

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

EOP is committed to increasing access to higher education for students who come from historically low-income families and are first-generation college bound students. The goal is to meet the educational needs of these students by providing admission assistance, financial aid advising and academic/personal advising.

TO BE ELIGIBLE

You must meet the following criteria:

- Be an undergraduate applicant from California;
- Meet California's low-income criteria;
- Demonstrate potential and motivation to succeed in college;
- Be the first generation in your family to attend college.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE UNIVERSITY

Students should apply online at www.csumentor.edu;

Note: A non-refundable fee of \$55.00 is required for each CSU campus applied to, payable by check or money order. Fee waivers are available for those who qualify.

HOW TO APPLY TO EOP

EOP application materials are available on CSUMentor. To apply, you must answer "yes" to the EOP question on the CSU Application for Admission. After you have submitted the CSU application, you will be given access to the online EOP forms, including two recommendation forms. The recommendations must be completed by two separate individuals who can vouch for your character and ability to succeed at a four-year university. Teachers, counselors and/or employers are preferred. Once completed, all forms will be electronically submitted directly to the campus. To be considered for EOP participation, both your EOP and Enrollment Services file must be complete, upper-division applicants must provide all previous college transcripts. The EOP review will take place after the Enrollment Services Office has made a determination of your eligibility to the university.

WHEN TO APPLY

Students should apply during the initial filing period (Oct.–Nov.) for the following Fall semester. The forms must be evaluated and admitted to EOP before the student begins their first semester.

SERVICES

EOP offers services to help students overcome obstacles and reach their academic potential. These include the following:

- Academic advising on graduation requirements, major and course selection
- Admission assistance
- Career and graduate school counseling
- Computer Lab
- EOP grants for qualified students
- EOP Foster Youth Network
- EOP Student Organization (ESO)
- Financial aid counseling
- Graduate placement information
- Individual and group counseling
- Laptop Loan Program
- Summer Bridge Program
- Programs to aid transition to CSULB
- Tutoring and learning assistance

FINANCIAL AID

EOP applicants are asked to apply for various types of financial aid such as: grants, scholarships, loans and on-campus employment opportunities. Financial awards, including the EOP Grant, are based on financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid. Financial need is determined from information provided by the applicant on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Since funds are limited, it is very important to apply by the deadlines listed on the FAFSA. Your high school guidance office, community college counseling center or the CSULB Office of Financial Aid can provide an application and assistance.

QUESTIONS

Educational Opportunity Program

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