Educational Opportunity Program

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at San Francisco State University supports low-income, first-generation college students. EOP students receive ongoing advising, tutoring and workshops to help them succeed in their coursework and graduate.

Read on to learn more about EOP and its additional programs, who is eligible and how to apply.

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EOP at a Glance

Advising
Each EOP student works closely with an EOP advisor who assists them in achieving their academic and personal goals. Advisors help EOP students plan their class schedules and track their major and class work on various topics.

Tutoring
EOP students have access to personal tutors and group tutorial assistance in most general education classes and in lower- and upper-division major classes. Tutors help students prepare for exams, learn study strategies and build study group memberships.

Mentoring
The mission of the EOP Mentor Program is to offer active and relational learning opportunities through the positive impact of mentoring. The program uses peer leaders to mentor students with peers, faculty and staff. Innovative mentoring creates a student-centered learning experience for both the mentor and the mentee.

EOP Grants/Scholarships
EOP undergraduate students who meet financial aid eligibility requirements may receive the EOP Grant in their financial aid package. In addition, eligible students are also encouraged to apply for EOP scholarship opportunities that recognize their academic achievement and potential. Scholarships are available to incoming and current EOP undergraduate and former SF State/EOP students currently enrolled in a graduate program at SF State.

Additional EOP Programs
Students who have been admitted to EOP and who are eligible for additional programs will be invited to participate and asked to complete a separate program-specific application. Programs include:

Summer Bridge
Summer Bridge is an eight-week, on-residential academic program that assists the transition from high school to university. Participants are introduced to an extensive educational support service network while fulfilling the Early Start program requirements.

Guardian Scholars Program
Through advocacy, support and empowerment, the SF State Guardian Scholars Program creates a vibrant community in which current and former foster youth attend college, receive support and career path employment. EOP students can apply for this collaborative program that works with the School of Social Work.

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When to apply
The EOP admissions cycle begins on October 1 and ends on March 31. Due to the volume of applications received, students are encouraged to complete the EOP application early in the cycle. Students must apply to EOP the same semester they apply to SF State. Students residing from another CSU campus as an EOP student are ineligible for EOP.

EOP Admissions
EOP at SF State only admits full applicants. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance to SF State and notification of their acceptance to EOP will be two separate steps. A student must be admitted to SF State before their EOP notification will be sent. Notifications of acceptance to the fall program in early spring and continue until space is no longer available. Students admitted to EOP will receive their notices by email.

Who can apply
California residents and eligible AB 540 students who meet the income eligibility index and are first generation college students can apply for EOP. However, due to space and resource limitations, not all eligible students will be selected for EOP. If you are an Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) student at a community college, you will not automatically be an EOP student at SF State and must apply for EOP. The community college program and EOP at SF State are two different programs.

After Applying
If additional information or corrections are needed on your application, you will be contacted by email.

How to Apply
Online
- To fill out the CSU application for SF State: Go to csumentor.edu to apply online. Click “Yes” in the Help section if you wish to apply for EOP. Fill out the necessary supplemental information.
- After submitting the SF State application for undergraduate admissions, complete the EOP application online at csumentor.edu

You will be asked to provide the names and email addresses of two teachers or counselors who can recommend you for EOP. They will be sent the recommendation questions by email and can answer these online.

- Unless exempt, sign up for the earliest Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) exam and the English Placement Test (EPT). Contact the Testing Center at the CSU campus near you.
- Complete the FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid) at dream.csac.ca.gov or, if eligible, the California Dream Act Application at dream.acti.ca.gov (by March 2).

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