



SAC PROMISE PROGRAM CHEAT SHEET

What makes a student eligible for the Promise Program?

Requirements:

- First time freshman – **For Fall 2025, ONLY students who graduate from a California high school as Class of 2025 or earn a high school diploma equivalent in 2025 are eligible**
- Full-time enrollment (at least 12 units unless has DSPS exception) for Fall and Spring semesters
- Submitted FAFSA or CADAA
- Attend SAC Promise Orientation

Benefits of the SAC Promise Program include:

- Guaranteed Admission to CSUF
- Free tuition for 1st and 2nd year
- Four SAC Bookstore Vouchers
- Designated Counseling Appointments
- Digital Dons Laptop Program
- Designated Study Space (S-107)
- Leadership Opportunities (Adelante Club)
- Transfer Services & Activities

BOOKSTORE VOUCHER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the bookstore voucher, students must meet Promise Program requirements listed AND:

First Year Eligibility for Bookstore Voucher

1st Year Fall Bookstore Voucher	1st Year Spring Bookstore Voucher
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enroll in a counseling course with units (ex: CNSL 100, CNSL 116, CNSL 104, KNPR 195)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete at least 12 units by Spring term• Meet with a SAC Counselor for an Educational Plan

Second Year Eligibility for Bookstore Voucher

2nd Year Fall Bookstore Voucher	2nd Year Spring Bookstore Voucher
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend a 2nd Year Promise Workshop• Meet with a SAC Counselor by Fall semester• Complete at least 24 units by second year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in a SAC University Transfer Program or Activity by third semester (2nd year of Fall semester)



SAC Promise Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

How many Bookstore Vouchers are students eligible for?

- Students are eligible to receive up to FOUR Bookstore Vouchers (one for each semester during the Fall and Spring of their first and second years only).

What if a student takes a Counseling course in the summer (before the Fall semester of their first year)?

- If a student successfully completes a Counseling course during the summer semester, they are not required to take another Counseling course in the Fall semester.

What if a student does not take a Counseling course in the Fall semester of their first year?

- Students who do not enroll in a Counseling course during the Fall semester will not be eligible for a Bookstore Voucher until they complete a Counseling course. Students will miss out on receiving a voucher until they fulfill this requirement.

What if a student takes a Counseling course in the Spring (second semester) instead of Fall?

- Students who postpone taking their first-year Counseling course from Fall semester to Spring semester will forfeit their 1st year Fall Bookstore Voucher but remain eligible for their 1st year Spring Bookstore voucher.
- Students must also complete an Educational Plan with a SAC counselor and complete 12 units by Spring semester.

When does the Bookstore Voucher expire?

- Bookstore Vouchers expire at the end of each semester. After finals week, any remaining funds will expire.

Can I save my Fall Bookstore Voucher to combine it with my Spring Bookstore Voucher?

- No. Bookstore Voucher funds do not carry over between semesters. Any unused funds by the end of finals week will expire.

Is the Bookstore Voucher issued as a gift card?

- No. The Bookstore Voucher is a credit applied directly to your account at the Dons Bookstore, not a physical gift card.

How do I use my Bookstore Voucher credit?

- Redeem your Bookstore Voucher at the Dons Bookstore checkout by providing your student ID number along with a valid photo ID. Your voucher amount will be automatically applied to your purchase.
- Note that: You may also use your Bookstore Voucher online when ordering through the Dons Bookstore website.

**What if a student enrolls part-time for one semester?**

- Students who are not enrolled full-time do not meet Promise Program requirements and will not be eligible for tuition coverage or Bookstore Vouchers for that semester.
- However, students are still able to meet with Promise Counselors, attend Promise events, and utilize the Promise Center.

Can a student make up missing units during intersession?

- Yes. Students may use intersession or summer to complete courses to meet the 12-unit requirement by the Spring semester of their first year or 24-unit requirement by the Fall semester of their second year.

How many years can students get their tuition paid for by the Promise Program?

- Promise Program students are eligible for tuition coverage for two years—during their first and second years (Fall and Spring semesters only).

Can Promise students receive benefits for a third year if they stay past two years at SAC?

- No. Tuition coverage ends after two years. However, students may continue to access benefits such as counseling services with a Promise counselor, use of the Promise Center, snacks from the Promise Center, and participation in Promise events.

Will the Promise Program cover intersession or summer courses?

- No. The Promise Program does not cover the cost of intersession or summer courses.

Will tuition be covered by both FAFSA and the Promise Program at the same time?

- No. Tuition is covered by either FAFSA (or CA Dream Act) or the Promise Program, but not both. Only one source of tuition coverage will apply.

What if I have a balance on my account? Should I pay my tuition and fees?

- Students do not pay any outstanding balances. Financial Aid payments will typically disburse to student accounts by the third week of school. As long as students remain enrolled in classes, they should not be dropped while the Promise Grant is being processed. Students will not be dropped from their courses for non-payment. If payment is made, a reimbursement will be issued, but the time frame for a reimbursement may vary.

Will I have to pay for anything out of pocket?

- Yes. Students are responsible for paying mandatory fees, such as health fees, which are not covered by the Promise Program.

What if I need special accommodations?

- If you have an IEP, 504 plan, medical/psychiatric diagnosis, or academic concerns, contact SAC DSPS at DSPPS@sac.edu. If you have a Unit Reduction accommodation, please ensure that is shared with the SAC Promise Program.