Application Guide

FINANCIAL AID & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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How to Use this Guide

The purpose of this guide is to make it easy for you to successfully apply to a CA community college.

If you get stuck, reach out to your counselor for help! You can also ask your College & Career Center or your College Peer Mentor for help.

Anytime you see this icon -  - click on the picture to be taken to the link!

To-Do List

- [ ] Create your FSA ID
- [ ] Complete your FAFSA
- [ ] Create an OpenCCC Account
- [ ] Select and Apply to a College
- [ ] Apply for the LA College Promise (if applicable)
- [ ] Attend Orientation
- [ ] Meet with your college counselor
- [ ] Register for classes

Email Account

Use a personal email for your applications!

You will not be able to access your Burbank student email after graduation.
Something professional is recommended.
You will need to renew your FAFSA each year.

* Email address

* Password

Some examples of professional email addresses:

JaneDoe@
JSDoe@
JaneDoe2003@
JaneD03@
doe.jane@
etc.



FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

Before you get started, you'll need:

1. 2019 Tax Information for yourself and your parents
2. Your Social Security Number (if you have one)
3. Your Parents' Social Security Numbers (if available)
4. Your Driver's License (if you have one)

CADAA

Skip this if you are going to do the FAFSA!

California Student Aid Commission

The CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) allows undocumented and non-resident students to qualify for certain financial aid, including the Cal Grants.

Apply using the CADAA if you are:
- Undocumented
- A DACA holder (valid or expired)
- A U visa holder
- Temporary protected status

If you're not sure what your citizenship status is, the application will help you determine the correct application (CADAA or FAFSA).

* User Name

* Password

If you qualify for the CADAA and did that application, skip this step!

The FSA ID is your electronic signature.

FSAID.ED.GOV

You need to create this BEFORE starting your FAFSA.

Create an FSA ID for yourself.

User Name: _____ Password: _____

Create an FSA ID for your parent.

If you have any siblings in college and your parent has completed a FAFSA before, they need to use that FSA ID.

User Name: _____ Password: _____

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FAFSA.gov

If you qualify for the CADAA and did that application, skip this step!

FAFSA

The FAFSA is the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid and is used to determine how much federal aid you will qualify for.

Apply using the FAFSA if you are:
- A US Citizen
- A permanent resident
- Eligible non-citizen
- T visa holder

If you're not sure what your citizenship status is, see info for the CA Dream Act Application.

* User Name

* Password

* Save Key

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Need Help on the FAFSA?



Hotline Number: 1-800-433-3243
Monday - Friday: 5am - 8pm
Saturday - Sunday: 8am - 2pm
They're super helpful and you'll actually talk to someone without waiting too long!



Email your question to studentaid@ed.gov.



Live chat with someone on the Federal Student Aid website.
https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact

COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLICATION

OpenCCC Account

This is the common log-in you'll use to apply to any community college in California (Check out the map in the workbook for a full list of CA Community Colleges!).



Create an OpenCCC account. Click on the picture to start.

* User Name

* Password

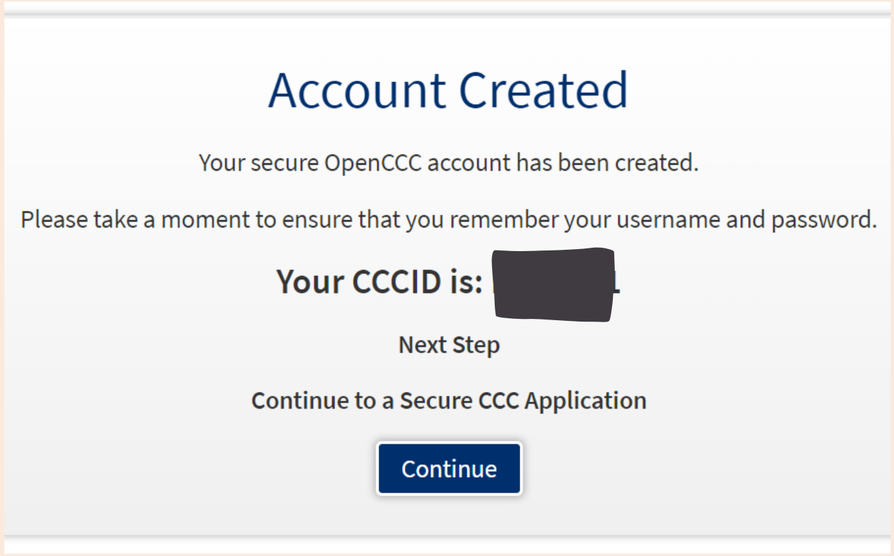
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* Security Question #2 Answer

* Security Question #3 Answer

OpenCCC Account



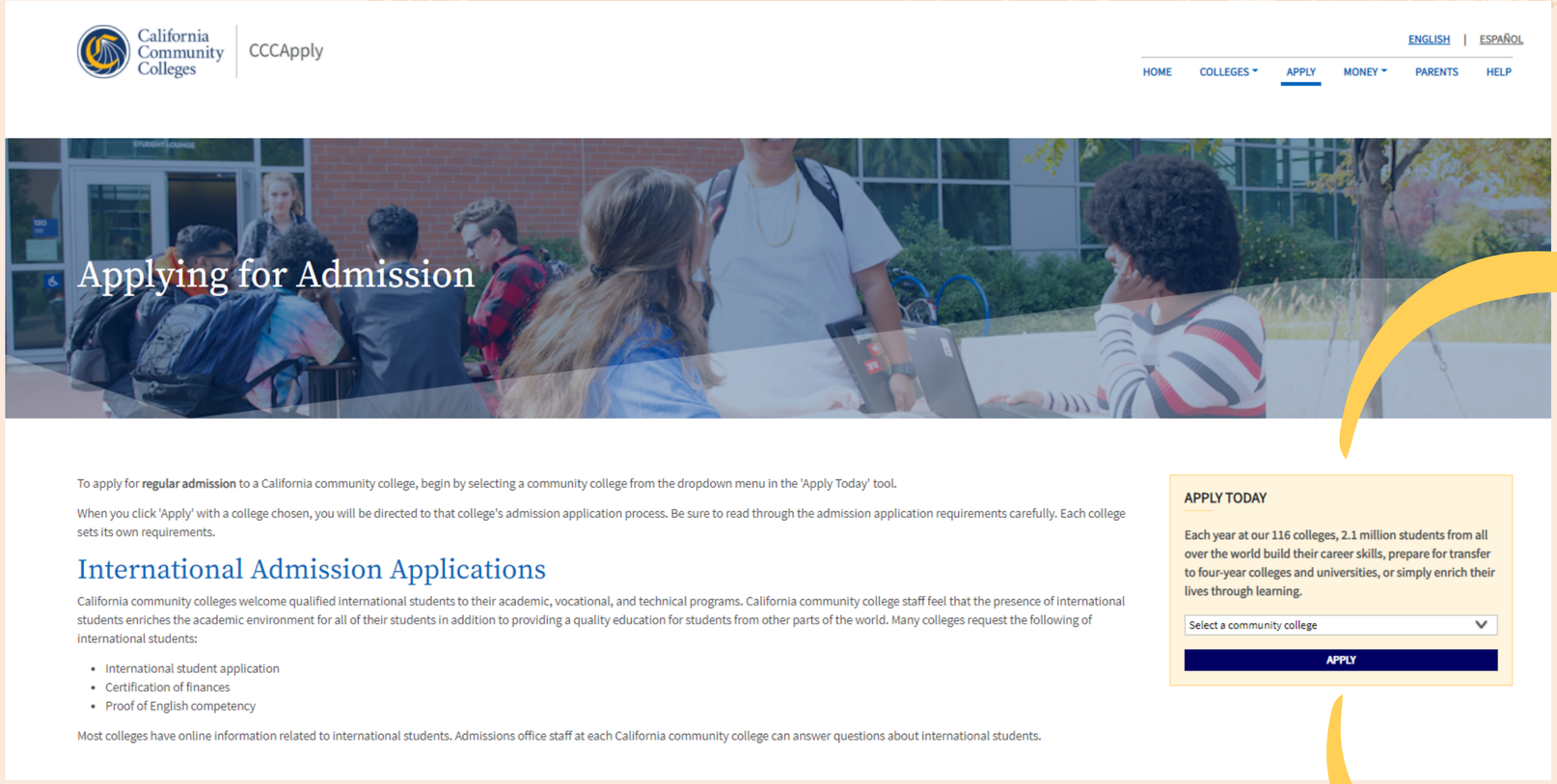
Click "Continue"

My CCCID



Review your account information.

Then go to CCCApply



Click the picture above to begin.

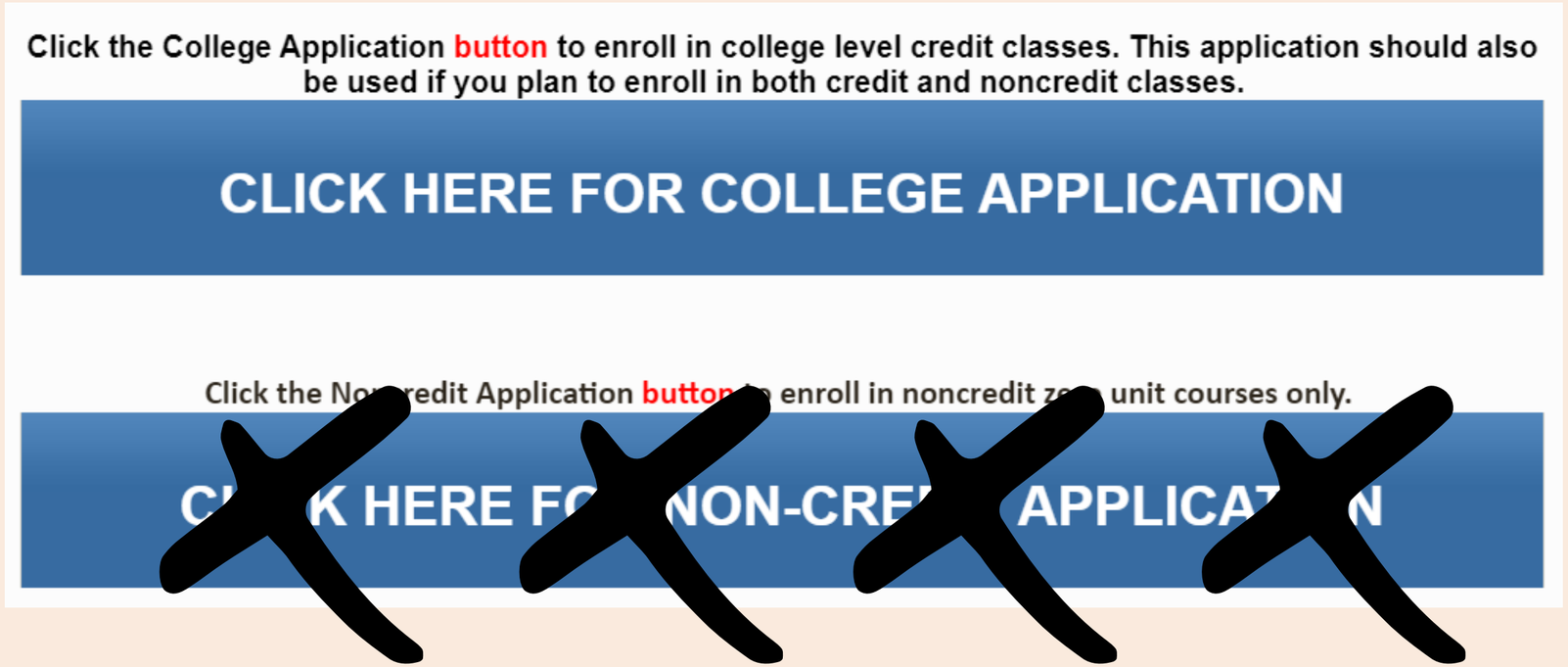
Select the community college you want to apply to.

Click "Apply."

You will see info about the college you chose.

Scroll all the way down.

Follow the prompts to start a college application.



*If you took a CTE dual enrollment course, you will not need to complete a new application.



Congratulations!

Wait to get an email from the college with your new college student ID number.

My Student ID #:

ALL Community Colleges in CA are FREE...

...as long as you

1) Complete the FAFSA or CADAA
2) Are a 1st time college student
3) Enroll full-time









In Los Angeles, there is a special program (LA College Promise) that offers additional benefits to students at 9 specific campuses that you may want to explore.

LOS ANGELES
COLLEGE PROMISE

Sign up now!
Deadline: May 1

LA College Promise

AKA FREE TUITION, PRIORITY REGISTRATION, MENTORSHIP, SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM, SOMETIMES EVEN A FREE LAPTOP!

9 Colleges that participate

1) East LA College
2) LA City College
3) LA Harbor College
4) LA Mission College
5) LA Southwest College
6) LA Trade Tech College
7) LA Valley College
8) Pierce College
9) West LA College

2 more steps before registration!

Check your email regularly because that's where you'll get important information!

1

Orientation

Attend an online or in-person orientation for NEW students.

2

Meet with a College Counselor

After attending an orientation, make an appointment to meet with a counselor so they can advise you on what classes to choose.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES!

You did it!

TRADE SCHOOLS

LOS ANGELES TRADE-TECH

LATTC

A Community College



Why LATTC?

We love LATTC because we believe they provide a great education and training in trades. They also have a fantastic Student Success Center to help every step of the way!

Follow the steps above because it's also a community college (= FREE!)

* Easily accessible from Burbank via the Silver Line
* Provides training AND a community college education
* Hands-on experiences
* Career pathways and hiring
* Certifications and/or an Associate's Degree

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Pathways

LATTC offers some great programs and certification programs in the subjects listed, plus more!

- Automotive repair
- Construction
- Cosmetology (beauty)
- Fashion
- Culinary Arts
- Design & Media Arts
- Nursing
- Business

Notes