



REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ADMISSION

Admissions, Records & Evaluations Office

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Each academic year, according to California state policy, the CSU Chancellor's Office allocates to each CSU campus admissions exceptions which may be used for students who do not meet regular admission criteria. California State University, Fresno's allocation is approximately 375 exceptions each academic year.

This policy has established general categories for admission exceptions, and each CSU campus conducts a thorough review process to determine which students are granted an admission exception.

The Educational Opportunity Program and Athletic Student Support Services select students who qualify for special admission in their respective programs. General admission exceptions are granted by an Admissions Committee comprised of selected Admissions, Records, Evaluations and Student Affairs administrators.

Most of the general admission exceptions are granted to three types of applicants:

1. First-time freshmen who satisfy the high school college preparatory subject requirements and are within 50 SAT or 2 ACT points of admission on the eligibility index *or* who have a strong academic record but are technically ineligible due to a deficiency of one or two semesters in the college preparatory subjects.
2. Transfers who have completed 50 to 59 transferable semester units with at least a 2.5 grade point average and have completed all of the general education and lower division major courses required.
3. Freshmen or transfers who meet the criteria as described in # 1 or # 2 above and have strong performance talents in such areas as art, agriculture, athletics, drama, forensics, or music and demonstrate ability to succeed at the University.

Students who fit the above general exception categories should file the CSU Application for Admission and attach the special admission request form addressed to the Admissions Committee. They should indicate why they wish to attend California State University, Fresno, and why they feel able to succeed academically even though they are not regularly eligible. Letters of reference are generally not considered in special admission decisions. Meeting one or all of these criteria does not guarantee admission. Each case is considered individually.

The Admissions Officer presents each case to the Admissions Committee and recommends admission or denial. The Committee discusses each applicant's file and votes on the recommendation. Applicants are not interviewed by the Committee.

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(To be considered for special admission an application must be filed along with all required supporting documents.)

To: ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

From: _____
Please Print Name S. S. Number

Special Admission requested for the _____ semester.

Application for admission filed _____
Date

1. Why do you wish to attend Fresno State? *(Transfers with less than 60 units should indicate why they cannot be served by their local community college until they have completed their lower division general education and major requirements.)*

2. What are your educational and career goals?

3. Why do you feel you will succeed academically even though you are not regularly eligible?

4. Indicate anything else you feel the Admissions Committee should know in considering this petition.

Student Signature

Date