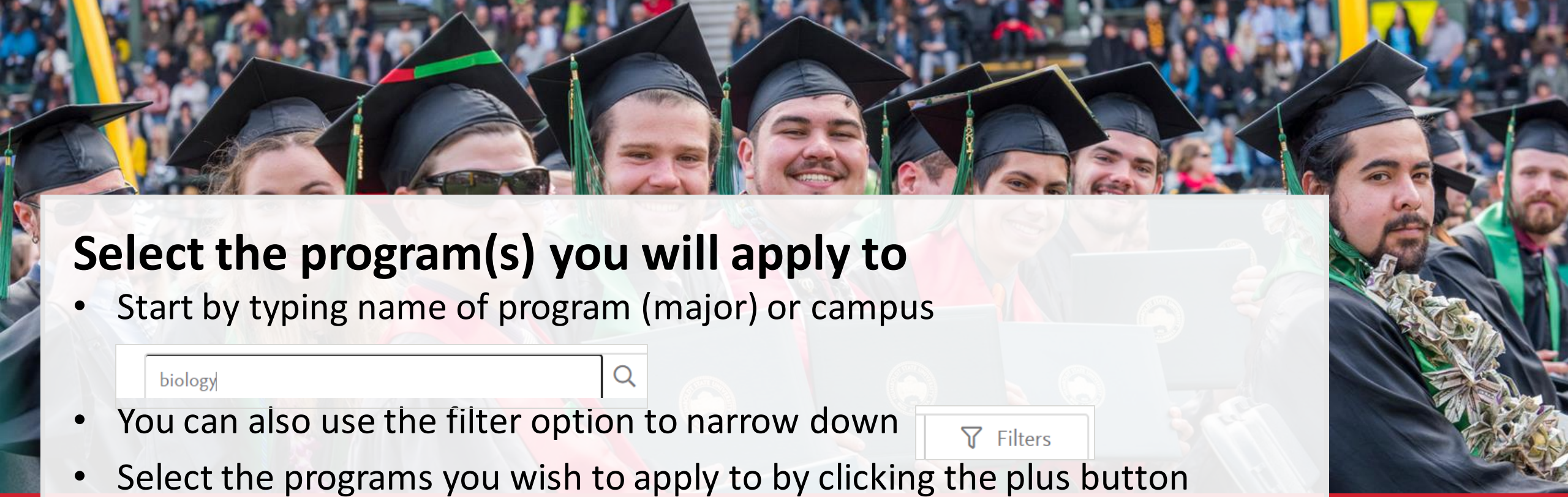
- Degree applying for: **First Bachelor's Degree**
- Current educational status: **Graduating High School Senior or equivalent**
- College credits: **No** if you have never taking any college courses (**Yes** if you have)

2. Returning: No

3. US Military Status: No

2. Residency:

- If you require a student (F1) Visa or an exchange (J1) Visa to study, select **Yes**; Select **No** if you do not

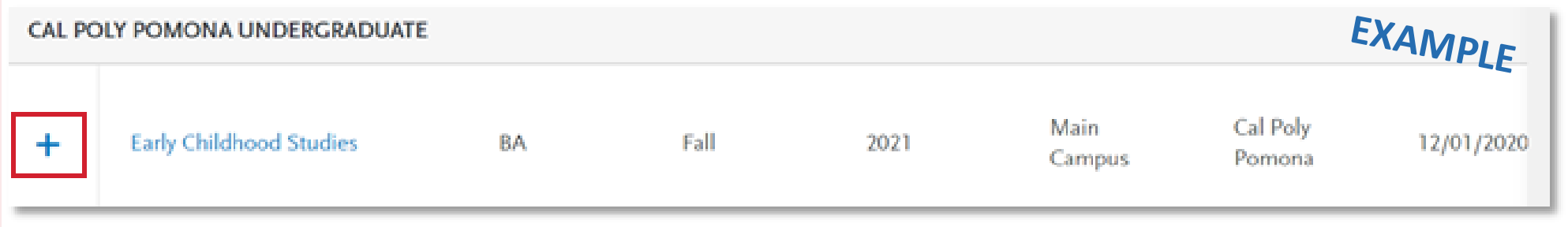


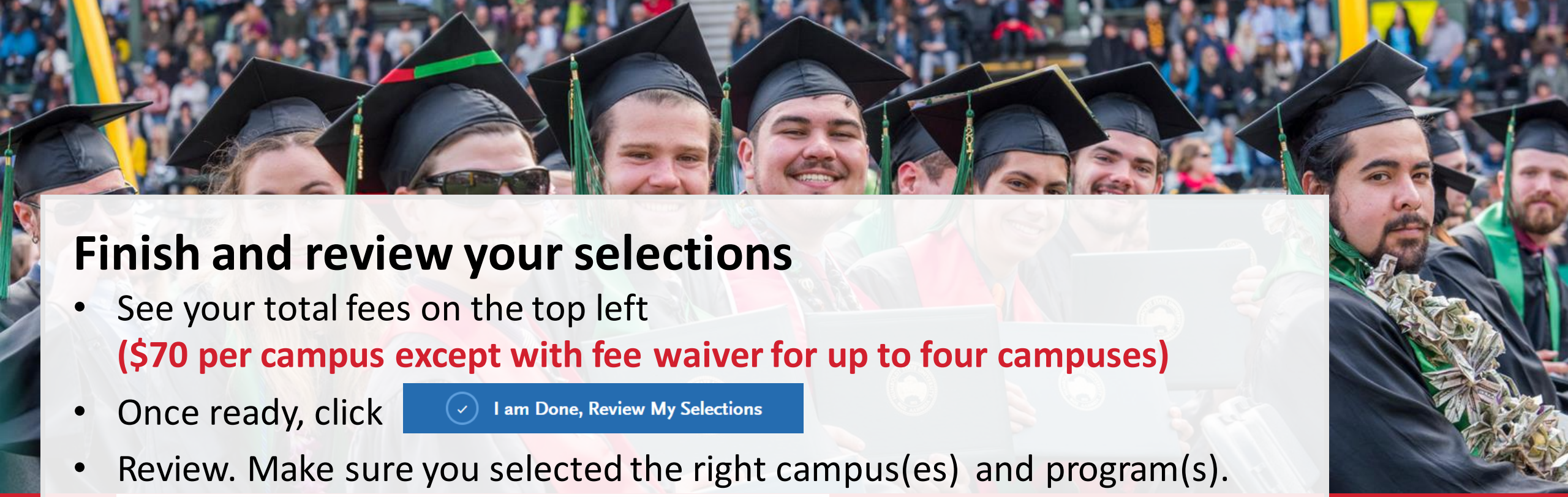
Select the program(s) you will apply to

- Start by typing name of program (major) or campus

- You can also use the filter option to narrow down

- Select the programs you wish to apply to by clicking the plus button
- Program must be **undergraduate**
- You may apply to **one** program per campus (unsure of which program to choose? You may consider Undeclared/Undecided)

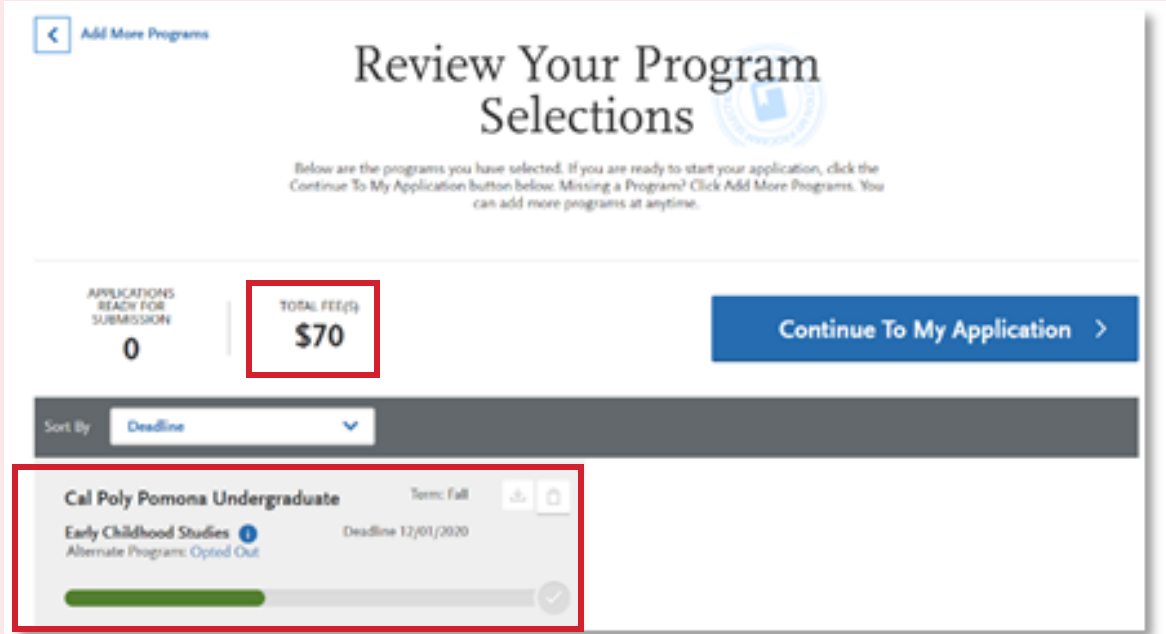




Finish and review your selections

- See your total fees on the top left
  ($70 per campus except with fee waiver for up to four campuses)
- Once ready, click

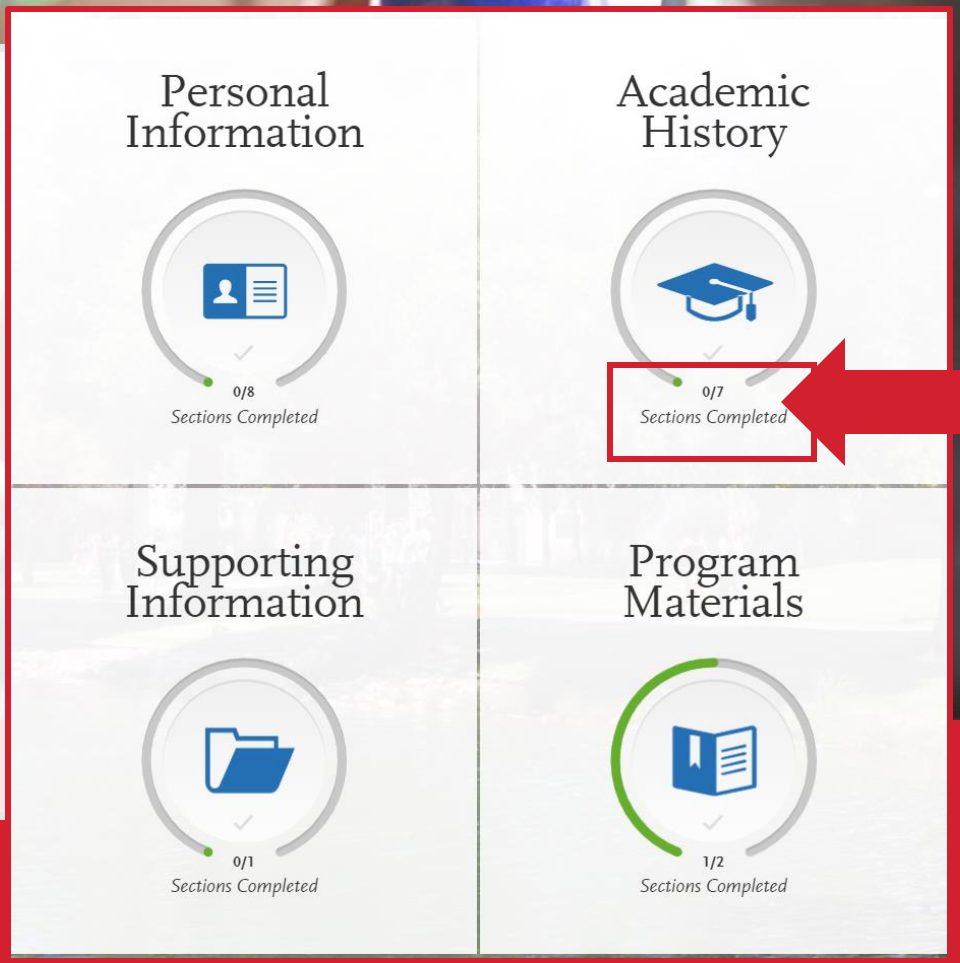
- Review. Make sure you selected the right campus(es) and program(s).



EXAMPLE

Four parts of the application

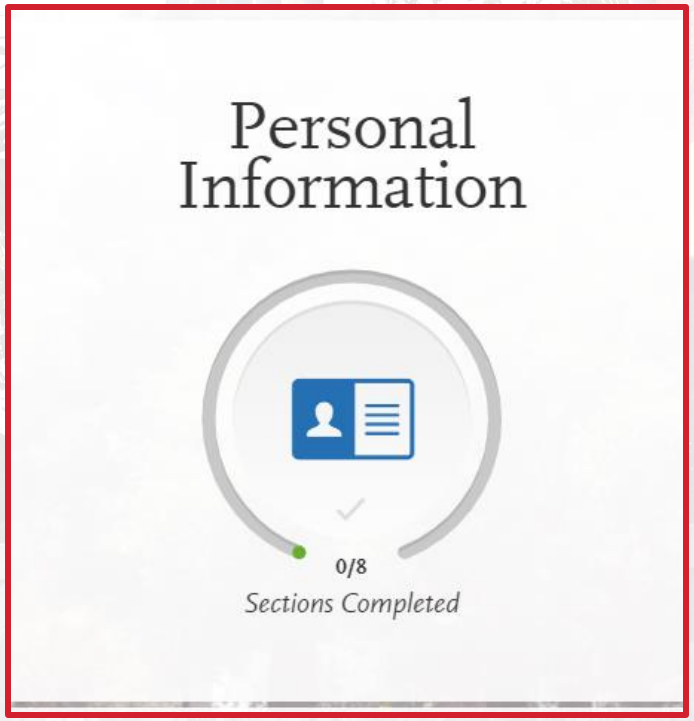
- Personal Information
- Academic History
- Supporting Information
- Program Materials



Your progress towards completing all required information in this quadrant

***Don't skip the Program Materials section.** The Program Materials quadrant will appear completed if the program(s) you are applying to did not require any additional information from you here. **Even if it appears complete, be sure to click and read the Program Materials** as campuses put important information about the programs you are applying to in this section.*

Let’s complete Part 1: Personal Information



Release Statement

- Review the instructions carefully and respond.

- **With the exception of the EOP application and adding new standardized test scores, once you submit your Cal State Apply application your responses cannot be edited.**

Biographic Information

- Complete the biographic information section.
- The questions on sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity questions are optional/voluntary:

- **Statewide Student Identifier (SSID)** is on your high school transcript. Private schools are exempt from entering SSID.

Contact Information

- Complete the contact information section.

- **Current address =** ✉

  This should be where you want to receive mail correspondence

- Is your permanent address different than your current address?

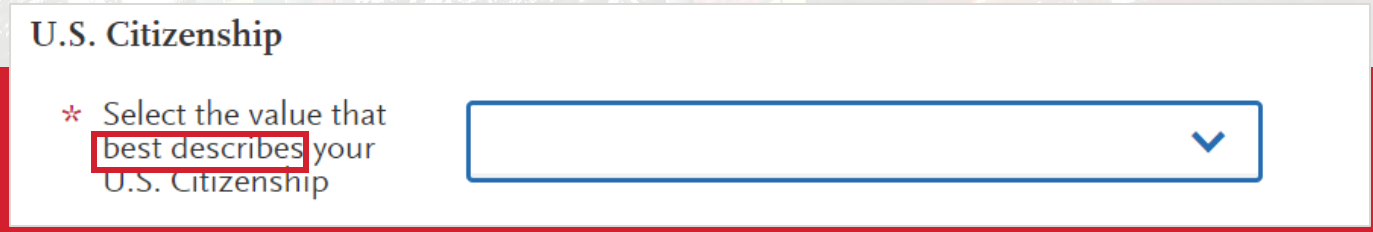
  If so, select **No** to "Is this your permanent address?"

Citizenship/Residency Information

- Will not be used to determine your eligibility for admissions but may be used to help provide you with **additional support** and used for items like **tuition fees.**

Citizenship/Residency Information

For those who selected No earlier to "do you have or will you require an F1 or J1 Visa to study at the CSU?"



US Citizenship

- **US Citizen:** born in the US or attained citizenship through naturalization
- **Permanent US Resident:** holds a Green Card and is permitted to permanently live and work in the US
- **None:** no US Citizenship
- **Refugee:** forced to leave country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster
- **Other Visa:** holds a Visa *other than* F1 (student) or J1 (exchange) - You will be prompted to choose which Visa if you select this option

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Residency

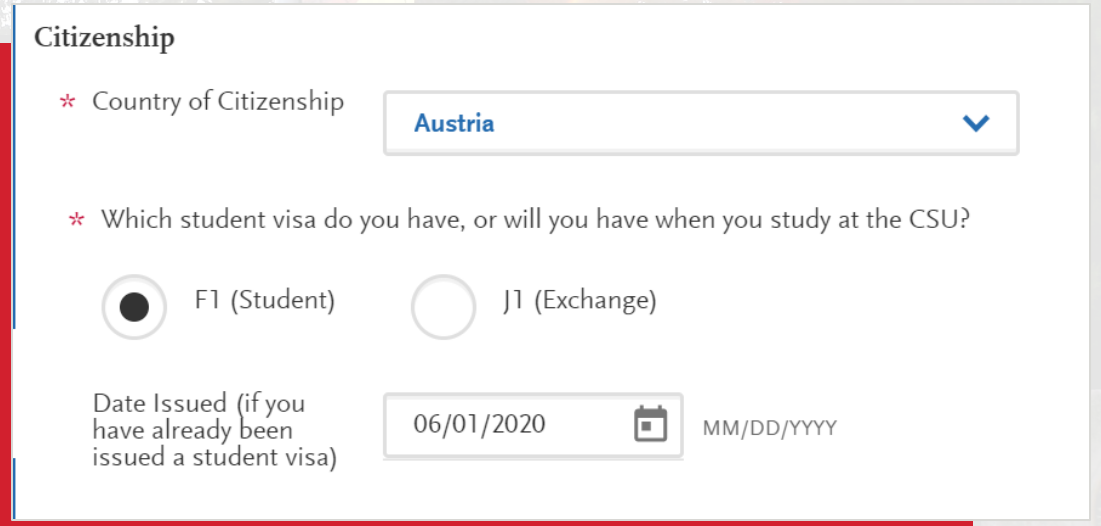
- The US state/possession you regard as your permanent home is filled in from earlier; to update, go to **Extended Profile**
- If your permanent home is **California,** you'll be prompted to:
  - Indicate whether you claim California residency
  - Indicate if you've lived there continuously since birth (If no, you'll be asked to give dates)

Citizenship/Residency Information

For those who selected Yes earlier to "do you have or will you require an F1 or J1 Visa to study at the CSU?"

Citizenship (for International Applicants)

- Select your **country of citizenship** and the **Visa type** you have or will have when you study at the CSU (F1 or J1 Visa)
- If you already have a Visa, enter the date it was issued



Race & Ethnicity

- Complete the questions on this section.
- This section will **not** be used to determine eligibility for admissions.
- This information may be used to help provide you additional support.

Parent / Guardian Information

- If you are a dependent, you must enter at least one parent / guardian's information in this section.
- If you are considered independent, you can opt out of this section if you wish.
- **Unsure of how to answer at this moment?** You can move onto the other sections and come back to this later. **You cannot submit your application until you complete this section.**

Other Information

Social Security (SSN)

- Carefully type in your SSN if you have one.
- Incorrect or missing information could delay your admission or require you to turn in additional documentation.
- Enter your SSN If you have qualified for DACA and been issued a SSN.

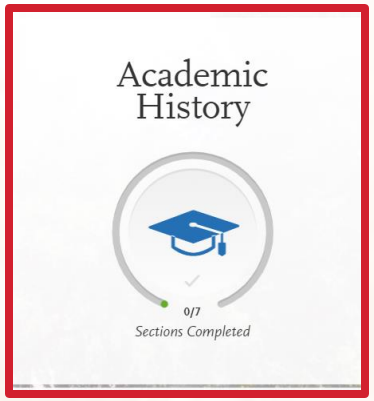
Financial and Parental Information

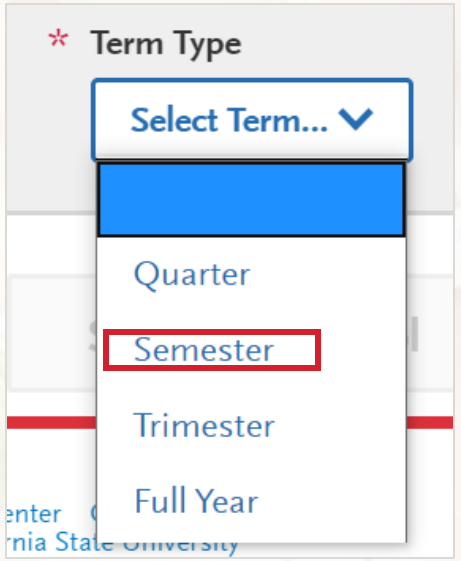
- Complete this section. This information is not used to determine financial aid eligibility and is used for information purposes only.
- Read the **Household Income and Size Information** carefully as your answer will determine what other information you will have to provide here.
- Any of the statements apply? You are considered **Independent**
- None of the statements apply? You are considered **Dependent**

Let’s complete Part 2: Academic History

High Schools Attended

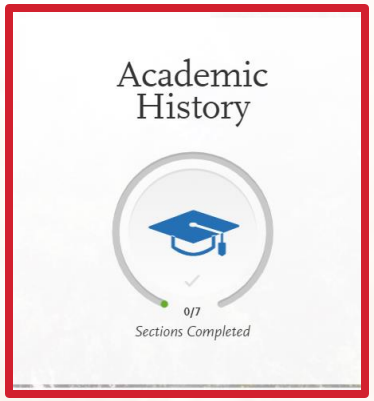
- Complete this section.
- To begin, click Add High School
- Type **[ENTER CITY OF SCHOOL] NAME OF SCHOOL HERE]** from the list.
- Enter dates attended **[ADD DATES FOR THEM?]**
- For term type, select **[ENTER TERM TYPE AND UPDATE SELECTION ON EXAMPLE AS NEEDED]**
- Be sure to enter ALL high schools you have attended, if you've attended more than one.





Graduation Status

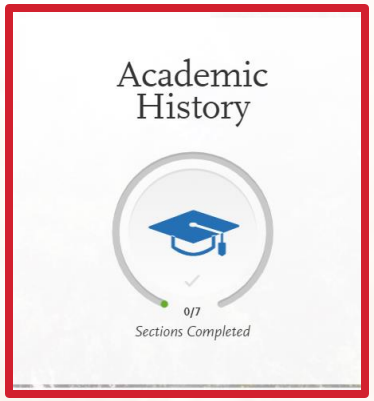
- Select **I have or will graduate with my high school diploma**
- Enter the date: **[DATE HERE]**



Academic Information

- Select **No** unless you have attended another high school/secondary school and it was outside of the US

Colleges Attended



This section will only appear if you indicated earlier that you have completed one or more courses at a college/university*

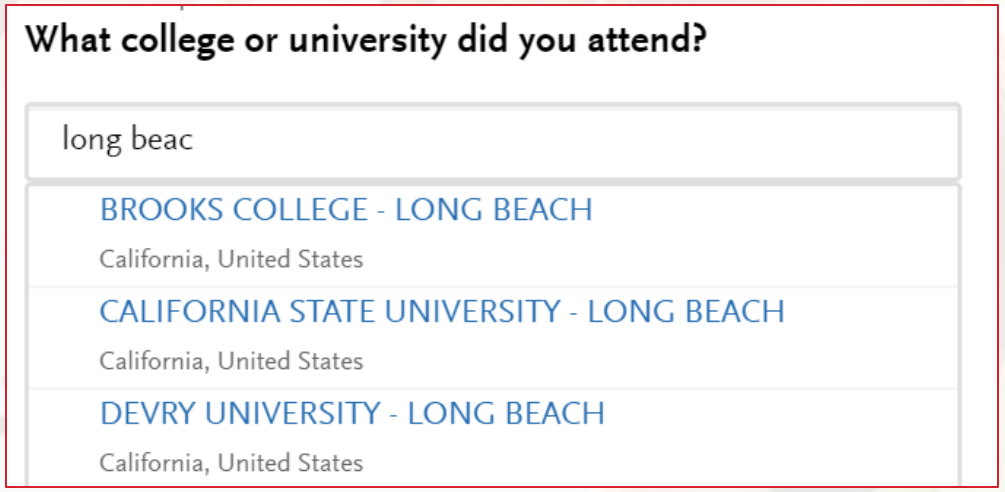
- If applicable, you must enter ALL college courses you've ever taken, regardless if they are relevant and even if you transferred them already.

- Start by Adding a College of University

Colleges Attended

Add a College or University

- Then, start typing in the name of the college/university and options should begin to appear.



Term Type Guide

4 grades per year = Quarter

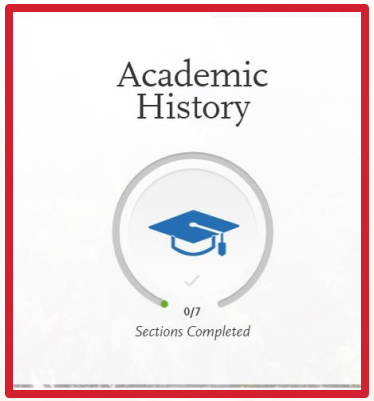
3 grades per year = Trimester

2 grades per year = Semester

1 grade per year = Full Year

High School Coursework

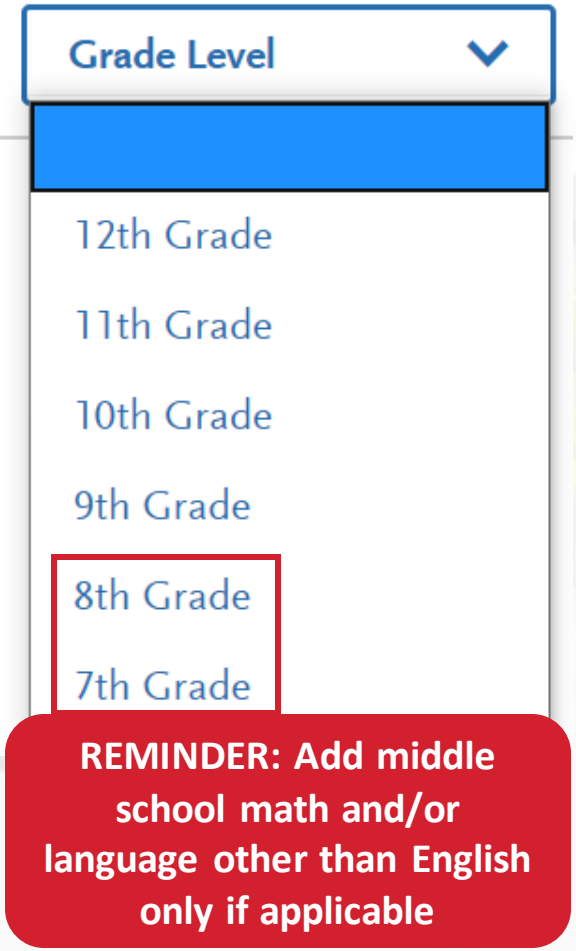
- Complete this section carefully as failure to follow instructions will delay admissions decision and can ultimate impact your admissions decision altogether.



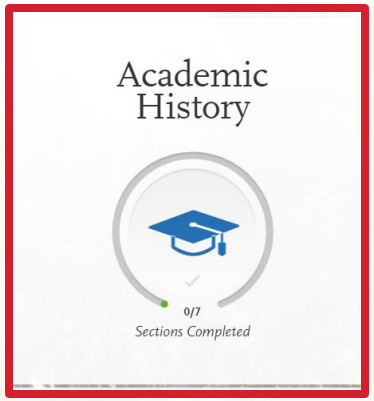
What should you report?

- All high school courses used to satisfy A-G requirements
- Do NOT include non-college prep courses, e.g. Health or P.E.
- **Middle school coursework exception:** Any math (Algebra or higher) and/or languages other than English courses (LOTE Level 1 or higher) taken in middle school that continued course progression into 9th grade **can** be entered to receive consideration.

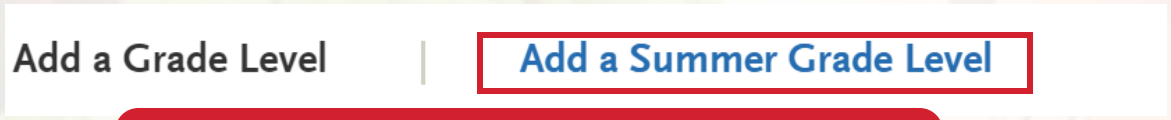
High School Coursework



REMINDER: Add middle school math and/or language other than English only if applicable

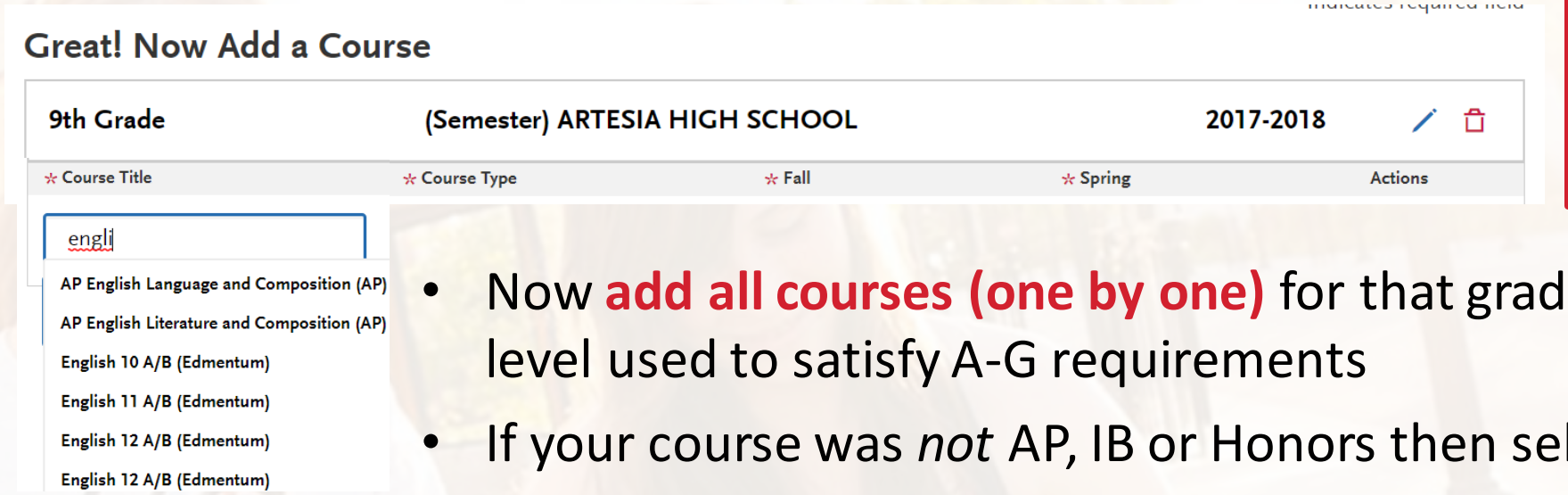


- Now add courses for that grade level used to satisfy A-G requirements
- **Start by adding a Grade Level**
- Select the **School** you attended for that grade
- Select the **Academic Year**
- Once you've entered, click green checkmark
- You will be repeating for all grade levels

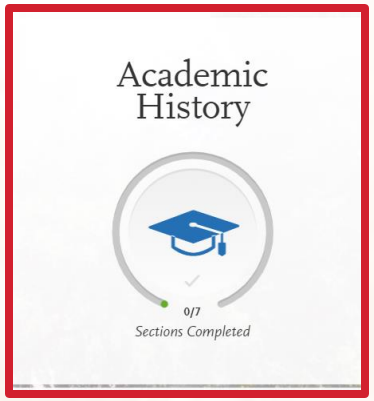


REMINDER: Add summer grade levels too if you took A-G courses during that summer

High School Coursework

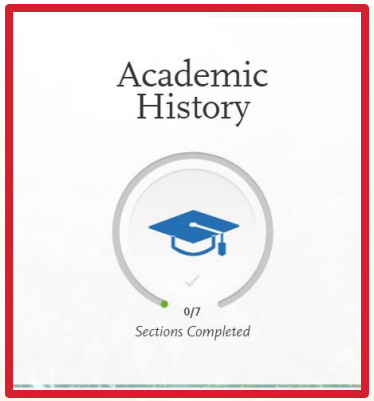


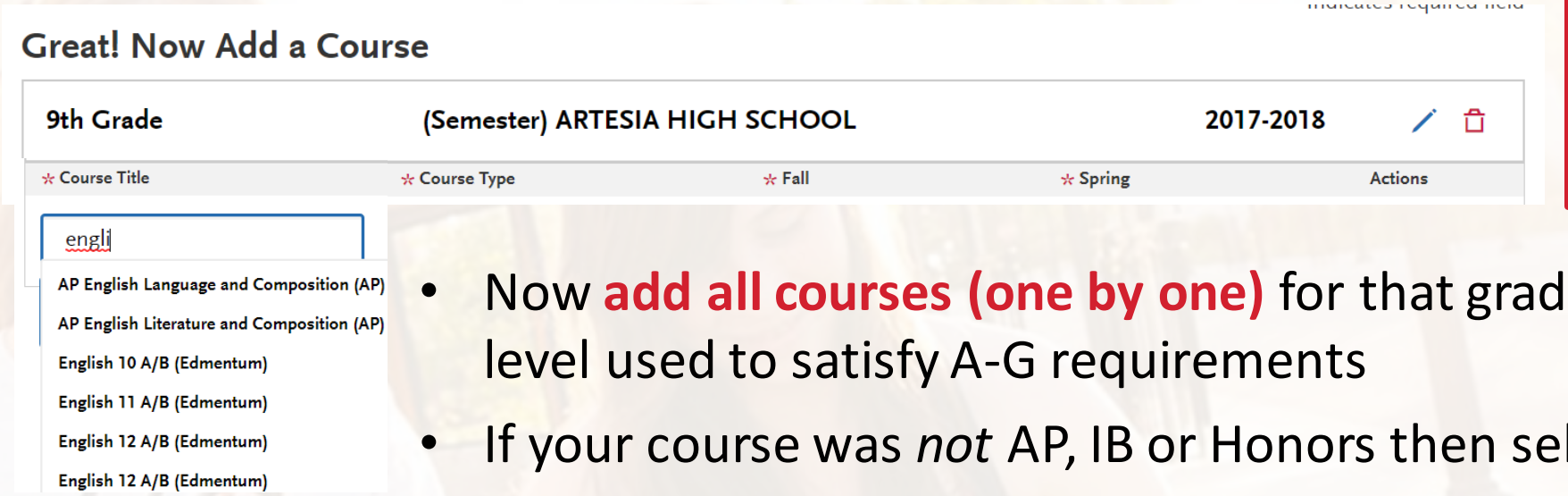
Start typing the course and you should get a list of options to choose from



- Now **add all courses (one by one)** for that grade level used to satisfy A-G requirements
- If your course was *not* AP, IB or Honors then select None
- Enter grades earned
- Click green checkmark ✓
- Continue to add all applicable courses for this grade level
- Added all courses? Add another Grade Level until you're done
- Added all courses and grade levels? Click

High School Coursework





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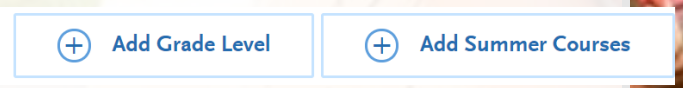
- Finish all other grade levels by clicking



- Added all courses and grade levels? Click

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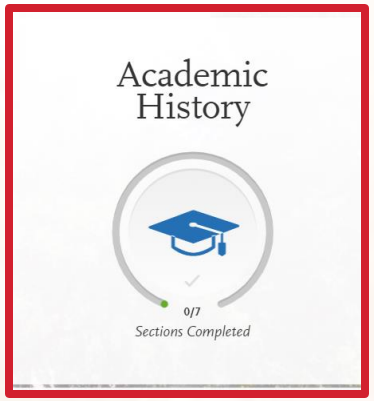
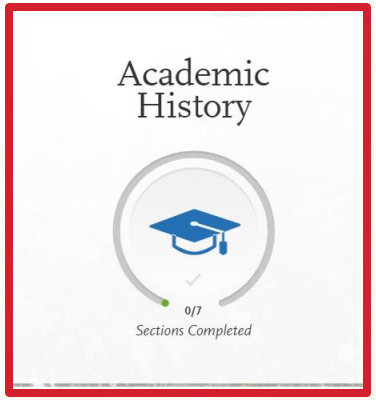


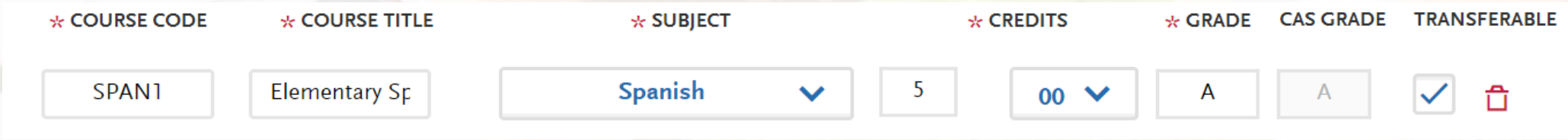
- Colleges listed are from what you typed in earlier for Colleges Attended
- Click **Edit** to begin added courses for that college
- After, Click **Add a Semester** then **Click Add a Course** to report courses for that specific semester

College Coursework



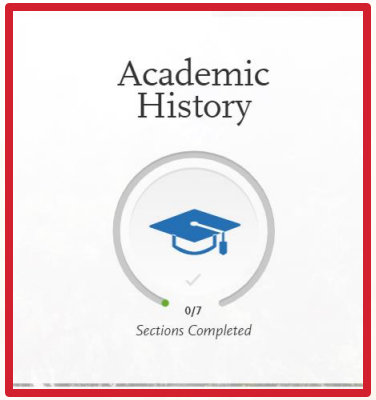
About Adding a Course

- **Course Code MUST match official transcript** – very important!
- Course Title will fill in automatically once you select Course Code
- Refer to your official transcript for # of credits/units earned for the course
- Enter Grade; CAS Grade will be automatically generated
- If the course is CSU Transferrable, check the Transferrable box
- Click SAVE; continue until all your colleges, semesters and courses are inputted



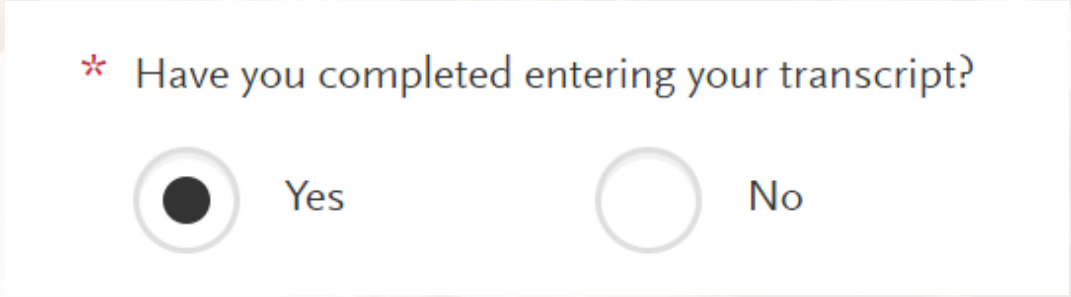
Remember that with college coursework you report ALL college courses taken, even if not transferrable or relevant

College Coursework



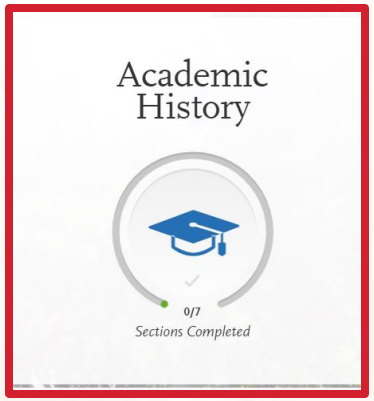
Finished adding all semesters and college courses taken?

- Go back to the College Coursework main page
- Select **Yes** that you have completed entering your transcript



- Then click **Save Your Transcript** and you're done with this section!

A-G Matching



- This shows how the high school and college courses you just entered match the A-G requirements
- Years = how many years you reported for the subject
- In parenthesis is the minimum years required for the subject
- You should have the ***same # or more*** **years** for each A-G requirement than is listed in parenthesis next to the subject.

A-G Subject Totals

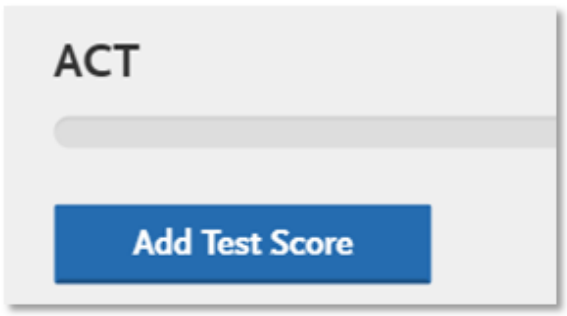
Subject		Years
A	History / Social Science (2 Years)	--

Review and complete this section carefully since incorrect or missing information will delay your admissions decision and can ultimately impact your admissions decision.

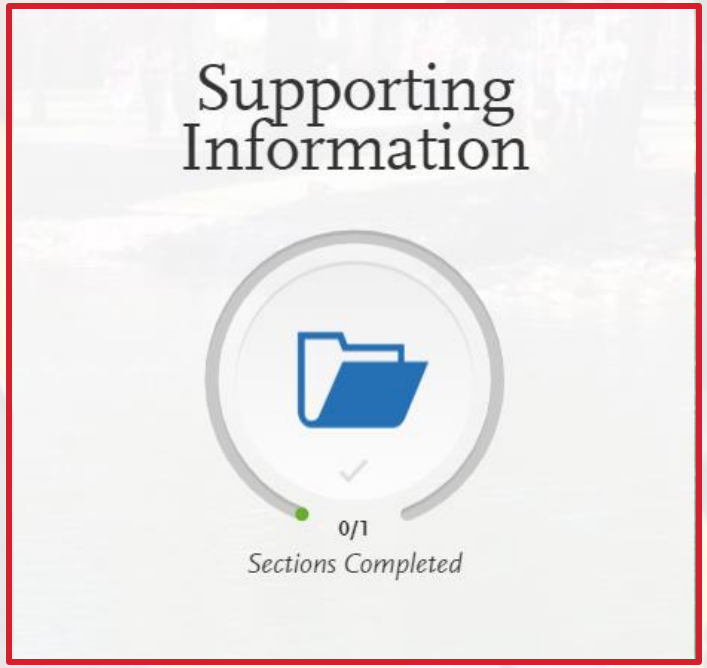
- If you are **missing** years for A-G, click the **Update A-G** and ensure you've entered everything correctly.

Standardized Tests (ACT, SAT, TOEFL, AP, IB, CLEP)

- For Fall 2021 freshman admissions, standardized tests will not be used to determine admissions eligibility.
- These scores may still be used to help place you in math and English courses by campuses
- You can enter your ACT, SAT, AP, IB, CLEP, TOEFL exams either have taken or plan on taking.
- If you have not taken or are not schedule to take any standardized tests you can opt out.



About Part 3: Supporting Information

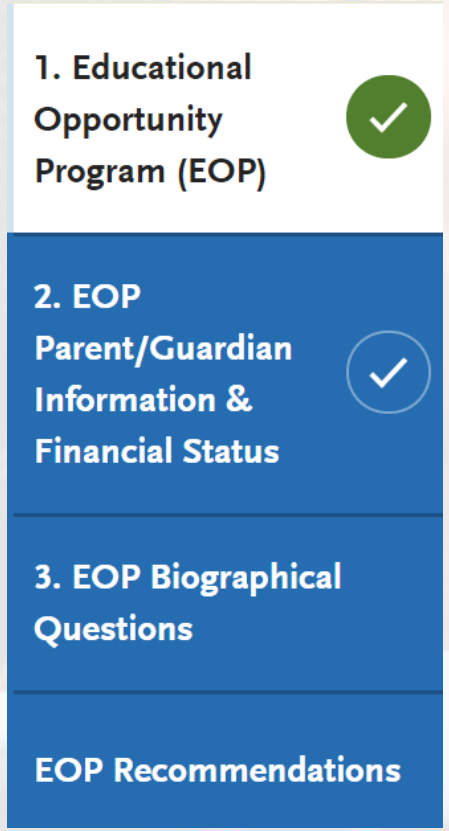


Educational Programs & Work Experience

- These responses may be used as supplemental criteria to make Fall 2021 admissions decisions
- Select Yes or No to indicate your involvement in the programs listed
- If you worked during the last 12 months, type in the average # of hours worked per week
- If you were involved in extracurricular activities during the last 12 months, type in the average # of hours per week

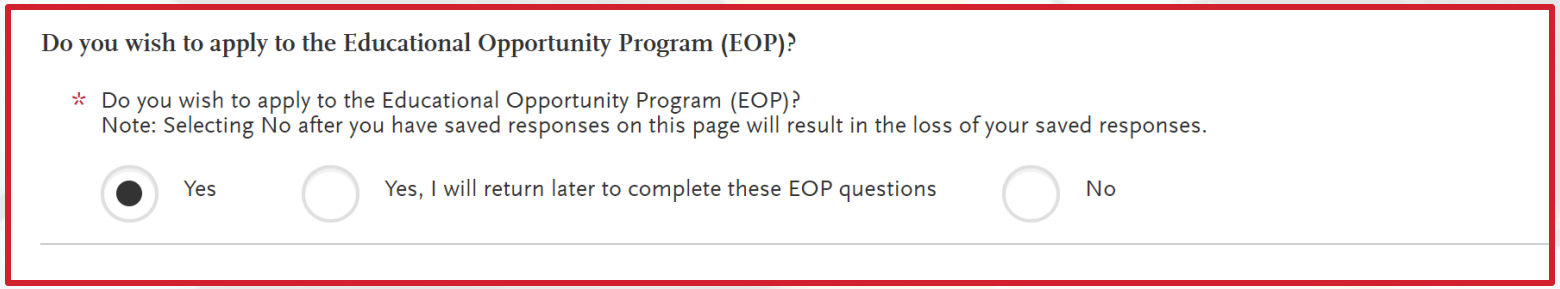
Overview of the EOP Application

- Section 1: General questions
- Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status
- Section 3: EOP Biographical Questions
- Section 4: Contact information for two people who will complete your recommendation



Indicate if you will apply to EOP

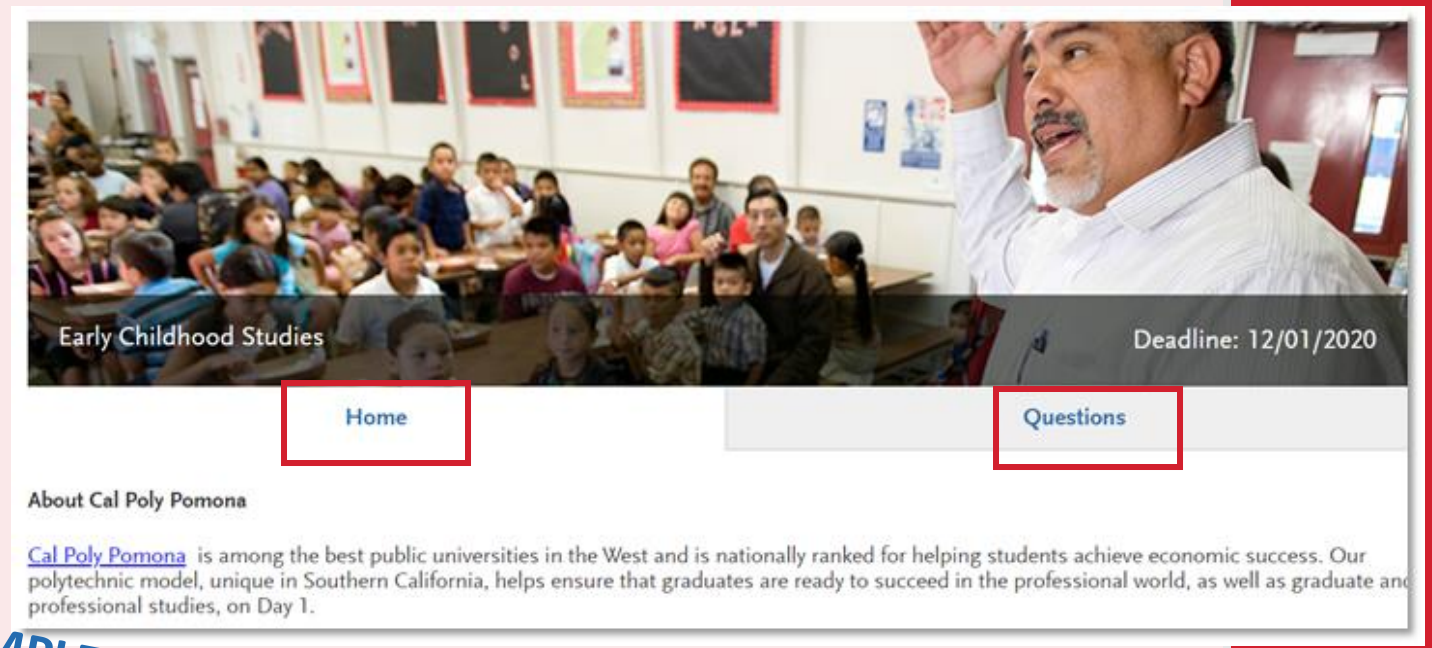
- "Do you wish to apply to EOP?"
  - **Not applying to EOP?** Click *No*. You are done with Section 3 of your application.
  - **Applying to EOP?** Click *Yes, I will return later to complete these EOP Questions*.



Let’s complete part 4: Program Materials

Program Materials

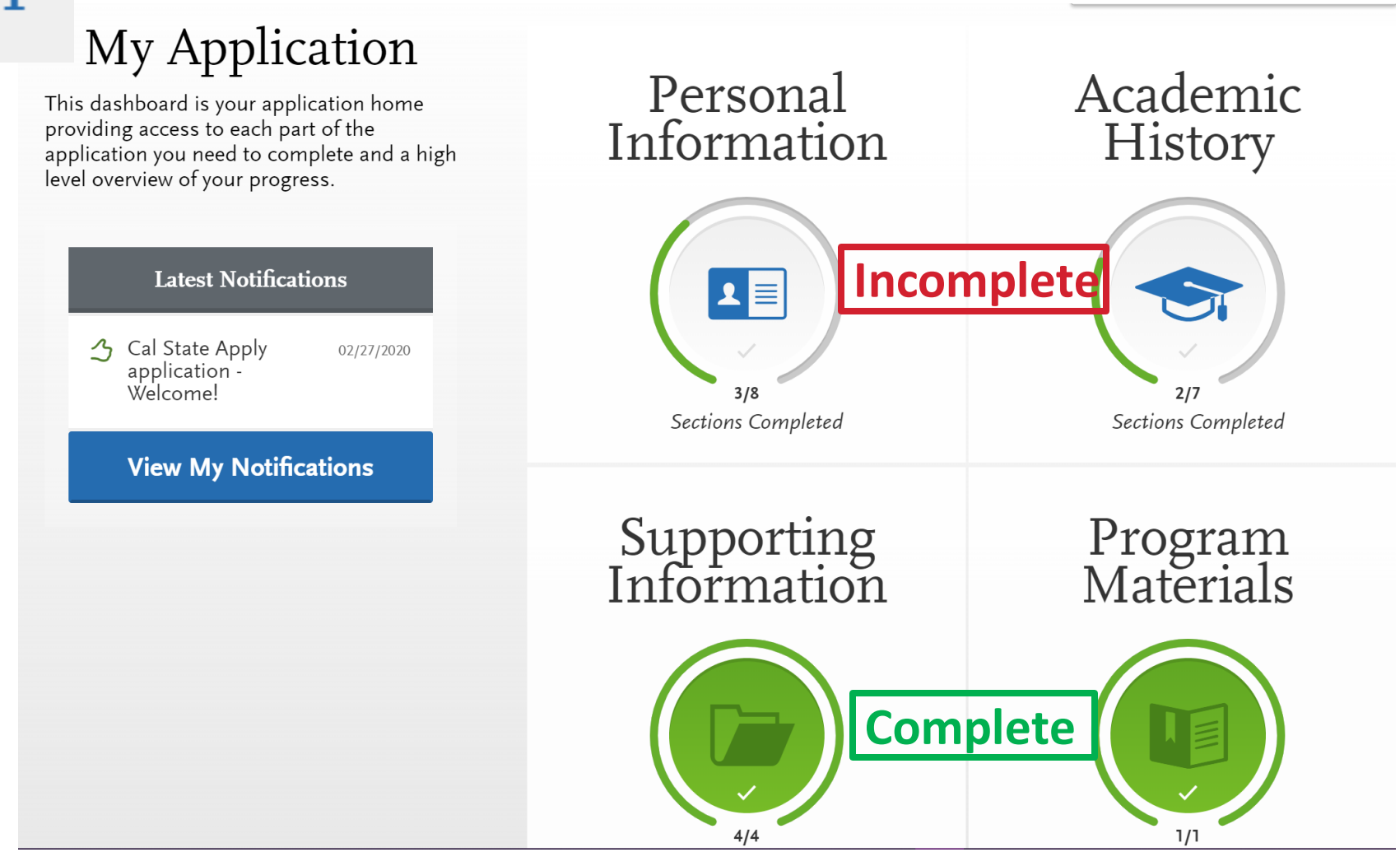
- Depending on the campus and major (“program”) you choose, there may be required items to complete. **Check for multiple tabs.**
- Once you’ve read through and responded to anything in this Program Materials section, you can exit back to **My Application** on the top left



EXAMPLE

My Application

You must **complete** all sections of the application before submitting, with exception of Section 3 Supporting Information – EOP Application.



Completed sections of the application will show green.

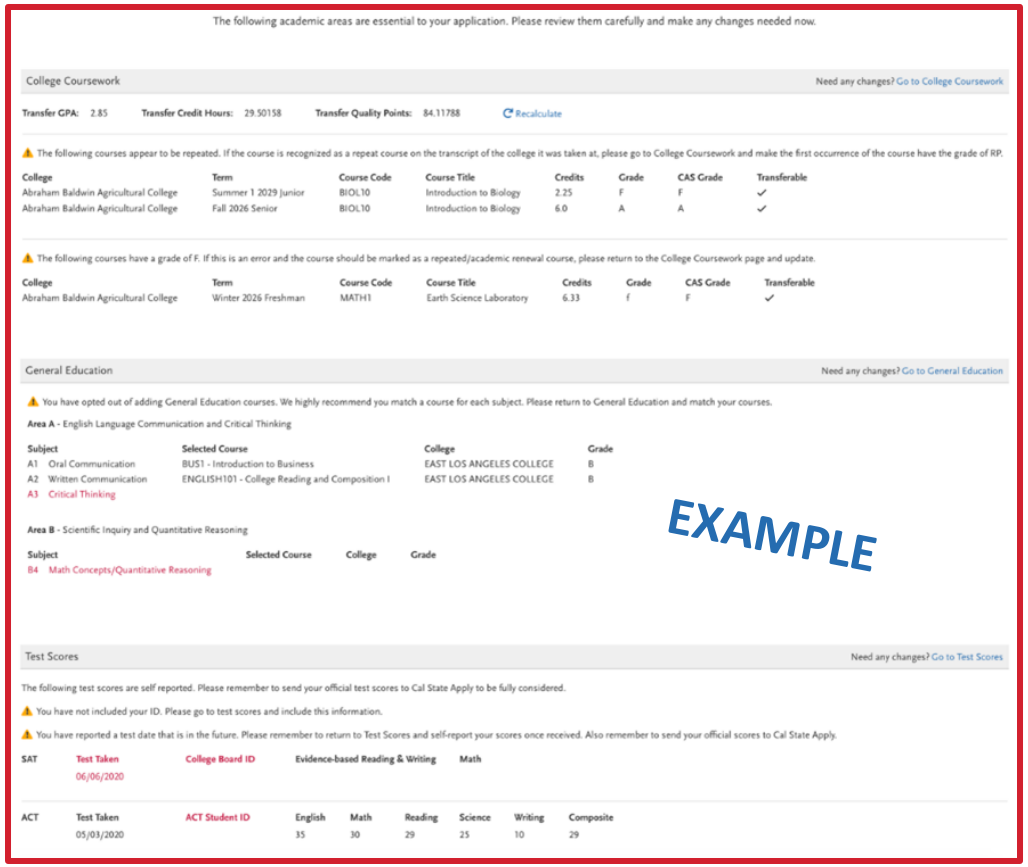
Submit Application

Before Submitting

- Check total fees and # of applications ready to submit
- **Reminder: No changes after submission besides EOP application and new test scores**

WAIT: Review the SUMMARY PAGE carefully!

- Note any warning messages ⚠️
- Note any **red** text
- Update/fix and missing or problematic info before processing to submit (in the gray bar on the right, it explains where to make updates to your information if needed)


The following academic areas are essential to your application. Please review them carefully and make any changes needed now.

College Coursework — Need any changes? Go to College Coursework

Transfer GPA: 2.85 Transfer Credit Hours: 29.50158 Transfer Quality Points: 84.11788 Recalculate

⚠ The following courses appear to be repeated. If the course is recognized as a repeat course on the transcript of the college it was taken at, please go to College Coursework and make the first occurrence of the course have the grade of RP.

College	Term	Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Grade	CAS Grade	Transferable
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Summer 1 2029 Junior	BIOL10	Introduction to Biology	2.25	F	F	✓
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Fall 2026 Senior	BIOL10	Introduction to Biology	6.0	A	A	✓

⚠ The following courses have a grade of F. If this is an error and the course should be marked as a repeated/academic renewal course, please return to the College Coursework page and update.

College	Term	Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Grade	CAS Grade	Transferable
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Winter 2026 Freshman	MATH1	Earth Science Laboratory	6.33	f	F	✓

General Education — Need any changes? Go to General Education

⚠ You have opted out of adding General Education courses. We highly recommend you match a course for each subject. Please return to General Education and match your courses.

Area A - English Language Communication and Critical Thinking

Subject	Selected Course	College	Grade
A1 Oral Communication	BUS1 - Introduction to Business	EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE	B
A2 Written Communication	ENGLISH101 - College Reading and Composition I	EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE	B
A3 Critical Thinking			

Area B - Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning

Subject	Selected Course	College	Grade
B4 Math Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning			

EXAMPLE

Test Scores — Need any changes? Go to Test Scores

The following test scores are self reported. Please remember to send your official test scores to Cal State Apply to be fully considered.

⚠ You have not included your ID. Please go to test scores and include this information.

⚠ You have reported a test date that is in the future. Please remember to return to Test Scores and self-report your scores once received. Also remember to send your official scores to Cal State Apply.

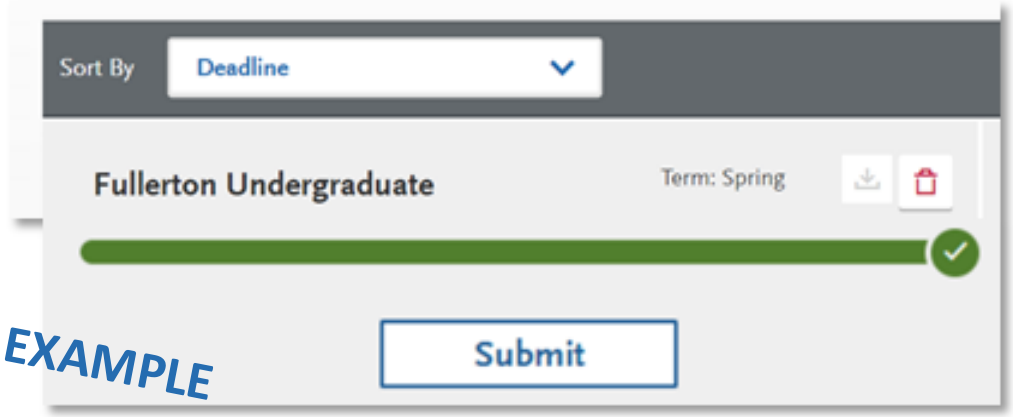
SAT	Test Taken	College Board ID	Evidence-based Reading & Writing	Math
	06/06/2020			

ACT	Test Taken	ACT Student ID	English	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	Composite
	05/03/2020		35	30	29	25	10	29

Submit Application

When you're ready click Submit All

- Be sure to check your email regularly for any updates
- You can log back into your Cal State Apply application after submitting but may only update limited information



Questions?