

SUNY Maritime College

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

The Education Opportunity Program (EOP) at Maritime College is a program of academic support and financial assistance for all statewide S.U.N.Y. students who show promise for mastering college level work. Determination of eligibility is ordinarily made when a student is accepted into the college as a New Student. Transfer students, may be considered for program admission if they were enrolled in other EOP, HEOP, SEEK or a similar academic and financial aid support program at their previous college.

To qualify for EOP, students must be a resident of New York State and be ineligible for admission at the college under its traditional standards. The ability to show the potential to complete a college program, while at the same time demonstrating financial need are essential for applying.

In selecting students to the program, priority is given to applicants from both historically disadvantaged academic and financial backgrounds. Decrease in family income below the EOP guidelines, as a result of unemployment or parental separation in the year prior to enrolling, will not necessarily satisfy financial criteria.

Given that high school grades, GED/SAT scores and class rank are not sole predictors of ability to do college work, interviews with college counselors focusing on past academic, social and family influences which impacted a student's academic history are required. This information assist counselors evaluate potential success at the college.

Though EOP offers limited financial aid, it is not a form of financial aid replacing traditional sources of funding. Students must discuss their total financial aid packaging with Admissions and Financial Aid advisors.

Once a student's application to the EOP program has been approved, students are required to attend the five-week New Student summer program. The State Office for Special Programs incurs all program costs.

Once the academic year begins, students meet regularly with tutors and are required to schedule several appointments each academic year with the EOP counselor. Students also receive funds to meet costs for textbooks, academic supplies and uniforms throughout their college experience. The amount of funding received is contingent upon varying amounts allocated to S.U.N.Y. campuses from year-to-year.

In addition to meeting with the Registrar and Academic advisor, EOP students must discuss changes in major, drop/add and withdrawal decisions with the EOP counselor.