



# Want free college?\*

\*For first-year tuition only. Additional support for qualifying students.

## As a first-time college student, you'll need to...

(Includes dual enrollment or concurrent high school students)

- Sign the **Promise Pledge**
- Complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or **California Dream Act** application
- Complete the **college onboarding** process  
(Application, Orientation, Assessment, and Education Plan)
- Register as a **full-time student** at Grossmont or Cuyamaca College  
(At least 12 credit units per semester)
- Maintain a **2.0 college GPA** to remain eligible for spring semester



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# Frequently Asked Questions

Have a question? We've got answers.

## **What is the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise?**

Think of the Promise as an opportunity for first-time students that provides access to college, including those who never thought higher education was possible. The Promise helps get students college and career ready before they graduate from high school and guides students to have a successful education and career plan with access to financial support.

## **What are the benefits of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise?**

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, the Promise covers the first-year tuition at Grossmont or Cuyamaca College – that's at least a \$1,100 savings. The colleges will provide support throughout the required onboarding process, which includes application, orientation, and education plan. In addition, help is available for assessments and applying for financial aid.

## **Do I need to apply for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise?**

Yes, complete and sign the Promise Pledge.

## **What are the requirements of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise?**

- Review and sign the Promise Pledge
- Be a first-time college student
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act application
- Complete the onboarding process which includes the application, orientation, assessment, and education plan
- Register as a full-time student at Grossmont or Cuyamaca College (at least 12 credit units per semester)
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## **I've been taking college classes while in high school. Am I still considered a first-time student?**

YES! You've done a great job getting a head start on your college education.

## **Do I need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act application to be eligible for the Promise, even if I don't need financial aid?**

Yes, everyone must complete the FAFSA or California Dream Act application to qualify for the Promise. You can still receive the first-year tuition free, even if you are not eligible for other financial aid.

## **Is everything paid for with the Promise?**

Only first-year tuition is covered. Books, supplies, parking permits, and other fees are not included, although additional financial support may be available for qualifying students.

## **Where can I find out more information about the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise?**

If you have more questions, contact the Promise team at 619-644-7033 or [info@mycollegepromise.net](mailto:info@mycollegepromise.net).

[MyCollegePromise.net](http://MyCollegePromise.net)

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