

Educational **OPPORTUNITY** Program





The State University of New York is committed to ensuring college opportunity for all students, as affirmed through its policy, “every student capable of completing a program of higher education shall have the opportunity.”



The Office of Opportunity Programs & Diversity administers programs that provide educational access for economically and academically disadvantaged New York State residents. SUNY's undergraduate Educational Opportunity Program is one of several programs that provide a mechanism for disadvantaged students to gain college entry. The University's commitment also extends beyond the undergraduate level, as evidenced by programs designed to support the attainment of graduate degrees among Educational Opportunity Program students.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Since 1967, the Educational Opportunity Program has served as the primary access vehicle for disadvantaged New York State residents who wish to attend the State University. More than 47,000 EOP students have earned bachelor degrees and a significant number have completed advanced degree programs.

Eligibility

To be considered for program admission students must:

- Have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent;
- Meet the New York State residency requirement;
- Be academically and economically disadvantaged according to program guidelines; and
- Demonstrate the potential to master college-level work with appropriate support.

Because income eligibility guidelines change annually, students should consult with their high school counselors or visit the SUNY Web site at www.suny.edu/student for current income guidelines. Academic eligibility is determined by the campus and is usually based on the applicant's GPA and test scores as compared to admissions standards.

Program Services

While supportive services may vary by campus, students will generally receive both academic and financial support. Academic support may include:

- Developmental coursework;
- Tutoring; and
- Educational workshops (e.g. time management, organizational and study skills, etc).

Program participants are assigned an individual Educational Opportunity Program counselor who provides specialized personal, academic and career counseling. In some instances, students are required to attend a summer pre-freshman program prior to fall matriculation.

Transfer Admission

While most EOP students are entering for the first time, the ability to transfer among Opportunity Programs (EOP, HEOP, CD/SEEK, etc.) and individual campuses is intended to facilitate the transition from lower division institutions to upper division institutions and to enable students to make necessary institutional transitions that arise from changes in educational or personal needs. Though this option is intended primarily for students who began their college studies in an Opportunity Program, there are specific circumstances in which a student who is not in such a program may be accepted as a transfer. Students seeking additional information on transfer eligibility should consult with the EOP director at the transferring campus.

Application Process

To apply to the Educational Opportunity Program, students must first complete the SUNY application (online or paper). The online application can be found on the SUNY Web site at www.suny.edu/student and the paper application can be acquired from the high school or a nearby SUNY campus. The application will direct students to indicate their interest in the Educational Opportunity Program, which will begin the process for program consideration. In most cases, students will receive a supplemental EOP application from the campus.

Fee Waiver

Students submitting an application for EOP consideration may qualify for a fee waiver and need not include payment with the application. If the student does not meet both the academic and economic guidelines or the campus to which the student is applying does not operate an Educational Opportunity Program, the student will be billed for the fee. *Note: Applicants who are deemed ineligible for EOP may still qualify for admission and financial aid through other admissions processes.*

Financial Aid

Educational Opportunity Program direct aid funds are intended to assist students with the costs of textbooks and other related expenses. Direct aid alone is not adequate to pay tuition costs and fees associated with college attendance. To be considered fully for financial aid, all students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The average EOP student's financial aid package includes a combination of state and federal aid sources (e.g. TAP, SEOG, EOP, PELL, Stafford Loans, etc.).

POST BACCALAUREATE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Graduate Opportunity Program

To further expand educational opportunity and to promote graduate and professional study, tuition assistance is provided to students who are graduates of the Educational Opportunity Program or similar New York State college access programs (i.e., HEOP, CD/SEEK). Funding support is contingent upon the availability of resources and attendance at a participating SUNY campus that awards graduate degrees.

All students must first apply and be accepted into a graduate school prior to being considered for the Graduate Opportunity Program award. Students should identify themselves as an opportunity program student on the graduate school application for tuition assistance consideration.

Economically Disadvantaged First Professional Study (EDPS)

Limited resources are available for New York State Opportunity Program graduates who are pursuing first professional study programs. Such programs may include: optometry, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, and law. Interested students should contact the campus graduate office for application instructions.



EOP PARTICIPATING CAMPUSES

University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions

University at Albany*
1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12222
518.442.5180

Binghamton University*
Vestal Parkway East
P.O. Box 6001
Binghamton, NY 13902
607.777.4506

University at Buffalo**
Capen Hall, Room 501
Buffalo, NY 14260
716.645.3072

Stony Brook University**
Melville Library, Room W3520
Nicolls Road
Stony Brook, NY 11794
631.632.7090

SUNY Downstate Medical Center**
450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 93
Brooklyn, NY 11203
718.270.7701

Upstate Medical University**
750 East Adams Street
Syracuse, NY 13210
315.464.5433

College of Environmental Science and Forestry
1 Forestry Drive
Syracuse, NY 13210
315.470.6670

New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University
One Saxton Drive
Alfred, NY 14802
607.871.2283

New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University
227 Day Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853
607.255.6384

College of Optometry**
33 West 42nd Street
New York, NY 10036
(Graduate Program Only)

University Colleges
SUNY Brockport*
350 New Campus Drive
Brockport, NY 14420
585.395.2547

Buffalo State College*
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222-1095
716.878.3904

SUNY Cortland*
P.O. Box 2000, D-116 Cornish
Cortland, NY 13045
607.753.4808

SUNY Fredonia*
178 Central Avenue
Fredonia, NY 14063
716.673.3318

SUNY Geneseo*
1 College Circle
Geneseo, NY 14454-1450
585.245.5725

SUNY New Paltz*
100 Hawk Drive
New Paltz, NY 12561
845.257.3220

Old Westbury*
P.O. Box 210,
223 Store Hill Road
Old Westbury, NY 11568
516.876.3068

College at Oneonta*
Ravine Parkway
Oneonta, NY 13820
607.436.3249

SUNY Oswego*

Room 706, Culklin Hall
7060 State Route 104
Oswego, NY 13126
315.312.3094

SUNY Plattsburgh*

101 Broad Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901
518.564.2263

SUNY Potsdam*

44 Pierrepont Avenue
Potsdam, NY 13676
315.267.2335

Purchase College*

735 Anderson Hill Road
Purchase, NY 10577
914.251.6520

Technology Colleges

Alfred State College
10 Upper College Drive
Alfred, NY 14802
607.587.4122

SUNY Canton

34 Cornell Drive
Canton, NY 13617
315.386.7115

SUNY Cobleskill

Route 7, Knapp Hall 202
Cobleskill, NY 12043
518.234.5836

SUNY Delhi

2 Main Street
Delhi, NY 13753-1190
607.746.4652

Farmingdale State College

2350 Broadhollow Road
Farmingdale, NY 11735
631.420.2597

Maritime College

6 Pennyfield Avenue
Throggs Neck, NY 10465
718.409.7451

Morrisville State College

Administration Building,
90 Eaton Street, P.O. Box 901
Morrisville, NY 13408
315.684.6075

SUNYIT*

Marcy Campus, P.O. Box 3050
Utica, NY 13504
315.792.7805

Community Colleges**Broome Community College**

P.O. Box 1017, 904 Front
Street
Binghamton, NY 13902
607.778.5220

Corning Community College

1 Academic Drive
Corning, NY 14830
607.962.9263

Dutchess Community College

53 Pendell Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.431.8038

Erie Community College

City Campus,
121 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
716.851.1140

Fashion Institute of Technology

227 West 27th Street
New York, NY 10001
212.217.7190

Finger Lakes

Community College
4355 Lakeshore Drive
Canandaigua, NY 14424
585.394.3500 x7201

Fulton-Montgomery Community College

2805 State Highway 67
Johnstown, NY 12095
518.762.4651 x8200

Genesee Community College

1 College Road
Batavia, NY 14020
585.343.0055 x6521

Hudson Valley

Community College
80 Vandenburg Avenue
Troy, NY 12180
518.629.7348

Jamestown

Community College
525 Falconer Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
716.665.5220 x2348

Monroe Community College

1000 East Henrietta Road
P.O. Box 9720
Rochester, NY 14623
585.292.2365

Onondaga Community College

4941 Onondaga Road
Syracuse, NY 13215
315.498.2428

Schenectady County Community College

78 Washington Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12305
518.381.1279

Suffolk County

Community College
533 College Road
Selden, NY 11784
631.451.4356

Ulster County

Community College
Cottkill Road
Stone Ridge, NY 12484
845.687.5000 x5058

Westchester

Community College
75 Grasslands Road
Valhalla, NY 10595
914.785.6761

** Campuses offering graduate degree programs*

+ Campuses offering first time professional study programs

For additional information about the program, students can contact the admissions or Educational Opportunity Program office at participating SUNY campuses or visit The State University of New York Web site at www.suny.edu/student. The following campuses do not operate an Educational Opportunity Program: Adirondack, Cayuga, Clinton, Columbia-Greene, Herkimer, Jefferson, Mohawk Valley, Orange, Nassau, Niagara, Rockland, Sullivan and Tompkins Cortland Community Colleges.