California State University campuses have opened the application process for community college students seeking to transfer in Fall 2018. EOPS transfer students should submit their applications for Fall 2018 admissions through the CSU online application process. The priority application deadline is <u>November 30, 2017</u>.

Admissions Application Fee Waivers for EOPS Transfer Students:
Both UC and CSU discontinued the use of the yellow EOPS fee waiver forms several years ago, because the two segments implemented online admissions application processes that automatically grant application fee waivers to low income students who meet specific income guidelines. The fee waiver process for EOPS students differs slightly between UC and CSU, but regardless of the process, California Education Code section 69656 ensures that all EOPS students seeking to transfer to UC and CSU will be provided admissions application fee waivers.

California State University Admissions Application:
The CSU Fall 2018 application period opened October 1, 2017. Students are encouraged to apply for admission using the **Cal State Apply** online application Calstate.edu/Apply during the priority filing period (October 1 through November 30, 2017). The application periods may differ from one CSU campus to another, so check the Cal State Apply Dates and Deadline website frequently to ensure that the CSU campus to which a student is applying is still accepting applications:
https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/Pages/application-dates-deadlines.aspx

The Cal State Apply online application allows EOPS students to identify their EOPS status and the community college at which they are enrolled (see attached screenshot of on-line application). By answering affirmative to the EOPS question, Cal State Apply will show applicants they have been "granted" an application fee waiver at up to four (4) CSU campuses to which they are applying at the time of application submission once they have completed their application. The CSU admission application fee is $55 per application to each campus.

If an EOPS student does not automatically receive the fee waiver, they should immediately e-mail the CSU Chancellor's Office Cal State Apply Calstateapply@calstate.edu. CSU is no longer using the paper admission application fee waiver form for students who do not automatically receive the fee waiver.

EOPS Students Who Have Reached Their Limit of Four CSU Admissions Application Fee Waivers:
For EOPS students who have reached their limit of four CSU admissions application fee waivers, EOPS is permitted to pay for additional fee waivers, if funds are available. EOPS may: a) pay the admission application fees directly to the university on behalf of the student as an object code 7000B expense; b) reimburse the student for the admission application fees as an object code 7000B expense; or c) award a grant, based on unmet financial need, to the student to pay for the admission application fees as an object code 7000C expense.

Applying to CSU Educational Opportunity Program (EOP):
Students can now submit their EOP application as part of their CSU admission application. All applicants who are applying to EOP are encouraged to complete and submit the EOP and recommendation portion at the same time as the application for admission. The applicant indicates the deadline for the EOP recommenders to complete the recommendation. Applicants should provide recommenders at least two weeks to complete the recommendation. If an applicant decides to apply for EOP after they have already submitted their application for admission they can contact Cal State Apply Support at 857-304-2087 until January 15, 2018. Cal State Apply Support will open their application for the applicant to complete/update the EOP and recommendation portion of the application only. Applicants should also verify that the campus(es) they are applying are taking EOP applications and verify the campus is taking EOP applications until January 15, 2018. Some campuses will close EOP on November 30th. Applicants can check the EOP Admission by Term page (https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/eop/Pages/eop-campus-status.aspx). The last day EOP recommendations will be accepted is January 30, 2018.

As stated earlier, community college EOPS students must clearly identify themselves as EOPS students so they are automatically granted the admission application fee waiver(s), which then allows them to submit the online application(s) to participate in EOP at the CSU campus(es) to which they are applying. For more information and to begin the EOP application process, see these CSU EOP application links: http://www.calstate.edu/sas/eop/ (EOP general information).