



The Arthur O. Eve Educational
Opportunity Program

The Educational Opportunity Program

Beyond a program, a movement toward educational opportunity for all.



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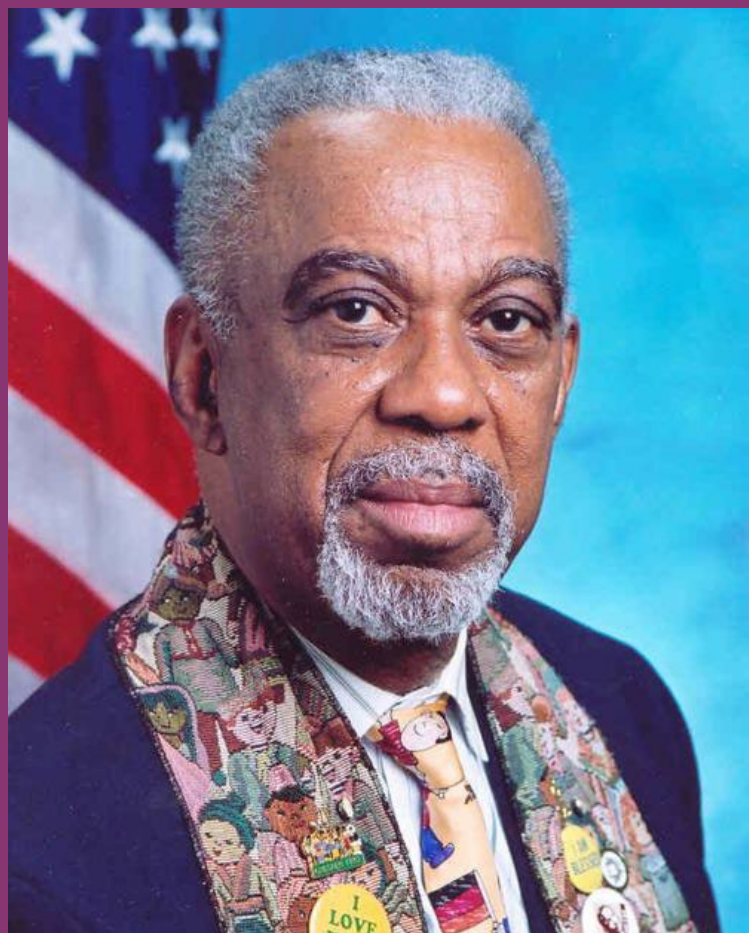
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ABOUT The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)



EOP is designed to create access and opportunities to college for students from low-income households. To join the program, students must apply, show potential to succeed, and be both economically and academically eligible.





Powerful Fact: Beginning with the SEEK program in 1966, opportunity programs in New York State have operated for 58 years!

EOP History



Arthur O. Eve

In 1967, Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve of Buffalo kickstarted dialogue at the legislative level surrounding college access and opportunity. Through his impassioned advocacy efforts, Arthur O. Eve developed the appropriation bill that later blossomed into the Educational Opportunity Program.

Change-Making

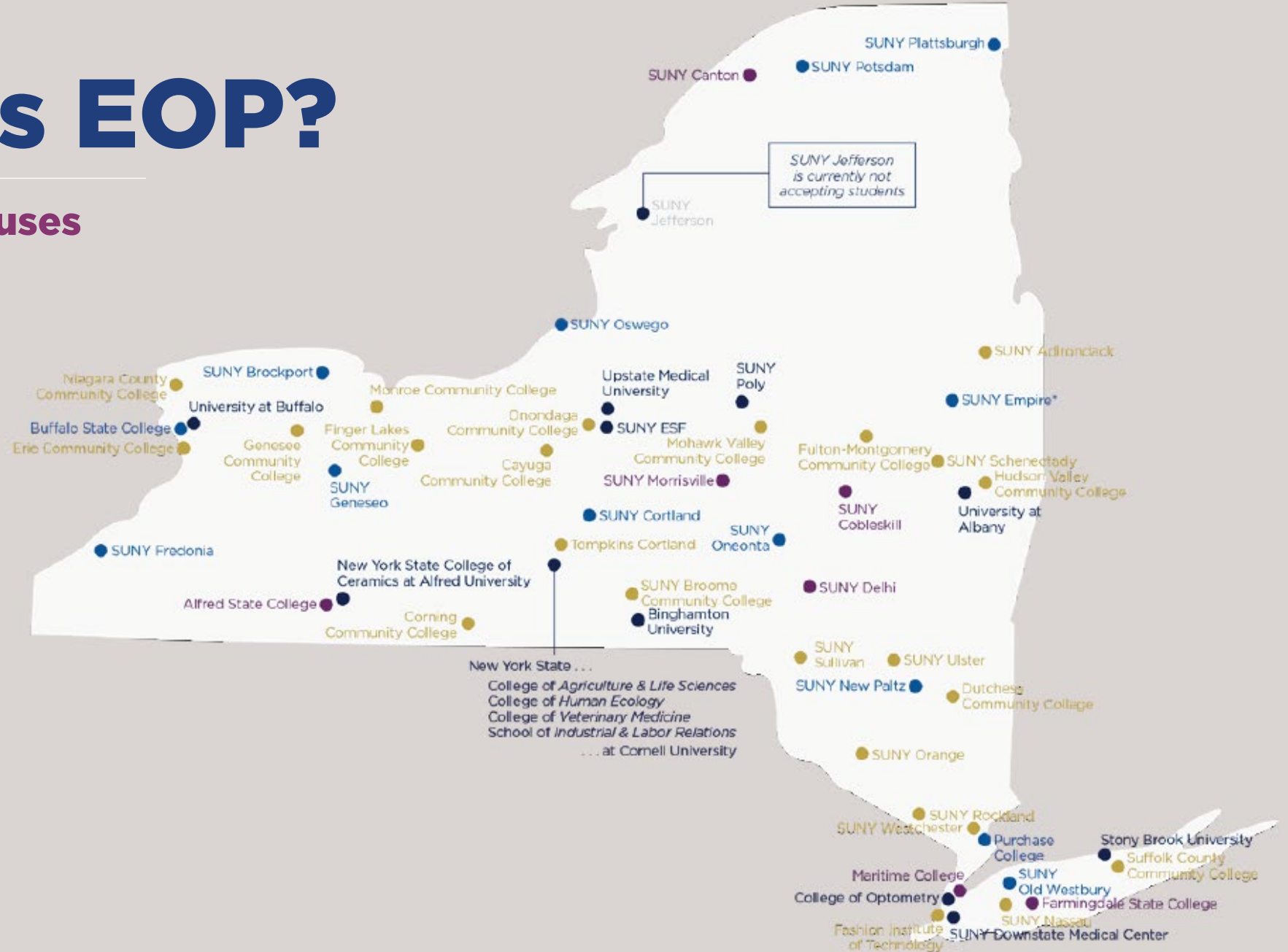
EOP continues in the legacy of Arthur O. Eve, supporting low-income students in the State of New York toward academic excellence. We serve approximately 10,000 students annually and enroll 2,500 new students per year.

Opportunity Programs

The State University of New York (SUNY) Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is one of four opportunity programs: EOP (SUNY), HEOP (Private Colleges), SEEK (CUNY 4-year schools), CD (CUNY 2-year schools).

Where is EOP?

On 55 SUNY campuses
across the State!



Every EOP Student Receives:



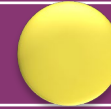
The signature EOP Summer Program

An unforgettable 3- to 5- week college experience for all accepted EOP freshmen. Students may also earn early college credits toward graduation.



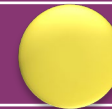
Academic Supports

Access to professional and peer tutoring. EOPs have a personalized approach that connects students to the best intervention for them, including academic mentoring, coaching, and peer counseling.



Financial Support

Modest financial assistance toward non-tuition costs AND eligibility for one additional year of State Financial Aid (TAP).



A Personalized EOP Counselor

One person dedicated to a student's academic journey. EOP Counselors have expertise in academic advising, coaching, counseling (with a small and sometimes big C), and de-mystifying higher education every step of the way.

AND, there's more!

- Pre-professional programs (for pre-med, engineering, and mental health), a comprehensive alumni network, and career development opportunities.
- EOP graduates who enroll at a SUNY graduate program may receive additional financial assistance.



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EOP Updates



The Pledge

“We will continue to scale our internship programs - starting with a pledge that 100% of students who enroll in our Educational Opportunity Program will have access to an internship before they graduate.”

John B. King, Jr. | Chancellor, State University of New York



EOP Expansion

Pre-Professional Programs

Through the implementation of student success strategies, EOP creates **Pre-Professional Program** pipelines to:

- Pre-Med
- **Pre-Nursing**
- Engineering
- Mental Health
- **Teaching**
- EOP Ambassador Program





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EOP Eligibility



WHO should apply to EOP?

Students selected to participate in the Educational Opportunity Program have the potential and motivation to succeed in college. To be considered for admission to EOP, students must:



- 1 Be a New York State resident for 12 months prior to enrollment
- 2 Have earned a high school diploma (or equivalent)
- 3 Fail to meet the criteria for general admission. Academic eligibility varies by campus
- 4 Qualify as economically disadvantaged according to income guidelines set by the New York State Education Department (financial eligibility is based on family income from prior-prior year)
- 5 Enroll as a full-time student

Economic Eligibility

Household size refers to anyone who currently lives in your home with you and anyone who is dependent on the same income as you, even if that person does not live at your home (ex. older siblings away at college).

Income guidelines do not apply if:

- The student's family is the recipient of Family Assistance or Safety Net payments through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance or through a county Department of Social Services.
- The student is in foster care as established by the court.
- The student is a ward of the state or county.

2026-27 EOP INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Household Size <i>(including head of household)</i>	Total Annual Income
1	\$28,953
2	\$39,128
3	\$49,303
4	\$59,478
5	\$69,653
6	\$79,828
7	\$90,003
8	\$100,178*

**For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$10,175 for each additional person.*



Academic Eligibility

Campus Name	REGULAR ADMISSION		HONORS ADMISSION		EOP ADMISSION	
	Undergraduate Enrollment	H.S. GPA	Freshman Enrollment	H.S. GPA	Freshman Enrollment	H.S. GPA
University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions						
University at Albany +	12,666	89-96	384	92-98	160	83-89
Binghamton University	14,668	93-98	535	95-99	175	90-94
University at Buffalo	20,362	91-98	590	97-100	230	84-88
Stony Brook University +	18,233	92-98	395	96-99	209	85-89
NYS Ceramics at Alfred University +	449	85-95	21	90-99		77-81
SUNY Polytechnic Institute	1,973	89-94			36	79-82
College of Optometry	Graduate only					
Cornell University:					29	92-97
Agriculture & Life Sciences +	4,110					
Human Ecology +	1,311					
Veterinary Medicine +	Graduate only					
Industrial & Labor Relations +	1,015					
Environmental Science & Forestry	1,843	89-96	37	96-99	17	82-86
SUNY Downstate Health Sciences Univ	293					
Upstate Medical University (Syracuse)	166					
University Colleges						
SUNY Brockport	5,816	86-94	150	95-98	75	82-87
Buffalo State University +	5,205	83-92	201	92-96	123	79-82
SUNY Cortland +	5,911	92-96	30	98-100	44	80-84
SUNY Fredonia +	2,771	85-95	110	95-99	30	75-85
SUNY Geneseo	3,881	92-98			128	74-89
SUNY New Paltz +	6,197	90-96	36	94-99	150	81-88
SUNY Old Westbury	4,260	82-92			79	74-78
SUNY Oneonta +	4,681	88-96			120	80-84
SUNY Oswego	5,517	88-97	148	93-99	130	76-81
SUNY Plattsburgh +	3,825	83-94	80	93-98	89	75-81
SUNY Potsdam	1,831	85-95			28	77-79
Purchase College	3,257	88-96			80	79-83
Empire State University	8,395				20	
Colleges of Technology						
Alfred State +	3,572	82-92			50	76-81
Baccalaureate only	1,701	84-93				
SUNY Canton +	2,861	82-91	15	89-95	32	72-79
Baccalaureate only	2,173	83-92				
SUNY Cobleskill	1,889	80-91	50	90-97	32	73-76
Baccalaureate only	1,467	82-92				
SUNY Delhi	2,809	82-90	50	90-93	80	71-74
Baccalaureate only	458	82-90				
Farmingdale State College +	10,007	82-91	26	91-97	40	75-83
Baccalaureate only	8,217	84-92				
Maritime College	1,285	86-93			17	82-90
Baccalaureate only	91	87-95				
SUNY Morrisville	2,044	80-88			110	71-77
Baccalaureate only	935	81-87				

Academic Eligibility



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION SUMMARY - 2025 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Campus Name	ENROLLMENT		STUDENT ONLY HOUSING	HONORS PROGRAM	EOP ADMISSION	
	Full-time	Part-time			Projected Freshman Enrollment	H.S. GPA
SUNY Adirondack	1,274	1,302	On Campus	No	30	70-84
SUNY Broome	2,211	3,116	On Campus	No	35	72-83
Cayuga +	819	2,761	No	Yes	20	70-84
Clinton	317	750	Off Campus	Yes		
Columbia-Greene	464	1,152	No	Yes		
Corning +	1,240	2,481	On Campus	Yes	20	72-85
Dutchess	2,645	3,961	On Campus	Yes	50	74-82
Erie	4,540	3,550	Off Campus	Yes	90	75-88
FIT +	6,817	1,026	On Campus	Yes	70	80-86
Finger Lakes	2,256	3,748	On Campus	Yes	20	79-86
Fulton-Montgomery	622	1,243	No	No	40	68-87
Genesee +	1,494	2,746	On Campus	Yes	25	70-85
Herkimer	943	1,028	On Campus	Yes		
Hudson Valley +	4,801	4,426	Off Campus	Yes	45	75-86
Jamestown	1,535	2,519	On Campus	Yes		
Jefferson	1,145	1,174	On Campus	Yes		
Mohawk Valley	2,434	3,506	On Campus	Yes	27	75-87
Monroe	4,559	4,082	On Campus	Yes	35	70-85
Nassau +	6,764	5,537	Off Campus	Yes	44	76-82
Niagara +	2,326	2,221	On Campus	Yes	15	75-81
North Country	738	920	On Campus	No		
Onondaga	3,264	5,273	On Campus	Yes	80	72-86
SUNY Orange	2,284	3,429	No	Yes	25	70-84
Rockland	2,417	2,947	Off Campus	Yes	35	70-84
SUNY Schenectady +	1,089	2,440	Off Campus	No	25	70-84
Suffolk +	9,410	10,563	No	Yes	42	72-80
SUNY Sullivan	573	954	On Campus	No	20	73-81
Tompkins Cortland	1,104	3,855	On Campus	Yes	20	
SUNY Ulster	1,096	1,995	No	Yes	20	77-85
SUNY Westchester +	4,614	4,745	No	Yes	30	75-85



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EOP Application



How to Apply: EOP Application Process



Applications Open August 1st

Applicants can apply to EOP through the SUNY or the Common application. If you meet the EOP Financial Requirements check “Yes” to the EOP question featured on both applications.

Part 1: Complete the SUNY or Common Application

Let us know who you are, your academic background, and college selection. Please note a few schools may require an additional essay and interview.

Part 2: Complete the EOP Financial Form

After completing part 1, you will have access to the EOP Financial Form. Upload your family’s or (If independent) your financial information and supporting documents.

EOP Decisions

Once Parts 1 & 2 are completed, the financial form will be reviewed by SUNY and sent to the selected campuses for an academic review to reach a decision.

EOP Summer Program

If accepted to EOP you will be invited to participate in a mandatory 4 to 5 weeklong summer program from July – August on campus.

EOP Application Fee Wavier

- If the applicant household’s income meets the EOP financial guidelines the first seven SUNY schools the applicant apply to will be waived via the SUNY EOP application fee waiver.
- When Applying via the Common Application, EOP financial qualified students/families qualify for four schools waived using their fee waiver form.



APPLY TODAY



*Are you applying for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

The Educational Opportunity Program provides college access for students who are academically underprepared and cannot enter college under traditional admissions standards

PRO TIP: EOP-eligible students can receive up to seven **FREE** SUNY applications.



The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) provides college access for students who are academically underprepared and cannot enter college under traditional admissions standards. Do you wish to apply for the Educational Opportunity Program?*

Yes





Successful Applicants:

- Submit
 - Financial verification documents and/or
 - Test scores and/or
 - Recommendation letters
- Meet
 - Academic eligibility for the campus they're applying to
- Complete an
 - Interview and/or
 - Essay and/or

Plan for Success



Save your Pre-Freshman
Summer for the

EOP Summer Institute

- All accepted applicants must complete the mandatory EOP Summer institute to enroll.
- Students who are accepted and do not attend the Summer institute will forfeit their seat and EOP status.



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Foster Youth College Success Initiative (FYCSI)

What is the Foster Youth College Success Initiative?

- The Foster Youth College Success Initiative (FYCSI) is a state-funded program that connects youth in care, eligible orphans or wards of the court who are accepted into SUNY's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) with additional academic support services. Critical financial assistance is also provided to help students enroll in, pay for and successfully complete college.





The Benefits of the FYCSI

In addition to the comprehensive support services provided through participation in EOP, eligible foster youth receive an award each academic year to help pay for expenses above and beyond tuition.

FYCSI funding can be used for:

- Tuition and fees
- Housing
- Meals
- Books and Supplies
- Transportation
- Personal Expenses

Who can Participate in the FYCSI?

Students who are currently a resident of New York State and have spent time in foster care at any time after their 13th birthday, are an orphan or ward of the court are eligible to seek FYCSI aid.

Students must meet the federal Higher Education Act definition of a foster youth or orphan.

For EOP and Regular Admit Students.

How to Apply for FYCSI?

Applicants must self-identify as a youth in care and provide appropriate documentation at the time of their application and/or admission to an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) on a participating SUNY campus.

Check the Box for Foster Youth, Word of Court, Orphan on the SUNY Application.



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EOP Financial Form Application



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View a five-minute demonstration of the financial information form.

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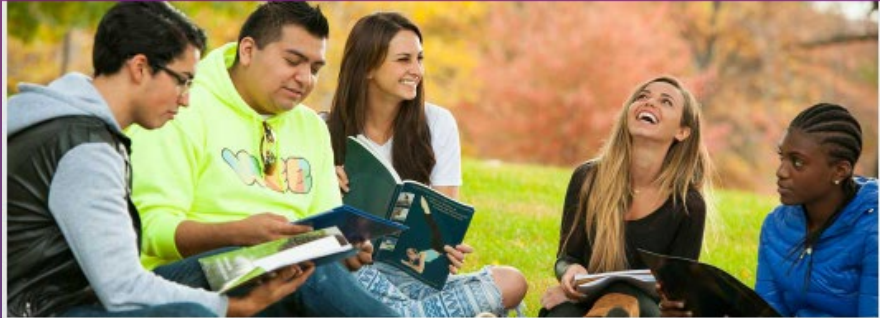
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EOP Financial Information Forms

Students who request consideration for SUNY's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) on their application for admission must complete an EOP Financial Information Form to determine whether they meet the EOP financial eligibility requirements. Students will be directed to the EOP Financial Information Form after indicating their interest for consideration for EOP.

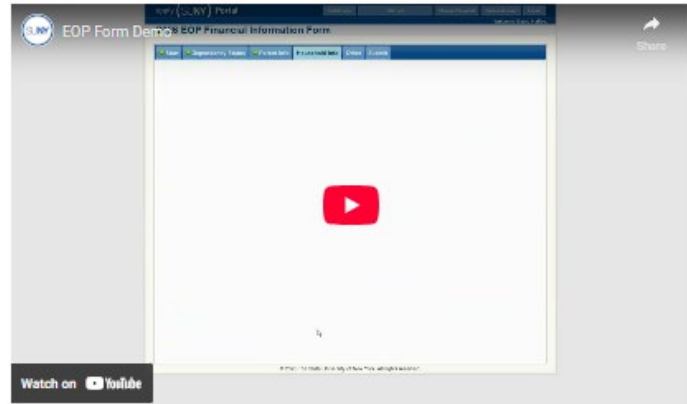
Please note: The online SUNY Financial Review Form must be completed only once and information will be shared with all campuses you have applied to for admission within the EOP Financial Eligibility Review portal.

To get to the financial information form:

[Students that applied on the SUNY application](#)

[Students who applied on the Common Application](#)

View a five-minute demonstration of the financial information form:



Watch on YouTube

Note: If a student applies on a campus local application, they can find a campus-specific version of the EOP Financial Information Form below.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Hello,

The following student(s) have applied to SUNY campuses and requested admission to the [Educational Opportunity Program \(EOP\)](#), but their financial documentation is incomplete. We are reaching out to ask for your help in collecting the missing documents from these students.

To complete the review of their financial eligibility, they will need to submit the following:

Name	Missing Items
J. Student	EOP Financial Information Form
C. Student	Documentation of Child Support Federal Tax Return with Schedules Parent 1

We have contacted the student(s) without success. We appreciate any assistance you can provide in this regard.

Students who have applied on the SUNY Application can view their EOP Form status and complete these items here: suny.edu/applysuny.

Students who have applied on the Common Application can view their EOP Form status and complete these items here: suny.edu/EOPFinInfo.

Students are also welcome to attend an [EOP Form Completion webinar](#).

Please let us know if you have questions.

Thank you.

Counselor Communication

- EOP applicants missing documentation
- Sent every 30 days to selected school counselor
- View all applicants at suny.edu/counselor



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Questions?

Contact the Recruitment Response Center

Email: askSUNY@suny.edu

Phone: toll-free at 800.342.3811