Connecticut Automatic Admission

The Connecticut Automatic Admission Program is a powerful step toward educational equity and was written with access and student success at its core. We at CSCU have pledged to make this and subsequent years of implementation of the Auto Admit program streamlined for students, families, and our secondary partners.

Common Application Partnership:

CSCU is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with Common App so that Connecticut students will only need to fill out one application for the auto-admit program. Due to the nature of the written legislation, high school counselors will still need to provide students with their class rank percentile. The students need to be in the top 30% of their graduating class based on the CAAP GPA to be considered for the auto admit program.

CAAP In 3 steps

Using the CAAP GPA (College Board formula) to calculate their class rank percentile from their counselor, students must complete the following minimum steps necessary for CAAP: consideration:

1. Create a Common App account or log in to an existing Common App account.
2. Students must set their communication preferences so that: "Common App may communicate with me by email, phone or text message…" This allows Common App to send your CAAP auto-admission information.
3. Once students have successfully created an account, they must complete the following steps to be eligible for CAAP consideration.
   - On the Common App tab, navigate to the Education section and open the "Grades" drop-down menu.
     - Under "Class rank reporting," select "Decile," then select the decile rank provided by the high school. (NOTE: decile will show as Top 30, Top 20, etc.)

High school counselors are **not** responsible for sending any letters this year. The only requirement is calculating the rank percentile and supporting your students filling out the Common App (please see resources below).

WEBINAR – Friday, October 6, 10:00 – 11:00

Common App and CAAP: What Connecticut counselors need to know
The state of Connecticut has partnered with Common App to streamline the Connecticut Automatic Admission Program (CAAP). Join the Common App team to learn more about the process and student experience. There will be time for live Q&A.
This webinar will be recorded, and all registrants will receive a copy of the webinar recording.

REGISTRATION LINK

CAAP Timeline

	Deadline Date	Offer Date
CAAP Initial Deadline	October 27, 2023	Early November
CAAP Final Deadline	December 31, 2023	Mid-January

To receive an offer in early November, eligible students must complete the steps above by October 27, 2023. December 31st is the final deadline to participate in the CAAP program. Eligible students who miss the October 27 deadline but complete the required steps by December 31st will receive an offer in Mid-January 2024.

Accepting CAAP Offers
Common App will send an offer email containing all offers, which will include directions for accepting auto-admit offers. This may include completing additional steps as required by each college. There is no application fee for colleges participating in the CAAP program.

Participating institutions - Please visit our website for institutional profiles.

- Central Connecticut State University
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Western Connecticut State University
- Mitchell College
- University of Bridgeport
- University of New Haven
- University of Saint Joseph

Students intending to apply to colleges not participating in CAAP are welcome to complete and submit all portions of the Common App as any other student would.

FAQs

What resources are available to help my students and families to fill out the Common App?

- First-year application guide -- page with videos (What is Common App video is particularly helpful) and tips for students.
- Common App Ready toolkit -- nearly 20 downloadable resources in English and in Spanish (nearly 40 total) to help students, parents, and counselors understand and use Common App.
- Family resources -- also in English and Spanish

My students have already filled out the Common App.

If your student has already completed their Common App, have them double-check their education tab to make sure they completed class percentile entries to be eligible. Students must also set their communication preferences so that: "Common App may communicate with me by email, phone or text message…" This allows Common App to send your CAAP auto-admission information.

What is the CAAP GPA?

The Board of Regents has set the threshold for percentile ranking at 70, meaning that the top 30% of the graduating seniors are eligible to apply for automatic admission. The BOR directs high schools to follow the College Board formula for calculating grade point average in order to calculate each student's percentile ranking solely for the purpose of the CAAP. Districts may continue to use their existing methodologies for all other purposes except the CAAP.

What other admission opportunities are available for my students?

Admission is also guaranteed to Goodwin University and to CT State Community College. There is no application fee to apply to CT State Community Colleges. Goodwin University will waive the admission fee. If you choose to attend **CT State Community College, you are eligible for PACT,** *Pledge to Advance CT*, a program that allows you to attend tuition-free. This funding covers the gap between federal and state grants you receive, and community college tuition and mandatory fees, so you will need to file a FAFSA.

Financial Aid

All students interested in Connecticut's Auto Admit program must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Common App will alert students when the FAFSA forms are available.

I have more questions. When are we going to receive more information?

CSCU and Common App are hosting a webinar on Friday, **October 6thfrom 10:00 – 11:00.** Please follow this REGISTRATION LINK. In the meantime, please email your comments or concerns to: cscu-caap@ct.edu