

Stanton University Extends Tuition Freeze Through 2026–2027 to Ease Financial Strain on Students

Stanton University holds tuition flat for 2026–2027, easing financial strain for students and families

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-- In a move that sets it apart in an era
of steadily rising college costs, <u>Stanton</u>
<u>University</u>, a WSCUCDaccredited
fourDyear institution in California, has
announced that it will freeze tuition for



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the 2026–2027 academic year, maintaining the same rate for a second consecutive year.

The decision follows Stanton's earlier commitment not to raise tuition for 2025–2026. At a time when many colleges and universities across the United States are implementing annual tuition increases to offset inflation and growing operational expenses, Stanton is taking the opposite approach—holding tuition flat in order to reduce the financial burden on its students and their families.

"Everything from housing to groceries to transportation is becoming more expensive for our students," a Stanton University representative said. "We believe that education should not add to that pressure. By keeping tuition at the same rate for both 2025–2026 and 2026–2027, we are doing what we can, as an institution, to stand with our students during a very difficult economic period."

While tuition freezes are occasionally seen on a one pear, short term basis, it is relatively rare for a private institution to commit to back to back years without an increase. Higher education analysts note that the decision signals a deliberate prioritization of affordability, even as institutions nationwide grapple with rising costs in areas such as faculty compensation, technology, compliance, and campus services.

Stanton's leadership frames the move as part of a broader, student centered philosophy that emphasizes access, value, and support. Known for its comparatively low tuition, strong teaching,

and high levels of student satisfaction, the university has been expanding academic opportunities while deliberately limiting students' financial exposure.

"Freezing tuition is not an easy decision for any university," the representative acknowledged. "But for us, it is the right decision. Our mission is to serve students—not just academically, but practically. If we can provide quality education without adding to their financial stress, then we are fulfilling that mission in a meaningful way."

Students currently enrolled—and those planning to enroll over the next two years—stand to benefit from greater cost predictability. For many families building multi year financial plans, knowing that tuition will remain stable through at least the 2026–2027 academic year can be a decisive factor in choosing where to study and how to budget.

The university's approach also aligns with recent initiatives to expand opportunity and reduce barriers, including the launch of its WSCUC approved Associate of Arts in General Education program, which allows students to complete two years of accredited coursework at Stanton—often at a lower cost—before transferring to complete specialized majors elsewhere.

"Whether students complete their entire degree with us or begin here and transfer, we want them to feel that Stanton is a place where their financial reality is understood and respected," the representative said. "Our tuition freeze is one concrete way we are acting on that commitment."

As inflation and cost of living concerns continue to dominate national headlines, Stanton University's decision to hold the line on tuition for a second year positions the institution as an outlier in a higher education landscape where annual increases have long been considered routine. For students facing mounting economic pressures, that difference may prove significant—not only in their ability to enroll, but in their ability to persist and graduate with less financial strain.

Institutional officials indicate that they will continue to review the university's financial position with an eye toward balancing long term sustainability with their ongoing commitment to affordability. For now, they say, the message to current and prospective students is clear: despite a challenging economic environment, Stanton is choosing to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

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