CAL STATE APPLY – Helpful Hints

This is not a step-by-step tutorial, just helpful hints to help complete your application.
Applications cannot be amended/altered/added to once you hit “SUBMIT”.
Remember, April 1 is the application deadline.
Priority consideration for applications received by February 1.

When you set up “My Profile”, under “Extended Profile” –
Click “No” on the below question as this question does not apply to Orfalea College of Business applicants:

Screenshot of 4 quadrants
(for reference only, these are not numbered on the application):
ACADEMIC HISTORY (quadrant 2):

“Transcript Entry”:
You do not need to enter your full transcript. You will only enter courses that are in-progress or planned (NOT courses already completed).

You will upload your full unofficial transcript in the Program Materials section (quadrant #4)

If you have no in-progress or planned courses to report, select “I am Not Adding Any College Transcripts”.

“Standardized Tests”:
In this section, you will self-report test scores by clicking “Add Test Score” under each applicable test.

When you take the test, be sure to have your scores sent to institution code 4038. The official scores will be reported back and automatically added to your application.

If you re-take the test at a later date, have your new scores sent as before. Your new scores will be automatically added to your application. We will look at the highest score in each section.

Please inform us if you have re-taken the test, so that we can be on the lookout for new scores to be posted.
SUPPORTING INFORMATION (quadrant 3):

The **Experiences, Achievements** or **Documents** sections are optional. However, you may want to complete these sections if you would like to add more information than you feel is included in your resume.

In regard to **Statement of Purpose**:

The Statement of Purpose section states: *“Since your statement of purpose is sent to all the programs you apply to, keep it general. If you plan to apply to only one program, you should still keep your statement general in case you later apply to additional programs.”*

However, Cal Poly’s Orfalea College of Business would like a Statement of Purpose **specific** to the program that you are applying.
PROGRAM MATERIALS (quadrant 4):

Documents tab -
This is where you will upload your Unofficial Transcript. If you have more than one transcript, these can be uploaded under the “Additional Unofficial Transcript” sections. Cal Poly students can simply upload screen shots of their courses shown on PolyProfile, consolidating into a single file if possible. Your CV/Resume will be uploaded in this section as well.

Please note: You will enter your test scores in quadrant #2 (“Standardized Tests”), not under the “Test Score Report” section in Quadrant #4.

Evaluations tab (for Letters of Recommendation) -
The required number of Letters of Recommendation (titled “Evaluations”) will be indicated by the number of sections that appear for your program.

When you create an Evaluation Request, you must click Yes to “I waive my right of access this evaluation” in order to be able to save the request. You must also enter text into the “Personal Message/Notes” section.

To resend an Evaluation Request:
Click the Edit button on the request, then at the bottom click “Resend This Evaluation Request”

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