The Educational Opportunity Program prides itself on excellence and advancing the educational opportunities of historically underrepresented students. The program was established in 1969 to identify and admit students who have the potential to succeed at California State University campuses, but who have not achieved their higher education goals because of economic and/or educational background. The program works to equip students with resources and tools to ensure success in college through services delivered by a welcoming and supportive staff.

Admissions Information for EOP

Who May Apply?

Freshmen applicants to Sacramento State who are from historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged families are eligible. All applicants must meet the family income criteria guidelines (see chart below). In addition, applicants must demonstrate a need for admission assistance and academic support services, as well as the motivation, and potential, to academically succeed at the university. Priority consideration will be given to students who meet the income guidelines and who express a willingness to participate in the full range of EOP services.

Applying to EOP

Students must apply for admission to Sacramento State prior to applying to EOP. Although EOP is a CSU system-wide program, admission and deadlines vary by campus. The preferred means to apply to Sacramento State and EOP is online through the CSU Mentor website: www.csumentor.edu.

Information Directory

Admissions .......... (916) 278-7766
Campus Information ..... (916) 278-6011
College Assistance-Migrant Program (CAMP) .... (916) 278-7241
Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) ...... (916) 278-6183
Faculty Student Mentor Program (FSMP) .. (916) 278-7332
Financial Aid .......... (916) 278-6554
Guardian Scholars ...... (916) 278-3643
Housing ............... (916) 278-6655
Services to Students with Disabilities (SSWD) ..... (916) 278-6955

What Must I Submit?

To be considered for EOP, applicants must submit the following materials:

- CSU Admissions Application
- EOP Application and Recommendation Forms
- Official High School Transcripts
- SAT or ACT test scores
- Results of the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM)
- Results of the English Placement Test (EPT)

For priority consideration EOP recommends that students take the ELM and EPT during the February test dates. Students completing these tests by, or before, this date will be given priority consideration.

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