

Opportunity Program Presentation Copiague High School

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An Overview

Opportunity Programs

Specifically designed for New York State residents who are first-time college students and who meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be economically eligible, as defined by the New York State Education Department guidelines and not greater than 185% of the current federal poverty guidelines
- Inadmissible at the current university admission standards, and must possess potential to succeed
- Standardized testing is not generally required by opportunity programs but may be for individual institutions
- As part of the admissions process, students must submit financial documents and participate in an interview
- The program offers a wide range of support services including tutoring, academic advisement, financial aid, and career and personal counseling.



The State University
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NYS Sponsored Opportunity Programs

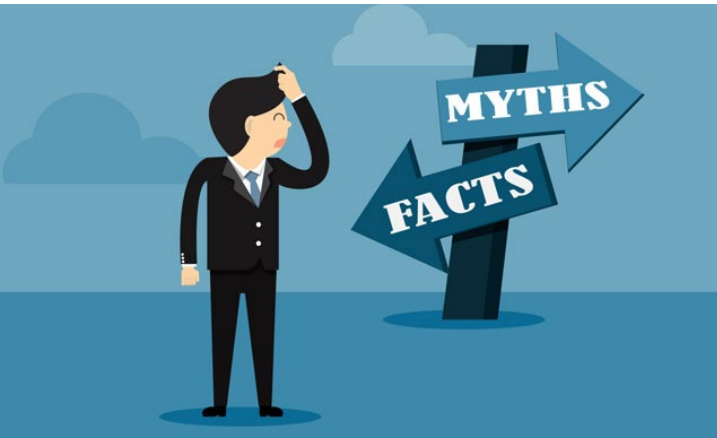


- College Discovery-2 Year CUNY Institutions (6 Total)
- SEEK-Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge-4 Year CUNY Institutions (12 Total)
- EOP-Educational Opportunity Program-2 and 4 Year SUNY Institutions (54 Total)
- HEOP-Higher Education Opportunity Program-Currently at 53 Private Institutions



Characteristics of Opportunity Programs

- Provide Academic Support and Financial Aid Assistance
- Provide Personal and Career Counseling
- Introduce Interpersonal and Life Skills
- Serves as a Safe Space/Home Away From Home
- Staff Who Care About Student Performance
- Attend Mandatory Pre-Freshman Summer Experience
- Students Who Achieve Success Beyond Expectations



Myths and Misconceptions

- Opportunity Programs are exclusive only to students of color
- Your grades have to be poor to qualify
- Eligible Opportunity Program students attend college for free
- Opportunity Program students take longer to graduate from college
- Opportunity Program students are limited in their ability to succeed

what i wish i knew before
applying to college



Factors For Consideration In Applying To College

- Residential
- Large School
- Urban
- Co-Curricular Activities
- Cultural
- Major
- Diversity
- Student Profile
- Commuter
- Small School
- Rural
- Athletics
- Family Ties
- Career Options
- Internships
- Do I See Myself Here?

Is College
Affordable?

YES!

- The short answer is **yes!** The question is what resources are at your disposal in order to meet the costs to reach your dream of a college education.

Financial Aid Packaging 101

- Cost of Attendance
- Grants
- Outside Scholarship Aid
- Loans
- Self Help



Financial Aid To Do's

- **2024-2025 FAFSA- Still awaiting official announcement**
[\(<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>\)](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa)
- NY State residents file the 2024-245 **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** application
[\(<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/>\)](https://www.hesc.ny.gov/)



Verification

- If selected for the verification process a student's financial aid cannot be finalized or disbursed
- Student may be required to submit additional documents which may include all or some of the following:
 - 2024-25 Verification Worksheet
 - Parent and Student 2021 IRS Tax Transcripts
 - Copies of 2021 W-2's



Federal Direct Student Loan Processing

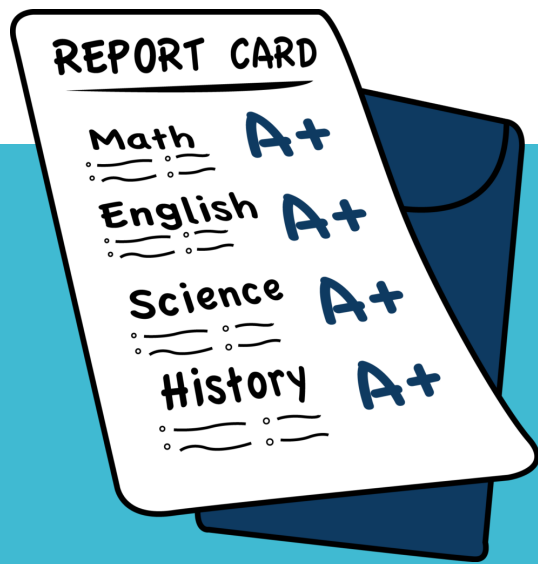


- Students must log into www.studentloans.gov and complete the following:
 - Loan Agreement (Master Promissory Note)
 - Financial Awareness (Entrance) Counseling



Federal Direct PLUS Loan Processing

- Parents can apply for a Parent PLUS Loan at www.studentloans.gov and obtain an instant credit decision
- If credit is approved please be sure to complete Parent PLUS Master Promissory Note at www.studentloans.gov
- If credit is denied parents will have options:
 - Appeal the credit decision OR
 - Use a credit worthy cosigner(If approved based on the appeal or cosigner the Parent will need to complete a PLUS Loan Credit Counseling at www.studentloans.gov)



Good Grades =
Financial
Success

- Students must be mindful that academic progress towards their degree is tied to the renewal of scholarships, federal and state grants and student loans

Important academic criteria to stay on top of:

- Cumulative grade point average
- Credits/units earned each semester
- Most aid programs are limited to 10 semesters of eligibility or have aggregate award limits

To Do Checklist

- Meet all scheduled application deadlines
- Register for SAT and/or ACT exam**
- Know the details of your transcript
- Compose personal statement
- Create FAFSA ID/also for parent
- Personal follow-up with calls or email
- Read, read, read your email and check messages



Educational Opportunity Program

At Nassau Community College





Program Services

Students may receive academic and modest financial support. Academic support services include:

- Academic Advisement
- Skill development (e.g. time management, organizational and study skills)
- Individual and group counseling
- Laptop and scientific calculator loans for academic success



Academic Eligibility

To be eligible for admission to the EOP candidates must:

- .Have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent
- .Meet the New York State residency requirements
- .HS GPA 70-85; passing score on both Algebra 1 and ELA Regents exam with one score between 65-78
- .Successfully complete the EOP Pre-Freshman Program



Economic Eligibility

(Academic Year 2025-2025)

Household Size (including head of household)	Total Annual Income in 2022 Calendar Year
1	\$26,973
2	\$36,482
3	\$45,991
4	\$55,550
5	\$65,009
6	\$74,518
7	\$84,027
8	\$93,536*

* For families with more than 8 persons, add \$9,509 for each additional person

INCOME GUIDELINES DO NOT APPLY IF:

- The student's family is the recipient of Family Assistance or Safety Net payments through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance; or through a county department of Social Services; or Family Day Care payments through NYS Office of Children and Family Assistance
- The student is in foster care as established by the court or a ward of state/county

Transfer Through EOP



Transfer in to EOP at NCC if you have been enrolled in:

- . EOP
- . College Discovery
- . HEOP (Higher Education Opportunity Program)
- . SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) at your previous institution

EOP status may follow you if your new institution participates in EOP, HEOP, College Discovery, SEEK contingent upon space availability

Summer Pre-Freshman Program

Date/Time:

July 15th – August 8th, 2024

Mon. – Thur.
9:00am-3:00pm

Mandatory Four-week summer program designed to:

- Improve student reading, writing, and mathematical skills
- Strengthen students' study and organizational skills
- Help students recognize academic strengths and weaknesses
- Prepare students for academic, social, psychological and personal adjustment to college
- Develop teamwork amongst student cohort; and eliminate "failure syndrome"



Courses

- Writing
- Reading
- Math
- Interpersonal Communications

- Get acclimated to NCC
- Improve study, note taking, time management and test taking skills
- Weekly presentations from key campus offices to learn about services/resources

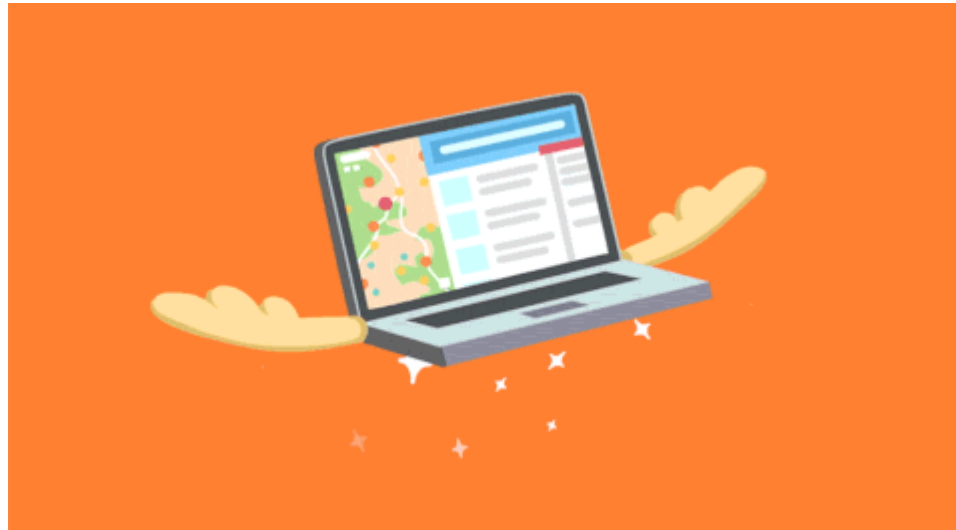
Registration

EOP Staff will register with students each semester.



EOP Laptops

- Laptops will be loaned to students during the Summer Academic Institute and during the school year; laptops must be returned each semester



Financial Aid at NCC



Apply for federal and state aid:

.Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application

.Most student financial packages may include grants; PELL, TAP, SEOG

Use NCC FAFSA code - 002873 and NCC TAP code - 2113

Financial Aid Verification Process

- Complete process to remain in program

Must submit to **Financial Aid Office & EOP Staff:**

- IRS Tax documents (tax return or transcript)
- Dependent/Independent Verification Form
- Student and parent W2 forms
- Verification of public assistance received if applicable
- Non-filer tax form if applicable (4506-T)



Financial Aid Packaging at NCC



- Based on **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** indicated on students' **Student Aid Report (SAR)** after completing the **FAFSA**, they will receive **PELL** and **TAP (NYS Tuition Assistance Program)** grants which will cover most if not all of their tuition/fees
- Some students will receive a **SEOG** supplemental grant based on need
- Students should monitor financial aid disbursements in their MyNCC portal
- The majority of students will receive a refund; disbursed in two parts

Foster Youth College Success Initiative

Students who are foster youth,
orphaned or wards of the court
are eligible for additional
services and funding





Placement Test

- All students must take their **NCC Placement Test** prior to **the start of the Summer Academic Institute**
- Students are encouraged to schedule the exam online in their MyNCC portal individually and we will also establish a date for group testing

How to Apply



- To apply to EOP, a student must complete the Nassau Community College application and check the box that indicates an interest in the program.

Submit your applicant inquiry here:

<https://forms.gle/FYSFJvaCvXno3Jws5>

Contact Us!

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Questions?

