



# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY MANUAL

## Student Affairs

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## Policy on EOP Grant Awarding

### PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for the allocation of Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) financial aid funds to eligible students.

### BACKGROUND:

The Educational Opportunity Program enabling legislation (Senate Bill No. 1072) of March 1969 authorizes the CSU to provide grants and educational assistance to students from low-income, disadvantaged backgrounds who demonstrate the potential for success in the CSU curricula. Currently, the Educational Opportunity Program at California State University Channel Islands is self-funded and does not receive state appropriations.

### POLICY:

#### Accountability:

Financial Aid office, Educational Opportunity Program.

#### Applicability:

All EOP students at California State University Channel Islands.

#### Definition(s):

**EOP – Educational Opportunity Program:** The Educational Opportunity Program is designed to improve academic support of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students. The EOP student has the potential to perform satisfactorily in the CSU but has not been able to realize this potential because of his/her economic or educational background. The program provides admission, academic and financial assistance to EOP-eligible undergraduate students.

**Eligible EOP Student:** An eligible EOP student is an economically and educationally disadvantaged student who has the potential to perform satisfactorily in CSU curricula and has officially been admitted to the program utilizing admission procedures defined in the EOP regulations. Priority consideration may be given to applicants meeting the above criteria who are members of underserved backgrounds (EOP Regulations & Guidelines, 1983-84, 1989).



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#### Text:

The priority for awarding an EOP financial grant is as follows:

1. Entering from high school with an expected family contribution of \$0 - \$800.
2. Continuing lower-division classes with an expected family contribution of \$0 - \$800.
3. Entering from high school with an expected family contribution of \$800 - \$4,000.
4. Continuing lower-division classes with an expected family contribution of \$800 - \$4,000.
5. Continuing upper-division classes with an expected family contribution of \$0 - \$800.
6. Continuing upper-division classes with an expected family contribution of \$800 - \$4,000.

The maximum current EOP grant for full-time students is established at \$1,000 per academic year (\$500 per semester). Approval of grant eligibility for part-time enrollment must be confirmed by the EOP Coordinator prior to the start of the term. Grant awards will be prorated according to the following schedule:

Full-time (12 + units) - \$500  
Three-quarter time (9-11 units) - \$350  
Half-time (6-8 units) - \$200  
Less than half-time (1-5 units) - not eligible

If funds are disbursed at the beginning of a term based on full-time enrollment and the student reduces their unit load during the initial change of program period, the EOP grant award will be adjusted and the student will be required to return funds to the University.

Enrollment adjustments made after the initial change of program period require the approval of the instructor and the Dean or Associate Dean of the Faculty. Courses dropped at this point will be reflected as a grade of "W" on the official transcript. There will be no attempt to recover EOP funds from students who drop below full-time status in this manner.

Prior to the start of each term, EOP will provide a list of entering and continuing EOP students to the Financial Aid office. If any student is discontinued from the program, the Financial Aid office should be notified immediately.

According to Senate Bill 1072, Section 31226.5, records of the academic progress of each student attending college under a grant shall be kept by the trustees in order that the program created by this



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chapter may be evaluated. An eligible new enrollee shall participate in EOP services on the basis of need or as required by the EOP Director (EOP Regulations and Guidelines, 1983-1984, 1989).

EOP students must be in complete compliance with the following requirements:

1. Schedule and attend a minimum of two (2) appointments per semester with the EOP Counselor.
2. Attend all classes.
3. Enroll in at least 12 units each semester.
4. Schedule and attend appointments with a writing consultant at the Writing Center for a minimum of four (4) times each semester.
5. Schedule and attend appointments with a Math tutor in the Math Lab/Tutoring Center a minimum of four (4) times each semester.
6. Maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade-point average (GPA).
7. Attend a minimum of two (2) academic development activities per semester.
8. Attend a minimum of two (2) student leadership development program activities per semester.
9. Notify the EOP Counselor immediately of any major factors that affect the student's status (i.e., change of schedule, change of address and phone number, and extended illness or withdrawal from the University).
10. Remain in overall good standing with the University. If the student is subject to disciplinary action, he/she may be removed from the program.
11. Students who do not fulfill these responsibilities will be subject to administrative probation or termination from the program.

#### EXHIBIT(S):

<http://www.calstate.edu/AR/eop.shtml>