The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) administers the APLE. The APLE is a competitive teacher incentive program designed to encourage outstanding students to become teachers in:

- subject areas where a critical teacher shortage has been identified, or
- designated schools that meet criteria established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Designated schools include those that: serve a large population of students from low-income families, are located in rural areas, are a State Special School, have a high percentage of teachers holding emergency permits or rank in the lowest 50 percentile of the Academic Performance Index (API).

**Do I qualify for APLE?**

**Applicants must:**

- Have completed a minimum of 60 semester, or 90 quarter, undergraduate units prior to the fall term of the year of your application;
- Be enrolled in a) a program leading to a baccalaureate degree or b) an approved program of professional teacher preparation;
- Have received, or have been approved to receive, educational loans issued to students through institutions of higher education;
- Not be in default or become delinquent in any state or federally insured educational loan; and
- Not have completed all of the coursework necessary to obtain an initial teaching credential, unless you are pursuing a specialist credential in Special Education or Reading and Language Arts.

**Guidelines for Completing Your APLE Application**

**Question 9:** Please enter the total amount of units you have completed.

*Note:* Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 semester, or 90 quarter undergraduate, units prior to the fall term of your application year.

**Question 10:** Please enter all of the credential(s) you currently hold and the credential(s) that you expect to receive.

*Note:* If you have completed the coursework necessary for a preliminary or clear credential, you are not eligible to apply, unless you are pursuing a specialist credential required for teaching special education or reading and language arts.

**Timeline for your application**

- June – Institutions begin submitting APLE nominations to the Commission.
- September/October – New participants are announced by the Commission and award letters are sent to each participant.
Accredited Institutions Participating in APLE

Alliant International University
Antioch University
Argosy University
Azusa Pacific University
Bethany College
Biola University
California Baptist University
California Lutheran University
CalState TEACH
Chapman University
Christian Heritage
Claremont Graduate University
Concordia University
CPSU San Luis Obispo
CSU Bakersfield
CSU Channel Islands
CSU Chico
CSU Dominguez Hills
CSU East Bay
CSU Fresno
CSU Fullerton
CSU Humboldt
CSU Long Beach
CSU Los Angeles
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Northridge

CSU Pomona
CSU Sacramento
CSU San Bernardino
CSU San Diego
CSU San Francisco
CSU San Jose
CSU San Marcos
CSU Sonoma
CSU Stanislaus
Dominican University of California
Fresno Pacific University
Holy Names College
Hope International University
John F. Kennedy University
La Sierra University
Loyola Marymount University
Mills College
Mount St. Mary’s College
National Hispanic University
National University
New College of California
Notre Dame De Namur University
Occidental College
Pacific Oaks College
Pacific Union College
Patten College

Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene
Saint Mary’s College of California
Santa Clara University
Simpson College
Stanford University
The Master’s College
Touro University
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
University of La Verne
University of Phoenix
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
Vanguard University
Westmont College
Whittier College
William Jessup University

State of California Information Practices Act (IPA) of 1977 & Use of Your SSN

State as well as federal law protects the individuals right to privacy in information pertaining to oneself. The State of California IPA of 1977 requires that the following information be provided to applicants for financial aid who are asked to supply information about themselves. The principal purpose for requesting information on this form is to determine your eligibility for financial aid. Maintenance of this information is authorized by the Commission policy and the policies of the postsecondary institutions to which you are applying for aid. Furnishing information requested on this form is mandatory. Failure to provide such information will delay and may even prevent your receipt of financial assistance. Information furnished on this form may be transmitted to the state and federal governments if required by law. Individuals have the right of access to records established from information furnished on this form as it pertains to themselves. The official’s responsible for maintaining the information contained on this form is the Director of the Commission and the financial aid administrators at the institutions to which you are applying for financial aid.

The social security number is used to verify your identity under record-keeping systems established prior to January 1, 1975, pursuant to authority of the Commission, The California State University, and the California Community Colleges contained in Title 5, California Administrative Code Section 41201, and authority of the Regents of the University of California under Article IX, Section 9 of the California Constitution.

The Commission and California public postsecondary education institutions, in compliance with federal statutes and the Equal Protection Clause of the California Constitution, do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in any of their policies, procedures, or practices. Inquiries regarding these equal opportunity policies may be directed to the Commission and to the financial aid office of the school or college to which you are applying for aid.

Need More Information:

Call the Commission toll free:
1-888-224-7268, ext. 3
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:55 p.m.

Write to the Commission:
California Student Aid Commission
Attn: APLE
P.O. Box 419029
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029

Log on to the Commission’s website:
www.csac.ca.gov

E-mail the Commission:
specialized@csac.ca.gov

Applicant Checklist:

☐ Did you complete the requested information on the application?
☐ Did you check only one box on question #12 of the application?
☐ Did you sign & date the application?
☐ Return the application to the APLE coordinator on your campus.