

WELCOME TO PALOMAR COLLEGE!

The following steps will help you get started on your journey at Palomar College.

STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Apply for Admission
2. Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships
3. Complete the Assessment Process
4. Participate in New Student Orientation
5. Schedule an Educational Planning Session with a Counselor
6. Register for Classes

You can begin this process at any time by visiting www.palomar.edu/stepstoenroll.

OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We understand that attending college can be costly. Financial aid is available through the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA), the California Dream Act Application, Palomar College scholarships and outside scholarships.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INFORMATION

The information below will assist you in determining which application to fill out:

United States citizens and the following eligible noncitizens should file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): Permanent residents, conditional permanent residents, refugees/asylees, parolees (certain categories), T-Visa holders, “Cuban Haitian Entrant” as well as holders of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of

“Victim of Human Trafficking.” To fill out the FAFSA, please visit: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Undocumented, Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals, or U Visa holders should fill out a California Dream Act Application if AB 540 or AB 2000 requirements are also met. To fill out a California Dream Act Application, please visit: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

AB 540 Requirements*

- ✓ Attendance at a California high school(s) for three years or more
- ✓ Graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof such as a High School Equivalency Certificate issued by the California State GED Office or a Certificate of Proficiency resulting from the California High School Proficiency Examination.

AB 2000 Requirements*

- ✓ Attained credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school course work and attended a combination of elementary, middle and/or high schools in California for a total of three or more years and
- ✓ Graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof such as a High School Equivalency Certificate issued by the California State GED Office or a Certificate of Proficiency, resulting from the California High School Proficiency Examination.

***Please note:** Students that are non-immigrants, other than those with a T or U visa,

(for example, those that hold F (student) visas, B (visitor) visas) – are not eligible for the AB 540 or AB 2000 exemptions.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

FAFSA:

Pell Grant, Call Grant, Work Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Program (FSEOG), Full Time Student Success Grant (FTSSG), Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver (BOGW), Extended Opportunities Programs & Services (EOPS), Chafee Grant.

California Dream Act Application:

Cal Grant, Full Time Student Success Grant (FTSSG), Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver (BOGW), Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS), Chafee Grant.

Palomar College Scholarship Application:

For a list of available scholarships, please review the “Scholarship Program Booklet” available at www.palomar.edu.

Outside Scholarships:

For information about outside scholarships, please visit the Financial Aid and Scholarships website.

Palomar College Textbook Assistance Program

The following Palomar College employees are available to assist you. Please contact (760) 744-1150 and their extension number for questions regarding:

Admissions/Enrollment:

- Christina Armenta, ext. 2164
- Jamie Moss, ext. 8117

Financial Aid:

- Luis Alfaro Molina, ext. 2370
- Angelina Arzate, ext. 3249
- Francisca Gonzales, ext. 2371

Escondido Center:

- Ulises Nava, ext. 8122

Counseling Services

- Gabe Sanchez, ext. 3635
- Jose Fernandez, ext. 3037

Assessment Office

- Jose Ramirez, ext. 2182

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

- Veronica Aquilera, ext. 2241

Diesel Technology

- Anel Gonzales, ext. 2584

English as a Second Language

- Carmelino Cruz, ext. 2262

Outreach/Retention Services:

- Nancy Moreno, ext. 3768

Two Locations to Serve You!

Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

San Marcos (Main Campus)

1140 W. Mission Road, San Marcos, CA 92069
Financial Aid – (760) 891-7510
Enrollment Services – (760) 844-1150
Counseling Services – (760) 891-7511

Escondido Education Center

1951 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92027
Financial Aid – (760) 744-1150 ext. 8116
Enrollment Services – (760) 844-1150 ext. 8134
Counseling Services – (760) 750-1150 ext. 8157

FERPA

(Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) Confidentiality

The FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is a federal law that protects the privacy of your academic and financial aid records and other personal information like the fact a student may be undocumented.

Confidential information will not be provided via phone or outside email account. Under AB 540, colleges and universities are not allowed to report on a student's immigration status to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

College: A Dream to Reality



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