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Annual Report on Admissions Practices

This report to the California State Legislature and Department of Finance is submitted on behalf of independent, nonprofit higher education institutions who are members of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) in accordance with California Education Code Section 66018.5.

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities
Independent California Colleges and Universities are recognized in the state's Master Plan for Higher Education as an important provider and partner with the public sector and the state in the preparation of future leaders and the state's workforce. Independent colleges and universities are defined in California Education Code 66010 (b): As used in this part, "independent institutions of higher education" are those nonpublic higher education institutions that grant undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, or both, and that are formed as nonprofit corporations in this state and are accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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DATA COLLECTION

AICCU created a reporting survey for institutions to submit information on the applicant admissions with relationships to alumni or donors. This information was collected in alignment with statutory reporting as stated in Education Code Section 66018.5.

The survey was sent to all AICCU institutions in May 2024. Of the 90 member institutions, 12 are graduate-only institutions that are not subject to the requirements of the Education Code section. Five undergraduate-serving institutions do not participate in the Cal Grant program, and therefore are not a "qualifying institution" for reporting purposes. Additionally, one institution has indicated they will submit individual reports to the Legislature and are not included in the findings of this report.

This report includes the responses of 71 qualifying institutions.

FINDINGS

Of the 71 qualifying institutions that responded, 66 reported that they did not provide any manner of preferential treatment in admissions on the basis of applicant relationships to donors or alumni for the 2023-24 academic year.

5 institutions reported that, for the 2023-24 academic year, they did offer admissions to at least one applicant in a manner that meets subsection (3)(b) of Education Code 66018.5.

Those institutions are:

- Claremont McKenna College
- Harvey Mudd College
- Northeastern University Oakland
- Santa Clara University
- University of Southern California

Additional information on institutional responses can be found in the appendix.

APPENDIX

Institutions That Did Not Provide Any Manner of Preferential Treatment to Applicants on the Basis of Their Relationship to Donors or Alumni of the Institution for Academic Year 2023-24:

1. American Jewish University
2. Antioch University-Los Angeles
3. Art Center College of Design
4. Azusa Pacific University
5. Biola University
6. California Baptist University
7. California College of the Arts
8. California Institute of Integral Studies
9. California Institute of Technology
10. California Institute of the Arts
11. California Lutheran University
12. Chapman University
13. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
14. Concordia University-Irvine
15. Dominican University of California
16. Fresno Pacific University
17. Golden Gate University
18. Hope International University
19. Humphreys University
20. John Paul the Great Catholic University
21. La Sierra University
22. Laguna College of Art and Design
23. Life Pacific College
24. Loma Linda University
25. Los Angeles Pacific University
26. Loyola Marymount University
27. Menlo College
28. Mount Saint Mary's University of Los Angeles
29. National University
30. Notre Dame de Namur University
31. Occidental College
32. Otis College of Art and Design
33. Pacific Oaks College
34. Pacific Union College
35. Palo Alto University
36. Pepperdine University
37. Pitzer College
38. Point Loma Nazarene University
39. Pomona College
40. Providence Christian College
41. Reach University
42. Saint Mary's College of California
43. Samuel Merritt University
44. San Diego Christian College
45. San Francisco Conservatory of Music
46. Scripps College
47. Simpson University
48. Soka University of America
49. Southern California Institute of Architecture
50. Southern California University of Health Sciences
51. The Chicago School
52. The Master's University and Seminary
53. Thomas Aquinas College
54. Touro University Worldwide
55. University of La Verne
56. University of Massachusetts Global
57. University of Redlands
58. University of San Diego
59. University of San Francisco
60. University of the Pacific
61. University of the West
62. Vanguard University of Southern California
63. Westmont College
64. Whittier College
65. William Jessup University
66. Woodbury University

Qualifying Institutions That Did Provide Some Manner of Preferential Treatment to Applicants on the Basis of Their Relationship to Donors of Alumni of the Institution for Academic Year 2023-24:

Institution	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Claremont McKenna College	0	0	0	15	11	11
Harvey Mudd College	0	0	0	15	11	11
Northeastern University Oakland	N is too small to report	N is too small to report	N is too small to report	N is too small to report	N is too small to report	N is too small to report
Santa Clara University	0	0	0	38	N is too small to report	0
University of Southern California	0	0	0	1,791	1,184	1,097

Note: Student-level data reported with N of less than 10 is not reported. Numbers (1) through (6) correspond to EC Section 66018.5 subsection (c) pertaining to applicants.

Qualifying Institutions That Will Submit Their Own Report:

1. Stanford University

Qualifying Institution That Has Ceased Operations:

1. University of Saint Katherine[1]

Non-Qualifying Undergraduate Institutions:

1. California Indian Nations College
2. California Institute for Human Sciences
3. Minerva University
4. San Francisco Bay University
5. Zaytuna College

Non-Qualifying Graduate-Only Institutions:

1. Alder Graduate School of Education
2. American Film Institute Conservatory
3. Berkeley School of Theology
4. Claremont Graduate University
5. Claremont Lincoln University
6. Fielding Graduate University
7. Graduate Theological Union

[1] The university announced an abrupt closure on April 25, 2024, and is no longer in operation. Staff did not respond to the AICCU survey; however, AICCU notes that University of Saint Katherine had previously responded in the prior four years' reports that they did not provide any manner of preferential treatment to applicants on the basis of their relationship to donor or alumni.

8. Keck Graduate Institute
9. Saybrook University
10. The Santa Barbara & Ventura Colleges of Law
11. Touro University California
12. Western University of Health Sciences