











Welcome to the Colleges of Los Angeles!







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Dear High School Graduate,

Congratulations! I have some fantastic news to share with you and your family. You are guaranteed admission at any of the Los Angeles Community College District's nine colleges and you can attend full time for the next two years absolutely **TUITION FREE**!

Let me tell you that again: guaranteed college enrollment AND free tuition for two years!

It's all part of the Los Angeles College Promise Program designed to help you achieve your educational and career goals! Any first-time, full-time student can now receive the Promise Program's tuition scholarship for two years—regardless of income, age, academic standing, or immigration status. As a Los Angeles College Promise student, you will also receive:

- Priority registration for classes
- Your choice among hundreds of certificate and degree programs
- Dedicated academic counseling support
- · Additional financial support to assist with transportation, books, or food
- A free laptop
- Access to emergency aid funds
- The option to obtain an Associate's degree for guaranteed transfer into the California State University system to complete a four-year bachelor's degree

We realize that right now you probably feel a little uncertain about your future. The COVID-19 public health emergency has changed many things, but two things it cannot change are your ability to successfully deal with unprecedented challenges and our unwavering commitment to help you successfully transition to college!

Your college education is one of the most important investments you can make to improve your future earning power and lifetime income—and LACCD's Promise Program will be there to assist you every step of the way as you complete the first two years of your educational journey.

Follow the initial steps outlined in this Welcome Kit to create an enrollment application in the California Community College system and select one of LACCD's nine colleges: City; East; Harbor; Mission; Pierce; Southwest; Trade-Technical; Valley or West! Next, fill out the Los Angeles College Promise online form, and complete the federal or state financial aid application. We'll contact you after that, or, if you have questions, email us at <a href="mailto:asklacp@laccd.edu">asklacp@laccd.edu</a>.

College is a big step, but you've got this! Remember to make the right choice by making the Colleges of Los Angeles your first choice. We believe in you, so let our outstanding faculty and staff help you obtain the high quality, affordable higher education you deserve.

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### **Registration Steps:**

# Apply to Your College of Choice





Find out more about our nine colleges at http://laccd.edu/About/Pages/Our-Colleges.aspx





















#### Apply to your LACCD college of choice at <u>laccd.edu/apply</u>

You need an "OpenCCC" account with the California Community College system to apply. You will be prompted at this step to create an account if you do not already have one.



Use your Student ID to declare interest in free tuition at lacollegepromise.org/apply.html

Once you submit your college application in Step 2, you will receive email with a new Student ID. Use the Student ID and TRACKING CODE **LACP2021** in Step 3.



Apply for Financial Aid, either Federal Student Aid at <u>fafsa.ed.gov</u> or California Dream Act at <u>dream.csac.ca.gov</u>

To be eligible for maximum aid, complete your financial aid application as soon as possible.

That's it! We'll contact you ASAP about additional steps to claim your free tuition in the Los Angeles College Promise program—just be sure to check your new LACCD email address!



## Frequently Asked Questions



#### What is the L.A. College Promise?

The Los Angeles College Promise (LACP) is a program provided by the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) that offers two years of free tuition to all first-time, full-time students regardless of background, immigration status, age or other demographics. You must enroll in one of the District's nine colleges for the Fall Semester of the academic year and you must be a first-time college student and enroll full-time. Go to http://www.lacollegepromise.org/index.html

#### How will I meet the requirements to complete orientation, ed planning and summer transition?

All requirements are able to be completed online. Once you complete an application for one of the LACCD colleges and complete the L.A. College Promise Interest Form (http://lacollegepromise.org/apply.html), the college will contact you with instructions on completing the online orientation, having a virtual appointment with a counselor to complete your education plan, and how to select your online summer transition program.

#### Will I receive financial benefits in Fall 2021?

YES! L.A. College Promise students will receive free tuition and additional financial benefits for Fall 2021 such as access to emergency aid and assistance with food or supplies. While you do not need to be eligible for federal or state financial aid, students must still complete their Financial Aid applications to be part of the Promise Program, either the FAFSA https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa or the California Dream Act financial aid form https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

#### What if I don't have a computer or internet access? Can I still be a L.A. College Promise student?

All incoming L.A. College Promise students can apply for a free laptop that is theirs to keep while enrolled in L.A. College Promise.

#### I have more questions, who do I contact?

For questions, please contact asklacp@laccd.edu





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