Supporting Students through the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Fall 2016 High School Counselor Conference
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WHAT IS EOP?

• Established in 1969 under Senate Bill 1072 (Harmer Bill)
• Provides academic support and retention services to first-generation, historically low income and educationally disadvantaged students
• Targets students who have the potential to perform satisfactorily in the CSU but have not been able to realize this potential because of economic or educational background
• Provides admission, academic, and financial assistance to accommodate the needs of the individual campus student population
• Tailors its programs to accommodate the needs of the individual campus student population
EOP PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT 23 CSU CAMPUSES
RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- Provides orientation sessions to help students learn about campus services and programs
- Provides tutoring, advising and specialized retention services
- Provides transitional support such as the Summer Bridge Program
- Awards EOP grant to eligible students

*Each campus portfolio of programs and services may differ.*
SAMPLE OF SERVICES OFFERED BY EOP

- Orientation/Welcome
- Financial Assistance
- Academic Advisement
- Graduation Celebration
- EOP Student Association
- Summer Bridge
- Career Fair/Internship/Job Opportunities

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SUMMER BRIDGE

- Transition program for first-time freshman
- Teambuilding
- Mentoring
- Workshops, presentations and resource fairs
- Advisement and register for classes
- Assistance with finalizing financial aid and housing
- English and math courses
ORIENTATION

- Scheduled prior to the start of the semester
- First-time Freshman and new Transfer students
- Hear from academic departments
- Meet EOP Advisors and staff
- Learn more about all the program and services available
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

• EOP Grant (as available)
• Scholarships (as available)
• Job / Internships / Work-Study Opportunities
• Most EOP students have their own Advisors to assist them in their major and course selection.
• Easily make appointments with your Advisor who will be very familiar with your goals and objectives at the university.
CAREER FAIR / INTERNSHIPS / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

• Workshops and resources on preparing for the job search, preparing a resume, interview techniques, etc.
• Learn more about job opportunities or internships, on- or off-campus
• Engage with EOP Alumni
GRADUATION CELEBRATION

• Recognizing graduating seniors
• Acknowledge outstanding students
• Recognize and honor EOP Alumni
EOP STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- Meet new friends in a casual and social setting
- Participate in ongoing events throughout the semester
- Get involved in community service activities
WHO MAY APPLY?

- Historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged undergraduate students who need admission assistance and support services to succeed in college
- Students who demonstrate academic potential and motivation
- California residents and students who qualify for AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption
### Dependent Student Workbook

**EOP Income Screening Criteria**

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### Independent Student Workbook

**EOP Income Screening Criteria**

**Independent Students**

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APPLYING TO EOP

- High School Graduate or Equivalent
- Meet CSU Eligibility for Regular Admission
- EOP considers admission for students who may not meet regular admission criteria on a campus by campus basis
APPLYING TO EOP

- Students must complete and submit an application for Undergraduate Admission to the campus *before* applying to the EOP program.

- Application to the Educational Opportunity Program includes:
  1) Completed Undergraduate Admission application to the campus
  2) Completed EOP application with:
     • Applicant Information form
     • Two Recommendation forms
SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EOP

Complete EOP application ONLY AFTER submitting CSU admissions application to the campus of your choice.

On the Undergraduate Admissions Application, check “YES” to applying to EOP.
SAVE: Will save the information that has been inputted on the screen

Many fields are pre-populated from the university admission application
EOP ONLINE APPLICATION FORM – COMPLETED BY STUDENT

- Must first complete admissions application
- Additional applications are pre-populated but allow edits

![EOP Application Form](image)

Complete all fields that are blank
Two (2) recommendations are required

Students can go to the Application Manager to track the recommendation status and change the recommender if needed
Counselors and teachers will receive an email message with the web link to the recommendation form.

There is a new message for each student application.
• Must complete the initial recommendation form
• Additional forms will pre-populate for a student applying to multiple campuses
• Counselors and teachers can edit responses before resubmitting
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT EOP

CSUMentor site
www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop

California State University site
www.calstate.edu/eop

Individual campus EOP department websites
QUESTIONS?