CT Automatic Admission Program (CAAP)

What is (CAAP)?

Graduating CT high school seniors who meet identified thresholds are eligible to be automatically admitted to participating colleges and universities. Admission to some programs within these colleges and universities may require additional student information or demonstrated student success in the first semesters of attendance. There are no application fees for CAAP

The Connecticut Automatic Admission Program (CAAP) 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 CAAP 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.

Eligibility

In order to qualify for automatic admission, a student must:

- **CT High School Senior**
  Be a current senior in a Connecticut high school and planning to graduate in the spring of 2024.

- **Class Rank Percentile**
  Ask your school counselor to provide you with your class rank percentile. You need to be in the top 30% of your graduating class based on the CAAP GPA to be considered for the auto admit program.

Participating institutions

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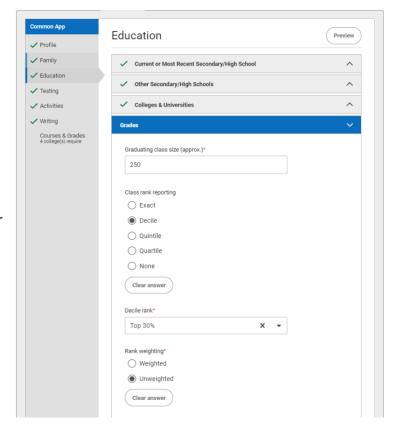- University of New Haven
- University of Saint Joseph

Common App process

STEP 1: Create or login to your Common App account and set your communication preferences.

- If you don't have a Common App account, you can create one at apply.commonapp.org. If you already have a Common App account, you can log in at apply.commonapp.org/login
  - When creating your account, you must indicate you are a Connecticut resident.
- Be sure to set communications preferences.
  - Select "Common App may communicate with me by email, phone or text message…" This allows Common App to send your CAAP auto-admission information.
  - Select "Common App may share my contact information with colleges…"

STEP 2: Add your CAAP class rank percentile.

- Get your CAAP class rank percentile from your counselor.
- On the Common App tab, navigate to the Education section and open the "Grades" section.
  - For "Class rank reporting," select "Decile," then select the decile rank provided by your counselor.
    - Select "Unweighted" for "Rank weighting."

CAAP Timeline

Common App will pull data for eligible students:	Common App will send offer emails to eligible students:
October 27, 2023 **	Early November
January 4, 2024 **	Mid-January

To receive an offer in early November, students must have their CAAP class rank in their Common App account on October 27, 2023. Students who miss the October deadline can still receive an offer in mid-January by ensuring their CAAP class rank is in their Common App account on January 4, 2024. Students must include their class rank reporting on one of these dates to ensure they are considered for auto-admission.

Students can make changes to their class rank reporting anytime:
- Before October 27 or after 12 pm ET on October 28.
- Before January 4 or after 12pm ET on January 5.

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 CAAP-eligible students applying to colleges participating in the CAAP program.

What resources are available to help 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

I have more questions!

Please visit the [CAAP website](#) or email your concerns to: cscu-caap@ct.edu

What other admission opportunities are available for me?

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.