

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)



Suffolk County Community College’s Educational Opportunity Program provides academic support, counseling and financial aid to students who show promise for succeeding in college. The program assists students throughout their college careers, both at Suffolk and when they transfer to a four-year college or university. Offered primarily to full-time students who are New York State residents, EOP accepts students who qualify academically and financially. Students admitted to Suffolk County Community College’s EOP program must complete a pre-freshman summer requirement.

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission to the EOP you must be:

- a New York State resident for 12 months prior to enrollment.
- a high school graduate, holder of an equivalency diploma or enrolled in the Ability to Benefit (ATB) program at Suffolk County Community College.
- a student with an 83 or less high school average or a student placed in one or more developmental class.
- within the legislated income guidelines based on the number of people in the family (see below).

Financial Guidelines 2025-2026

A student’s economic eligibility is based on the following State Education Department guidelines for those first entering college in the fall of 2025.

EOP Economic Eligibility Guidelines	
Academic Year 2025-2026	
Household Size (including head of household)	Total Annual Income in 2023 Calendar Year
1	\$27,861
2	\$37,814
3	\$47,767
4	\$57,720
5	\$67,673
6	\$77,626
7	\$87,579
8	\$97,532*
*For families/households with more than eight people, add \$9,953 for each additional person.	

Exceptions to Income Guidelines:

1. 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.
2. The student lives with foster parents who do not provide support for college and the student's natural parents provide no such support.
3. The student is a ward of the state or county.

Required Records

As part of the EOP admission process, your high school record and test scores (if needed) will be reviewed, as well as information about clubs, hobbies, jobs and any other experiences that have made an impact on your education. This information will help counselors evaluate your potential for success in a college-level program.

Transfers

You are eligible for EOP as a transfer student provided you have been enrolled in EOP, College Discovery, HEOP (Higher Education Opportunity Program), SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) or a similar academic and financial support program at your previous college. If your previous college did not have EOP or a similar program, you may be considered for transfer eligibility and should notify Suffolk of your interest.

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