

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Information and Application Forms



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# The Program

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## What Is EOP?

The Educational Opportunity Program is designed to improve access and retention of historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged students. EOP students have the potential and demonstrated motivation to perform satisfactorily at a CSU, but they have not been able to realize their fullest potential because of their economic or educational background. The program provides **admission and academic assistance to EOP-eligible undergraduate students. In many cases, the program offers financial assistance to eligible students.** Campuses tailor their programs to accommodate the needs of their student population.

## What Can EOP Do for You?

EOP provides information to help you select a campus and assists you in completing the admission process. Once admitted as an EOP student, you may be eligible to enroll in an EOP summer program to strengthen your math, reading, or other skills. Orientation sessions are provided to help you learn about campus services and programs. During your enrollment in college, you can receive counseling, tutoring, and advising services. If you are eligible, an EOP grant may be awarded.

## Who May Apply?

Only historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged undergraduate students who need admission assistance or support services to succeed in college are admitted to EOP. They must demonstrate academic potential and motivation, be California residents, and meet the income criteria stated (page 3). Applicants may access EOP information and download the EOP application forms from the Internet at: [www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop](http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop).

## EOP Income Criteria

EOP applicants must meet the preliminary low-income screening guidelines listed on page 3 and demonstrate their family is unable to provide an annual contribution of more than \$1,500 toward their college expenses. Applicants whose total family income exceeds the guidelines may be considered only if their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for financial aid purposes does not exceed \$1,500. These guidelines are not intended to exclude economically disadvantaged students, but to identify and give priority to the most financially needy applicants.

# 2008-2009 EOP Family Income Guidelines\*

## Dependent Students

Family Size	Maximum Income
2 .....	\$31,800
3 .....	\$35,500
4 .....	\$41,100
5 .....	\$46,300
6 .....	\$52,300
7 .....	\$56,700
8 .....	\$61,200

## Independent Students

	Family Size	Maximum Income
Single, No Dependents	1.....	\$10,700
Married, No Dependents Other Than Spouse	2.....	\$18,700
With Dependents Other Than a Spouse	2.....	\$32,300
	3.....	\$36,200
	4.....	\$41,900
	5.....	\$47,300
	6.....	\$53,300
	7.....	\$57,900
	8.....	\$62,500

These guidelines reflect an income level that will generate an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of approximately \$1,500. For purposes of these guidelines, the approximate contribution for dependent applicants is based solely on the parental income and does not take into account any parental assets nor does it assume any contribution from the applicant's income or assets. For independent applicants, the guidelines are based strictly on income with no consideration of available savings or other assets.

\*Guidelines are based on the formulas used to determine the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for federal student financial aid.

## Financial Assistance

If you are applying for financial aid, you must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is used to determine the EFC and allows the campus financial aid office to determine financial aid eligibility and consider the student for an EOP grant for up to \$2,000 per year. However, due to limited campus program funding, the average award per student is \$810. You must file the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1, 2008, and **before** the CSU financial aid priority filing date of March 2, 2008. EOP grants will be awarded only as long as funds are available. You will have a better chance of receiving an EOP grant and other financial aid for which you are eligible if you apply as soon as possible.

Application for financial aid is a separate process from the EOP admission process. See page 5 for more information about materials required for your financial aid application. For additional information about financial aid, please review the 2008-2009 CSU undergraduate application for admission booklet.

# EOP Admission

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## CSU Admission Requirements

**Freshman Requirements**—You will qualify for admission as a first-time freshman if your grades and test scores reflect that you are in the upper third of California high school graduates and you have completed the subject requirements detailed in the 2008-2009 CSU undergraduate application for admission booklet.

**Transfer Requirements**—If you were eligible as a freshman, you may be eligible as a lower division transfer student (fewer than 60 transferable semester or 90 quarter units) with a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better. If not eligible as a freshman, you must complete at least 60 transferable semester units with a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better, including specified college courses. The 2008-2009 CSU undergraduate application for admission booklet describes fully the transfer admission requirements.

You may still be considered for admission to the CSU if you do not meet these requirements. However, you need to consult with your school counselor or an EOP campus contact listed on page 7 for additional information.

## EOP Selection Procedure

Once your EOP forms are received, they will be reviewed carefully by a campus selection committee. The committee will consider such factors as historically disadvantaged background, financial need, academic performance, motivation, and potential for success in college. The committee may also look for any contributions that you have made or intend to make to your community, work experience, or the career you wish to pursue. Be sure to complete EOP forms accurately to assist the committee in understanding your academic preparation and motivation.

EOP applicants may be notified separately from both the Admission and EOP offices. Typically, EOP admission notices will be sent to fall applicants in May or June if they complete their files by campus priority deadlines. (Please check with the campus of your choice for specific campus deadlines.) Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Pomona accept applications for fall quarter only. Applicants from high schools that have year-round schedules should plan on completing their EOP application materials earlier than usual to accommodate the school calendar.

## Interviews and Skills Assessment

Some campuses use interviews and/or skills assessment testing to help in determining the types of services you are eligible to receive if admitted. The EOP Office at the CSU campus to which you apply will notify you if an assessment is required during the selection process.

# How to Apply

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**All EOP applicants must submit the application materials requested by the campus Admission and EOP Offices.** Applicants must submit the materials requested by the Financial Aid Office if they wish to be considered for an EOP grant or other financial assistance. You are required to include your Social Security number on EOP forms by authority contained in Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 41201.

## Admission Materials

Apply for admission electronically at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) or obtain a copy of the 2008-2009 systemwide undergraduate application for admission booklet and submit the following to the Admission Office:

1. On the undergraduate application for admission, complete Item 13a;
2. \$55 CSU application fee or Request to Waive Admission Application Fee Form (EOPS transfers from community college campuses should obtain an application fee waiver form from the community college EOP&S Office);
3. High school and/or college transcripts, or GED score when notified by the campus; and
4. SAT or ACT test score (if required) when notified by the campus.

## EOP Materials

In addition to the above materials, EOP applicants must submit these forms:

1. Applicant Information Form (Form 1)—You can complete this form online at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) when you complete the undergraduate application.
2. Recommendation Forms (Forms 2a and 2b)—You can complete this form online at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) when you complete the EOP application. **Two (2) recommendations are required to complete the EOP application file.**
3. Other—If you do not apply for financial aid by filing the FAFSA (see below), you may be required to submit other documentation to determine EOP income eligibility.

EOP application deadlines vary from campus to campus. Check with the **EOP and/or Admission Office** at the campus you wish to attend for the EOP application deadline. The paper Applicant Information Form Statement should be sent to EOP in the attached envelope, and the Recommendation Forms should be sent to EOP by the persons completing them. The online Applicant Information Form and recommendation forms will be sent electronically to the EOP office.

## Financial Aid Materials

If you are applying for financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and file it with the federal processor by March 2, 2008. The FAFSA is available on the Web at [www.csumentor.edu/finaid](http://www.csumentor.edu/finaid) or at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and is also available from high school counselors and college financial aid offices. If you are going to apply online, you (and your parents) should apply for a PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

After your FAFSA is processed, you will be provided with a Student Aid Report (SAR). You should review the SAR carefully in the event it is necessary to correct any information.

### Apply Early

To receive priority consideration for financial aid, you must file the FAFSA according to the instructions prior to March 2, 2008. March 2 is also the deadline for applying for a Cal Grant (money for college that does not need to be paid back). Filing a FAFSA and submitting a verified grade point average (GPA) to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2 will enable you to be considered for a Cal Grant. See your counselor to find out how to submit your GPA. The campus Financial Aid Office may request other documents from you or your parents, and you should submit those documents as soon as possible.

# 2008-2009 Checklist of CSU Admission, EOP, and Financial Aid Applications and Forms

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The following checklist can be used to keep a record of the materials submitted to complete your file. You will be notified by the appropriate office if additional documentation is necessary. As you complete and submit these materials, record the date sent or requested.

	Date Requested	Date Sent
<b>Admission to the Campus</b>		
1. The undergraduate application for admission.....		<input type="text"/>
2. \$55 CSU Application Fee (or Request to Waive Admission Application Fee Form).....		<input type="text"/>
3. Official high school and/or college transcripts .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. SAT or ACT test score.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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1. Applicant Information Form .....		<input type="text"/>
2. Recommendation Forms (Two Required) Persons completing form:		
_____	<input type="text"/>	
_____	<input type="text"/>	
3. Other .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Financial Aid

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Other documents requested by the Financial Aid Office:		
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_____	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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