

Connecticut Automatic Admission Program (CAAP)



What is the type of admissions redesign?

Self-Reported Admissions: High school students enter limited academic information (e.g., GPA) into an online questionnaire/ portal to determine acceptance.

In which state is it based?

Connecticut

What state postsecondary agency or system sponsors the program?

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) system

When was the program first started

Legislation was passed in 2021 to first take effect for the Class of 2022.ⁱ

Does the student or state agency/system initiate the admissions process?

Student


What are the central characteristics of the program?

Common App has worked with the CSCU system to develop an admission innovation called the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (CAAP). Through CAAP, Connecticut high school seniors can get admissions offers from ten institutions in the state if they meet the program's GPA requirements. Like Common App Direct Admissions, as part of the CAAP program, Common App will notify students of offers in their accounts and by email.ⁱⁱ

Program Scope 	Does the program include all high school districts or only a portion ? Is opt-in required?	Not Applicable; all students can access the Common App, but all districts are expected to participate under the legislation.
	Does the program support admission to four-year institutions, two-year institutions, or both ?	Four-year institutions
	Which institutions are participating in the program?	Four state universities (Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, and Western Connecticut State University), as well as independent institutions (Albertus Magnus College, Mitchell College, University of Bridgeport, University of New Haven, and Goodwin University) are participating. Private institutions are allowed to cap the number of students they accept through this program.
Eligibility Criteria and Application 	What are the academic eligibility criteria for students?	Current Connecticut high school seniors with a weighted GPA of 3.0 or an unweighted GPA of 2.75 are eligible.
	Are students still required to apply to postsecondary institutions?	Yes, they apply through the Common App. For enrollment, students must provide their high school transcript as well.
	Is the application fee waived ?	Yes, CAAP waives the application fee, as well as student essays, and recommendation letters for participating institutions.

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Data and Policy 	What is the data source for the program?	Application data is provided by students
	Did the state or system adopt policy related to the program, and if so what does the policy include?	In June 2021, the Connecticut General Assembly passed Public Act 21-2ss , which requires public institutions in the CSCU system to participate in CAAP, have a common application system, and use a standardized GPA and class rank to determine students' eligibility.

Information above is up to date as of December 2025

<https://www.ct.edu/admission/autoadmit>

<https://www.commonapp.org/directadmissions>; <https://www.commonapp.org/blog/common-app-launches-2024-2025-direct-admissions-program-116-colleges-and-universities>