

Educational Opportunity Program

What is the Educational Opportunity Program?

The State University of New York's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) provides academic support and financial assistance to students who show promise for mastering college-level work, but who may otherwise find the college transition difficult. Offered primarily to full-time students who are New York State residents, the EOP accepts students who qualify, academically and financially, for the program.

Eligibility Criteria

- U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents (bearing a "green card")
- New York State residents for 12 months prior to enrollment
- High school graduates or have a General Equivalency Diploma
- Eligible for admission under traditional standards, and demonstrate potential for completing a college program
- Entering their first semester of college
- Full-time students (minimum of 12 credits)
- Enrolled or placed in at least one non-credit course.
- Within the legislated income guidelines
- Enrolled in an Opportunity Program at your previous college (Transfer Students)
- Not accepted into another Opportunity Program at Westchester Community College (TRIO)

In selecting students for the program, priority is given to candidates from historically disadvantaged backgrounds. In order to be determined economically disadvantaged, a student's household income must not exceed the amount shown for its size or the student's circumstances must conform to one of the exceptions indicated.

Educational Opportunity Program Economic Eligibility Guidelines Academic Year 2018-19

Household Size (including head of household)	Total Annual Income in 2016 Calendar Year
1	\$22,311
2	\$30,044
3	\$37,777
4	\$45,510
5	\$53,243
6	\$60,976
7	\$68,709
8	\$76,442

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$7,733 for each additional person.

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; or Family Day Care payments through the New York State Office of Children and Family Assistance;
- The student is in foster care as established by the court;
- The student is a ward of the state or county.