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This information is taken directly from the SUNY website, which is constantly updated. We recommend that you visit www.suny.edu/Student/academic_eop.cfm for the most accurate information, but wanted to provide some information here so you could determine, at least initially, if you should research this option further.

The State University of New York's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) provides access, academic support, and financial aid to students who show promise for mastering college-level work, but who may otherwise not be admitted. Offered primarily to full-time students who are New York State residents, EOP accepts students who qualify, academically and economically, for the program. Note: You cannot apply for both EOP and Early Decision/Early Action programs.

This information will assist you in determining if you should apply to SUNY through the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). You are encouraged to discuss your college choices with your college advisor. EOP is designed for students who need special academic assistance as well as financial aid. You will be asked to complete additional application materials and financial aid forms by the colleges to which you are applying. Be sure to complete any materials and return promptly as directed.

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission to the Educational Opportunity Program you must be:

- A New York State resident for 12 months prior to enrollment;
- Ineligible for admission under traditional standards, but demonstrate potential for completing a college program; and
- In need of financial assistance within established income guidelines. In selecting students for the program, priority is given to applicants from historically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Note: Applicants deemed ineligible for EOP may still qualify for admission and financial aid through other admission processes.

Support Services

Educational Opportunity Program students may receive support services, such as academic, career, and personal counseling; tutoring and supplemental instruction. As part of a student's overall financial aid package, the Educational Opportunity Program provides financial assistance for non-tuition related expenses (e.g. books, supplies, etc.)

Income Guidelines

The table below lists financial eligibility requirements for EOP admission for students entering the fall 2009 academic year. Any subsequent changes to these guidelines will be posted here. In order to be determined economically disadvantaged, a student's household income must not exceed the amount shown for its size in the applicable category or the student's circumstances must conform to one of the exceptions indicated.