



# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the Educational Opportunity Program. The State University of New York views the Educational Opportunity Program as a means of providing expanded services to individuals traditionally underrepresented in higher education.

The Educational Opportunity Program is designed to seek out educationally underprepared but talented students and offer educational opportunities and support. High school graduates and individuals holding high school equivalency certificates (who might not meet university and/or college admissions criteria, but have the potential for post- secondary academic success) are encouraged to apply.

The Educational Opportunity Program at SUNY Erie is comprised of tutoring, counseling and financial assistance beyond those services available to the general student population. Space is limited; therefore acceptance to the program is granted to students who best demonstrate a history of being educationally and financially disadvantaged. Please be aware that financial, academic and residential eligibility does not guarantee acceptance. See application information at [www.ecc.edu/admission/eop.asp](http://www.ecc.edu/admission/eop.asp) for more information.

On the following page is a list of residential, academic and financial guidelines for EOP.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

FALL 2018 | 09.14.18  
SPRING 2019 | 02.07.19

In order for a student to be considered for EOP he/she must be both academically AND financially disadvantaged.

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## REQUIREMENTS

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- Students must be a first semester college freshman to apply
- Student must be a New York State resident
- Student must meet one or more of the following criteria in order to be considered academically eligible for EOP at SUNY Erie
- The student must have an 82 high school average or below
- The student must have a High School Diploma or High School Equivalency (HSE/GED)

## FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

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Provide all of the following items that pertain to you, to verify personal and/or family income.

- Copy of Federal 1040 Tax forms for 2016. To obtain a copy, call (800) 829-1040.
- Federal form 4506 verification of non-filing status
- Copy of social security, supplemental security income benefits
- Public assistance/department of social services income benefits (budget sheets)
- Unemployment benefits / disability benefits statement
- Notarized letters, statements of income received or statement of unusual circumstances claims
- Permanent resident ID card, if you are a noncitizen

Applicants are encouraged to use the IRS retrieval process when completing the FAFSA application for Pell and request a Tax Transcript from the IRS for students and parents. Please return completed application to the above address or fax (716) 851-1123.

## EXCEPTIONS TO ACADEMIC GUIDELINES

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If a student has higher than an 82 high school average but is in need of remediation courses, he/she may be eligible for EOP.

Income guidelines have been established by the State University of New York to determine whether or not a student is eligible for EOP. Check the table below to see if you qualify for the program.

Household Size	Income
1.....	\$21,978
2.....	\$29,637
3.....	\$37,296
4.....	\$44,955
5.....	\$52,614
6.....	\$60,273
7.....	\$67,951
8.....	\$75,647

Add \$7,696 for each additional household/family member in excess of eight.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Citizen  Yes  No (If no, Residence ID# \_\_\_\_\_)  
Marital Status  Single  Married  Separated/Divorced  
Number of years/months living in NY \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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Which campus will you be attending?  City  North  South  
Which one applies to you?  New  React  Transfer  
What semester are you applying for?  Fall 20\_\_  Spring 20\_\_  
What curriculum have you applied to? \_\_\_\_\_  
Ethnicity  Caucasian  Hispanic  Black/African American  
 Asian/Pacific Islander  American Indian/Alaskan Native  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## INCOME

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Who supported you last year?  Self  Spouse  Parent(s)  Other  
Total income this person earned/received last year \_\_\_\_\_  
Income Source  Work  Unemployment  Social Services  Social Security  
 Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you receive public assistance?  Yes  No  
If yes, list what you receive: \_\_\_\_\_  
How many people in this household were supported by this income? \_\_\_\_\_  
Foster Care Currently:  Yes  No | Previously:  Yes  No

## EDUCATION

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Do you have a  HSE/GED  H.S. Diploma What was your average? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you ever attend SUNY Erie, or any other college/postsecondary institution (in the U.S. or other country)?  Yes  No  
If yes, please print name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Were you enrolled in an EOP / SEEK / HEOP / College Discovery Program  Yes  No  
If yes, list college name/address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer each question listed below. (Use additional paper if necessary and write legibly.)**

Describe the most difficult challenge you had to overcome during your lifetime.

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Describe your goals, both personal and career.

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Describe any special challenges you anticipate while pursuing a college degree.

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**\* Verification of income MUST accompany the application at the time of submission.\***

*I certify that all information provided is true and accurate.*

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date