



# What is EOP?

**EOP students are first-generation, culturally diverse and globally engaged leaders who, for nearly half a century, have helped strengthen and transform California's professional workforce.**

## History

In April 1969, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1072 (the Harmer Bill) establishing the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) which was designed to provide recruitment and retention services to first-generation, low income, historically underserved students throughout the CSU System.

For more than four generations EOP programs across the state have played an instrumental role in generating a steady workforce of dynamic, globally engaged, culturally diverse and talented professionals for the state of California and for the nation.

## Mission Statement

The Office of Educational Opportunity Programs and Ethnic Affairs is committed to serving first generation, low income, historically underserved students by providing innovative services that facilitate the successful recruitment, retention and development of scholars and leaders as they persist toward a university degree.

San Diego State University's Office of Educational Opportunity Programs and Ethnic Affairs is one of the largest in the California State University System, serving over 3,300 students.

## San Diego State University

Founded in 1897, SDSU is the largest and oldest institution of higher learning in San Diego County, offering 90 academic majors for nearly 34,000 undergraduate students. U.S. News & World Report ranks SDSU among the top ethnically diverse campuses in the nation.

# What can EOP do for you?

**Recruitment\*** - Presentations, site visits, special workshops and programs for 8-12 schools, community colleges and community-based organizations. The Aztec Scholars initiative recruits prospective African American and American Indian students.

**First Contact\*** - A mandatory, free summer orientation for incoming EOP students.

**Transitional Bridge Programs** - Summer readiness programs for selected first time freshmen and transfer students which provide academic enrichment coursework coupled with activities to acquaint incoming students with campus life, academic programs and services.

**Academic, Career and Personal Counseling** - A full range of personalized support services available only to EOP students.

**Retention Services\*** - The Learning Support Center (LSC) provides free tutoring services for EOP students, academic monitoring, a computer lab and a study lounge.

**EOP Grant\*** - Students who complete the FAFSA early (or if AB 540 status, the California Dream Act application) may be eligible for an EOP grant. Eligibility is determined by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

**California Dream Act\*** - EOP services and certain types of aid are available for AB 540 students who meet the state of California's established criteria.

**Education Without Borders (EWB)** - EWB is a student organization that aims to highlight the issues affecting undocumented students and other marginalized groups, while fostering a support network that encourages diversity and access to higher education.

**The Guardian Scholars Program** - Assists students exiting the foster care system to achieve their academic goals. Comprehensive services include year-round housing, scholarships and personal support services.

**SOAR** - The SOAR student mentoring program provides opportunities for personal and academic growth through supportive peer relationships.

**EOP Student Advisory Board** - A student organization which advocates for students' interests and organizes enrichment activities throughout the academic year.

**Graduation Reception\*** - Upon successfully completing their undergraduate studies, students and their families are recognized at a special ceremony.

\*This program component is offered at the Imperial Valley Campus.



## EOP Alumni



**Maria Icela Cabrera** completed her studies at the Imperial Valley Campus, managing motherhood, family life and work, in addition to a rigorous academic schedule. Maria Icela has earned her Bachelor's degree with distinction in Psychology. She is part of a select cohort of Aztec students who graduated magna cum laude - a Latin distinction for high academic honors.



**Joshua Travis Morse** is an up-and-coming college professional who selected Finance as his first degree. Josh is a former EOP guardian scholar who brings a rich life experience to the world of work. He served as President of Associated Students in 2013-14.



**Christopher Miguel Medellin** majored in American Indian Studies, and in Television, Film and New Media. Chris has served as President of Delta Upsilon, the sixth oldest international, all-male, Greek fraternity. As Vice President for NASA (Native American Student Alliance) he is committed to sharing his American Indian heritage with the campus community.

# Applying for EOP Services

## Eligible Applicants

- Historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged undergraduate students with the academic potential to succeed in a university setting
- California residents or eligible AB 540 Dream Act students
- Students who meet the established income criteria

## EOP Income Criteria

To be eligible for EOP services applicants must meet the established income criteria. This table is updated on a yearly basis. For current income guidelines please visit [www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/income.asp](http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/income.asp)

## EOP Priority Application: October 1 to December 15

Applications are processed on a first-come first served basis. Space is limited. Apply early in order to increase your opportunities to enroll in this program.

**Students cannot apply for services once they begin their first semester of studies at a CSU campus.**

## Admission Application Fee Waiver

Students who meet the established income guidelines may qualify for the CSU \$55 Admission Application Fee Waiver (waives up to four CSU Undergraduate Application fees). To check if you are eligible, complete the SDSU undergraduate application at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu). The Application Fee Waiver is in Section 12.

# Apply for EOP in 4 easy steps

## 1

File your SDSU undergraduate admission application at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

1	Enrollment Information
2	Name and Address
3	Personal Information
4	California State Residency Information
5	Demographic Information
6	High School Information
7	College Information
8	High School Prep 1
9	High School Prep 2
10	College Courses
11	Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
12	Application Fee Waiver
13	Review Your Application

screenshot of the CSU Undergraduate Admission Application

## 2

File your SDSU campus EOP application at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

1	Information from Admission Application
2	Personal Information
3	Financial Information
4	Autobiographical Statements
5	Recommendations
6	Review Your Application

screenshot of the CSU EOP Application

Complete a separate EOP application for each CSU campus.

**Can't log in to CSUMentor?**

Call 1-800-468-6927 (CSUMentor Helpline)

## 3

Make sure the **EOP office** receives the following:

### Checklist:

- ✓ Your complete EOP application (sections 1 to 6)
- ✓ Two completed recommendation forms (section 6-Recommendations)
- ✓ File the **FAFSA** or, if you are an AB 540 student, the California Dream Act application ([dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)) during the **October 1 - March 2** priority application period. **The \$55 application fee waiver is based on financial aid information.**

## 4

Your application will be reviewed **when all documents on this checklist are received.**

EOP admissions notices follow SDSU's provisional admissions notices in March/April. EOP denial notices are sent via postal mail.

### Send mail to:

EOP Office/ATTN: Admissions  
San Diego State University  
5500 Campanile Drive  
San Diego, CA 92182

### Note:

Write your **SDSU Red ID** on all documents.

**QUESTIONS?** EOP information & printable forms: [www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop](http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop)

# Timeline-Important Dates

October 1 - November 30	<p>SDSU application filing period</p> <p><b>EOP priority application filing period begins</b></p> <p><b>Financial Aid Application (<a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a>) filing period: October 1 to March 2</b></p> <p><b>First Time Freshmen:</b> Last month to take the SAT or ACT exams</p>
December	<p>Set up your SDSU WebPortal account: <a href="http://www.sdsu.edu/portal">www.sdsu.edu/portal</a></p> <p><b>Set up your SDSU AidLink account</b></p> <p>December 15 - <b>EOP priority application filing period ends*</b></p>
January	<b>Transfers:</b> Complete the supplemental admission application on the SDSU WebPortal
February	<b>SDSU scholarships application deadline</b>
March - April	<p>SDSU &amp; <b>EOP Admissions notices</b></p> <p>Explore SDSU Open House</p>
May	<p>May 1 - Intent to Enroll Deadline for provisionally admitted students</p> <p><b>SDSU scholarships application deadline</b></p> <p><b>EOP Admissions notices continue</b></p> <p>Housing license Agreements</p> <p>Sign up for New Student Orientations</p>
June	<p>June 30 - <b>Transfers:</b> Deadline to submit all official transcripts w/spring grades</p> <p><b>EOP First Contact Orientations</b></p>
July	<p>July 15 - <b>First Time Freshmen:</b> deadline to submit all official transcripts w/spring grades</p> <p><b>EOP Transitional Bridge programs</b></p> <p><b>Transfers:</b> WPA (Writing Proficiency Assessment) may be taken after provisional admission notice and must be taken by first semester of study</p> <p>July/August - New Student Orientations</p>
August	Fall semester begins: Welcome Week, New Student and Family Convocation
September	<b>EOP month</b>

*\* Check the EOP website or contact our office for extended EOP application dates.*

# Resources at a Glance

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) • [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)  
Federal Student Aid Overview • [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)  
Student Loan Repayment Estimator  
[studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans](http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans)  
California Dream Act Application • [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)  
California Dream Network (AB 540 eligibility criteria)  
[www.cadreamnetwork.org/ab-540](http://www.cadreamnetwork.org/ab-540)

## SDSU Campus

Prospective Student Center • (619) 594-6336  
[arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions](http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions)  
Test Office (ELM/EPT/WPA) • (619) 594-5216  
[studentaffairs.sdsu.edu/testofc](http://studentaffairs.sdsu.edu/testofc)  
Student Account Services • (619) 594-5253  
[bfa.sdsu.edu/fm/co/sfs](http://bfa.sdsu.edu/fm/co/sfs)  
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships • (619) 594-6323  
[www.sdsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid)  
Honors Programs • (619) 594-2872  
[uhp.sdsu.edu/dus/honors](http://uhp.sdsu.edu/dus/honors)  
Student Disability Services • (619) 594-6473  
[go.sdsu.edu/student\\_affairs/sds](http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds)  
Associated Students • (619) 594-6555 • [as.sdsu.edu](http://as.sdsu.edu)  
Education Without Borders • [empower.sdsu.edu](http://empower.sdsu.edu)

## EOP Office

location • Student Services East, 2109  
phone: (619) 594-6298 • fax: (619) 594-4299 or 5245  
website • [www.eop.sdsu.edu](http://www.eop.sdsu.edu)

**EOP program Imperial Valley Campus: (760) 768-5502**

If you have applied for admission to SDSU please check the following accounts regularly:

**WebPortal**

[sdsu.edu/portal](http://sdsu.edu/portal)

**AidLink**

[sdsu.edu/aidlink](http://sdsu.edu/aidlink)

**Student Account Services**  
[sdsu.edu/sas](http://sdsu.edu/sas)



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