

Thank you for being here tonight.

We will begin our presentation shortly.



Did you know that in the 2022 US News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings, 5 SUNY Schools ranked in the top 172 out of 1,500 institutions across the country.

Binghamton University (83)

University at Buffalo (93)

Stony Brook University (93)

SUNY ESF (117)

University at Albany (172)



Special Support Programs

- First Generation Students
- Low Income Families
- Academic Support in College
- Students with IEPs

Class of 2024

Thank you for coming tonight!



This presentation is geared to help students and families self-identify college support programs that are made to help students not only get into, but **succeed**, in college.

We will support all of our students into getting into the school of their choice.

What is a College Support Program?



In college there are various support programs.

Some are known as an opportunity program which provides education access and opportunity for low-income students, the majority of whom are first-generation college students. These programs aim to help students not only get into, **but succeed in college**.

There are also support programs for students with IEPs. As with opportunity programs, these programs aim to help students **succeed in college**.

Along with scholarships, these support programs can provide students financial assistance, tutoring, and an on campus support system.

How do I know I'm a first generation college student?



In simplest terms, being a first generation college student means that **you are the first person in your immediate family to go to college**. Colleges define this as neither of your parents having **graduated** from college.

How do I know if I'm a low income student?

EOP Economic Eligibility Guidelines Academic Year 2022-23

Household Size (including head of household)	Total Annual Income
1	\$23,828
2	\$32,227
3	\$40,626
4	\$49,025
5	\$57,424
6	\$65,823
7	\$74,222
8	\$82,621*

*For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$8,399 for each additional person.

**If your family's income fits into this range, you qualify for a college application fee waiver.*

EOP - [Educational Opportunity Program](#)

SUNY academic and income based scholarship

ELIGIBILITY—

- A New York State resident for 12 months prior to enrollment;
- Require special admissions consideration; and
- Qualify as economically disadvantaged according to the guidelines. In selecting students for the program, priority is given to applicants from historically disadvantaged backgrounds.
 - a. Here is the [EOP academic profile for each school](#)
 - b. Here is the [EOP Income Eligibility Guideline](#) (pictured on the previous slide)
 - c. Here you can find [EOP virtual information sessions](#)
 - d. Here is a [video on EOP](#)

*Educational Opportunity Program students may receive support services, such as academic, career, and personal counseling; tutoring and supplemental instruction. As part of a student's overall financial aid package, the Educational Opportunity Program provides financial assistance for non-tuition related expenses (ex. books, supplies, etc.)

Students can opt into EOP on the SUNY application and on the Common App.

HEOP - [Higher Education Opportunity Program](#)

ELIGIBILITY

- HEOP serves New York State residents who are both educationally and economically disadvantaged as per New York State Education Law (**same as EOP**)
- Each participating HEOP institution establishes its own criteria for educationally disadvantaged, which includes, but is not limited to, the following factors: predicting a student's probability of academic success, non-admissibility to the college's normal admissions standards, and/or to the college at the matriculated status in a degree program.
 - a. Here is a list of [HEOP Schools](#)
 - b. Here is a [video on HEOP](#)

**HEOP is essentially the same thing as EOP but at private NYS institutions. The same students who qualify financially for EOP at SUNY schools will most likely qualify for HEOP at colleges that have HEOP.*

Students can opt into being considered for HEOP on colleges that are listed on the common app.

To be eligible for SEEK, you must:



- Be a legal resident of New York State
- Be a NYS high school graduate
- Be admitted to **a four-year CUNY college**
- be a first-time freshman or previously enrolled in College Discovery (CD) Program, an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), or Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP); and
- have a gross family income that meets the New York State guidelines

**SEEK provides counseling support, academic support, and financial aid. Students can opt into being considered for SEEK/CD on the CUNY application.*

College Discovery (CD) at CUNY

<https://www.cuny.edu/academics/academic-programs/seek-college-discovery/>



To be eligible for College Discovery (CD), you must:

- be a legal resident of New York
- be a high school graduate
- have a college admissions average of less than 80
- be a first year student at **a two-year CUNY college**
- have a gross family income that meets the New York State guidelines

**College Discovery provides counseling support, academic support, and financial aid. Students can opt into being considered for SEEK/CD on the CUNY application.*

Undocumented Students



- [NYS Dream Act](#) (for NYS TAP and Excelsior)
- [The Dream.US Scholarship](#) (national scholarship for high achieving students)
- More resources for undocumented students:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tskSHyFTLnKM98WiHqKHNY2Vbz_YCLIZ/view?usp=sharing

Posse <https://www.possefoundation.org/about-posse>



- Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said, “I never would have dropped out of college if I had my posse with me.”
- The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes.
- Posse’s [partner colleges and universities](#) award Posse Scholars **four-year, full-tuition scholarships** based on leadership.
- Students are nominated in June
 - Regular
 - STEM
- There are 3 rounds of interviews
 - Big group Interview
 - One-on-one Interview
 - Small group interview

**We will nominate Posse candidates by June. There is no GPA requirement but students need to show academic success and leadership potential. (85 and up weighted GPA and financially disadvantaged)*

Questbridge <https://www.questbridge.org/>



- Recipients of The College Match Scholarships will receive a full four-year scholarship worth over \$200,000
 - College Partners use a combination of state and federal aid as well as their own funds to fund the award
- The scholarship covers
 - Tuition and Fees
 - Room and Board
 - Books and Supplies
 - Travel
- All College Match Scholarship Packages:
 - Have NO parental contribution
 - Have NO student loans
 - May contain student contribution in form of Federal work-study, summer work or student savings
- Open to U.S citizens, Permanent Residents or students, regardless of citizenship, currently attending high school in the United States.
 - Only some of the colleges will consider non-U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents for admission and full scholarships through the College Match *
- Must be in **top 5-10%** of graduating class
- **SAT or PSAT >1310**
- **ACT Composite Score 28**
- Mostly A's in the most challenging courses available at their school
- Financial Qualifications: Household earnings of **65,000 or less annually for a family of four**
- **Application Due: September 2022**

The College Process for Students with IEPs



Several questions consistently come up in conversations with families regarding college for students with IEPs:

- Is the college admissions process different for my child?
- Does my child's IEP follow them to college?
- How can my child access support in college, if needed?

What should I know about the college admissions process for my child with an IEP?

- You may choose to declare that your child has an IEP, or not. This decision will neither help nor hinder your child's chances
- As part of your search, Investigate the support available in schools you're researching
- Do not decertify your child's IEP coming into 12th grade. The existence of the IEP through 12th grade will help gain access to support in college.
- The MOST important thing for ALL students is to find a 'right fit college?'

An Introduction to Academic Support in College



- All colleges **MUST** provide support, but the type varies school to school
- The Impact of Every Student Succeeds Act (formerly NCLB) versus ADA (**Unlike in high school, you must proactively seek out support**).
- Support available to all: tutoring, writing centers, office hours
- **Support available to students with disabilities:** Structured support programs, Weekly advisory sessions, support as needed.

Once your college decision is firm, keep in mind the following:

- It is never too early to connect with your college's office of accessibility
- Do NOT wait to sign up with your college's support office until support is needed....Suggestion: visit during orientation, before classes start
- These offices have various names, but all MUST have an office that provides academic support to students with disabilities

Important Links related to post-high school support for Students with IEPs:

Students with Disabilities - SUNY:

<https://www.suny.edu/attend/get-started/students-with-disabilities/>

Students with Disabilities - CUNY:

<https://www.cuny.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-services/disability/>

ACCES-VR vocational services :

<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/vocational-rehabilitation-services>

National Center for Learning Disabilities - young adult initiatives:

<https://www.nclد.org/what-we-do/ya-initiatives/>

Set up an appointment with us!



As you can see, navigating through these scholarships and opportunity programs is a complicated process.

Every situation is different. So, if you think you qualify for any of these programs or have questions on how to figure out if you do, set up an appointment with the College Office.

<https://calendly.com/stelequen>

<https://calendly.com/celestemiller>

<https://calendly.com/fprelvukaj>