

How to Apply

Your future starts here. Learn how to apply to Clayton State University, what you'll need, and what happens after you submit your application.

Start Your Journey

Applying to Clayton State is the first step toward turning your goals into something real. Whether you're coming directly from high school, transferring from another college, returning to complete your degree, or beginning your college journey in a new country, we're here to help you navigate the process.

From submitting your application and required documents to financial aid, orientation, and registration, we'll help you understand what comes next.

Ready to get started?

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Before You Apply

Find the right program

Explore Clayton State's undergraduate programs and discover the degree or certificate that aligns with your interests, career goals, and future.

[\[Explore Programs\]](#)

Know your applicant type

Application requirements may be different depending on where you are in your educational journey. Knowing your applicant type will help you understand exactly what you need to submit.

Gather your documents

Before you begin, review the documents required for your applicant type. These may include official high school or college transcripts and other supporting materials.

Keep track of deadlines

Application and financial aid deadlines matter. Check important dates early so you have plenty of time to complete each step.

[\[View Application Deadlines\]](#)

Think about financial aid

Don't wait until you're admitted to start thinking about how you'll pay for college. Complete the FAFSA and explore scholarships, grants, loans, and other financial aid opportunities.

[\[Explore Financial Aid\]](#)

Find Your Application Path

Your journey to Clayton State may begin in a different place. Choose the option that best describes you to see your specific admission requirements.

First-Year Students

You're graduating from high school or recently graduated and haven't attended college after high school.

[\[First-Year Admission Requirements\]](#)

Transfer Students

You've attended another college or university after high school and are ready to continue your education at Clayton State.

[\[Transfer Admission Requirements\]](#)

Nontraditional Students

You've been out of high school for five or more years, and you're ready to finish your degree.

[\[Nontraditional Admission Requirements\]](#)

Dual Enrollment Students

You're currently in high school and want to begin earning college credit.

[\[Dual Enrollment Requirements\]](#)

Returning Students

You've previously attended Clayton State and are ready to come back and continue your degree.

[\[Returning Student Requirements\]](#)

International Students

You're applying from outside the United States or have additional international admission requirements.

[\[International Admission Requirements\]](#)

Transient Students

You are a student at another institution looking to take specific classes at Clayton State.

[\[Transient Admission Requirements\]](#)

Post-Baccalaureate Students

You've earned a bachelor's degree, and you're planning to take more undergraduate classes.

[\[Post-Baccalaureate Admission Requirements\]](#)

Graduate Students

You've earned a bachelor's degree and you're ready to pursue an advanced degree.

[\[Graduate Admissions\]](#)

Your Steps to Become a Laker

1. Apply Online

Complete and submit your Clayton State application.

[\[Apply Now\]](#)

2. Submit Required Documents

Send the documents required for your applicant type and make sure your application is complete.

[\[View Undergraduate Required Documents\]](#)

[\[View Graduate Required Documents\]](#)

3. Complete Financial Aid

Submit your FAFSA and complete any additional financial aid requirements.

[\[Get Financial Aid Information\]](#)

4. Attend Orientation

Get connected to Clayton State, learn about campus resources, and prepare for your first semester.

[\[Explore Orientation\]](#)

5. Register for Classes

Connect with your Program Director and build your first-semester schedule.

[\[Registration Information\]](#)

6. Pay Tuition and Fees

Review your student account and confirm your financial aid, payment plan, or payment.

[\[Tuition & Payment Information\]](#)

After You Apply

Check your application status

You submitted your application — congratulations! Now, keep an eye on your application status and make sure we've received everything we need.

[\[Check Your Application Status\]](#)

Watch your email

Important information about your application, admission decision, financial aid, orientation, and next steps will be sent to you. Check your email regularly so you don't miss anything.

Complete any missing requirements

If your application is missing a document or additional information, submit it as soon as possible to keep your application moving.

Explore Clayton State

While you're waiting, get to know your future campus. Schedule a visit, explore student life, and see what it means to be part of Laker Nation.

[\[Schedule a Visit\]](#)

Questions? We're Here to Help.

Applying to college comes with questions. You don't have to figure everything out on your own. Our Admissions team is here to help you understand your next step.

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