



## Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

- EOP is an access program to higher education for eligible applicants for whom admission into the college may not otherwise be possible.
- EOP provides eligible students with an array of educationally related support services and opportunities throughout their college studies.
- EOP is not a financial aid or scholarship program.
- EOP does not pay tuition costs.
- EOP provides a modest amount of financial support for non-tuition cost (books, supplies, etc.).
- EOP students must apply for financial aid (using the FAFSA) in order to receive the financial assistance needed to meet the bulk of their educational costs.
- EOP freshman enrollment at SUNY Oswego for fall semesters is contingent upon the successful completion of a mandatory 4-week summer program held during the month of July.

### Freshman Eligibility

#### Eligible freshmen must:

- Be a New York State resident for at least 12 months prior to enrollment.
- Have received a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to enrollment.
- Be ineligible for admission under traditional standards, but demonstrate potential for completing a college program.

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- Be economically eligible according to the New York State EOP Income Guidelines.

Visit [www.oswego.edu/eop](http://www.oswego.edu/eop) for more details.



### Transfer Eligibility

#### Eligible transfers must:

- Have current or prior participation in EOP, HEOP, COLLEGE DISCOVERY, SEEK or a similar type program.

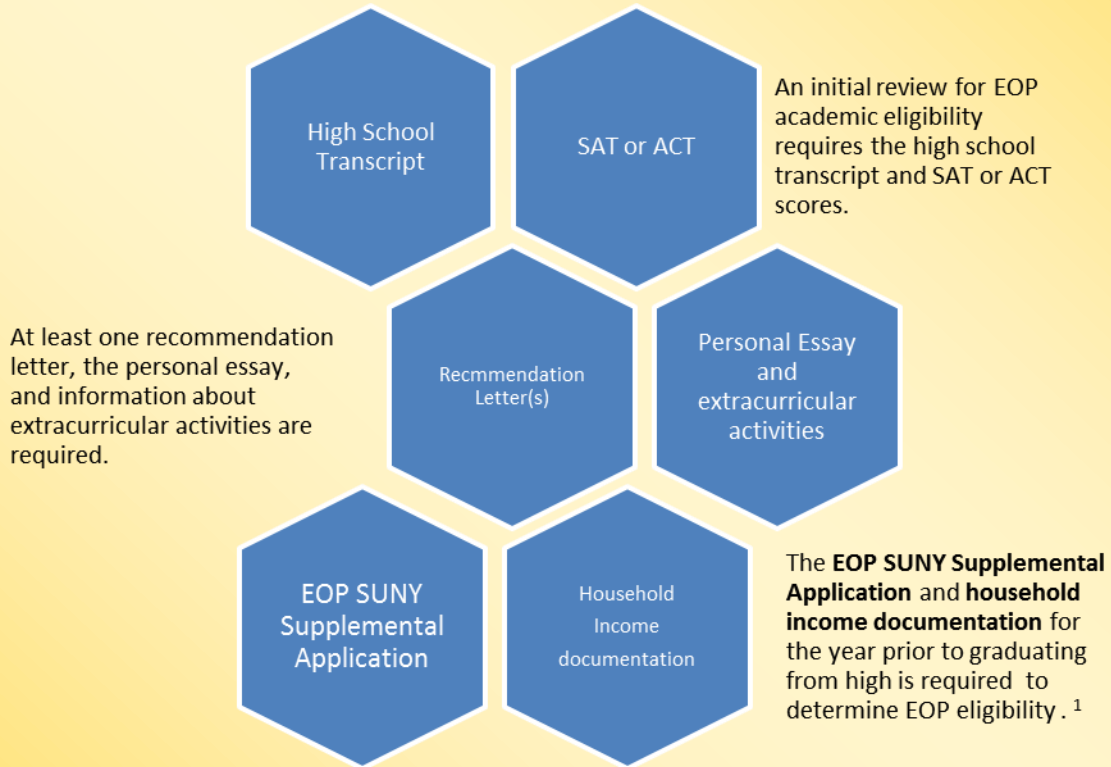
Participation in one of the above programs is verified during the application process by the Oswego Office of Admissions.

The following SUNY community colleges do not offer EOP: **Adirondack, Cayuga County, Clinton, Columbia-Greene, Corning, Herkimer County, Jamestown, Jefferson, Mohawk Valley, Nassau, Niagara County, North Country, Orange County, Rockland, Sullivan County, and Tompkins Cortland Community College**

Transfer applicants from institutions that do not offer EOP or similar type programs should contact the Office of Admissions regarding eligibility requirements.

# EOP Freshman Application Process

Applications for EOP at SUNY Oswego are reviewed and processed in the Office of Admissions using the required information shown below.



<sup>1</sup> Exceptions to income guidelines are provided on the EOP SUNY Supplemental Application.

Visit [www.oswego.edu/apply](http://www.oswego.edu/apply) to submit either the SUNY or the Common Application.



## EOP Transfer Application Process

Applicants who have completed at least 12 credit hours at another college or university, after graduating from high school, are considered transfer students. The priority date for consideration of transfer applications is May 1 for the fall semester. EOP transfer applicants looking to enroll during spring semesters should contact the Office of Admissions to see if space is available.

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### How to apply

Visit [www.oswego.edu/apply](http://www.oswego.edu/apply)

Use either the SUNY or the Common Application.

Applicants completing an associate's degree at a SUNY two-year college can seek an application fee waiver within the SUNY Application.

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Submit all official college or university transcripts (transcripts must be submitted regardless of credits earned)

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Go to [www.oswego.edu/forms](http://www.oswego.edu/forms) to complete the Transfer Application Supplement. Be sure to include all activities from high school graduation through the term you are applying for.

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### Transfer EOP eligibility determination:

The SUNY Oswego Office of Admissions verifies eligibility for EOP applicants who are transferring from colleges that offer EOP, HEOP, College Discovery, and SEEK programs.

Visit [www.oswego.edu/apply](http://www.oswego.edu/apply) for additional information about the SUNY Oswego transfer process.

## EOP Support Services for SUNY Oswego Students

EOP at SUNY Oswego is structured to offer the assistance students may need in the pursuit of their academic goals: academic community groups, tutoring, supplemental instruction, workshops, peer leaders, and access to other campus resources. Each EOP student is assigned to work with an **Academic Planning Counselor (APC)**. The APC assists in identifying academic needs and career choices, and in the necessary planning and engagement to accomplish the students' academic goals.

### Words of Advice about Financial Support

**It is important to understand that EOP is not a financial aid or scholarship program. The process for determining EOP income eligibility during the admissions process has nothing to do with filing for or determining financial aid.**

Although EOP students receive modest EOP funding to alleviate non-tuition cost (e.g., books, supplies, etc.), EOP students must submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** in order to receive the financial assistance they will need to meet the bulk of their educational expenses. Financial aid is comprised of grants and loans and is the primary source of college expense funding (based on federal financial eligibility guidelines).

The FAFSA is available on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The Oswego FAFSA code is **002848**.

- Complete the FAFSA after January 1st and preferably before March 1st.
- List all the colleges you are applying to on the FAFSA, even if you have not yet decided which college you will attend.
- Do not wait until you have been accepted to college before completing the FAFSA.

Visit [www.oswego.edu/financial](http://www.oswego.edu/financial) for more information about how to apply for financial aid.

Call 315.312.2248 or write to [financial.aid@oswego.edu](mailto:financial.aid@oswego.edu)





*“What EOP means to me is growth and wisdom. EOP helped me fill in the gap between my mindset before college, and what I was going to face during and after college. It helped me understand who I was....*

*It made me confident and secure of my ability to achieve whatever I want. My EOP family trusts me, and they believe in me and my capacity to be great. As a first generation student, it gives me the strength and support I cannot get from anywhere else.”*

*- Anny Sigaran  
Fall 2012 EOP Freshman Class*



## CONTACT INFORMATION

**EOP applications are processed in the Office of Admissions; direct application materials and admissions questions to:**

SUNY Oswego  
Office of Admissions  
229 Sheldon Hall  
Oswego, NY 13126  
Phone: 315.312.2250  
Fax: 315.312.3260  
admiss@oswego.edu  
www.oswego.edu/eop

**Direct questions about EOP services and the EOP Summer Program (freshmen only) to:**

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Educational Opportunity Program  
171 Marano Campus Center  
Oswego, NY 13126  
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