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~~EOP 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~~EOP at California State University Channel Islands (CI) is ~~self-funded and does not receive state appropriations~~funded through appropriations from the CSU Chancellor's Office.

POLICY:
Accountability:
Vice President for~~of~~ Student Affairs or designee, ~~Vice~~ Financial Aid office, ~~Educational Opportunity Program~~EOP~~.~~

Applicability:
~~All~~ EOP students at ~~California State University Channel Islands~~CI~~.~~

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. All full-time, first-~~-~~time ~~freshmen~~ students (admitted and accepted to EOP) will receive a ~~maximum of~~
~~$1,000 the first year ($500 per semester).~~ ~~-~~minimum of $500 per year~~.~~
~~2. Remaining grant funding will be awarded to EOP students with unmet financial need and with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of $0-$1500.~~
2. C~~Eligible, c~~ontinuing students, who are eligible, may be awarded an EOP grant based on one or more of the following: a) program participation, b) grade point average (GPA), c) financial need and/or d) funding available~~.~~
3. Continuing students may be awarded based on the following GPA ranges. The amount to be awarded for each range will be determined on remaining funding available after first-~~time freshmen~~year students are awarded~~.~~
Range 1: GPA of 2.99 or greater
Range 2: GPA between 2.75 and 2.98
Range 3: GPA between 2.50 and 2.74
Range 4: GPA between 2.00 and 2.49
Range 5: GPA below 2.00

Approval of grant eligibility for less than full-time enrollment must be confirmed by the EOP ~~Coordinator~~Assistant Director or designee.

If a student's enrollment falls below full-~~-~~time status (12 unit or less), during the initial change of program period~~,~~, the EOP grant award ~~will~~ may be cancelled and the student may be required to return funds to the University.

There will be no attempt to recover EOP funds from students who drop below full-time status and receive a grade of "W" on the official transcript during the change of program the period.

~~Enrollment adjustments made after the initial change of program period require the approval of the instructor and the appropriate Academic Associate Vice President. 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 by EOP.

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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 chapter may be evaluated. An eligible new enrollee shall participate in EOP services on the basis of need or as required by the EOP Assistant 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~~ year with ~~the~~ an 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.~~
4. Maintain a 2.~~5~~ 00 cumulative and CI ~~grade-point~~grade point average (GPA)~~.~~ or have created an action plan with an EOP Counselor or EOP staff to improve GPA~~.~~
~~6.~~5. Complete all requirements as stated on the semester EOP Gold Card~~.~~
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.~~6. Notify the EOP Counselor immediately of any major factors that affect the student's status (~~i.~~e.g., change of schedule, change of address, change of ~~and~~ phone number, ~~and~~ extended illness and/or withdrawal from the University)~~.~~
~~10.~~7. Remain in overall good standing with the University;~~.~~ ~~I~~if the student is subject to disciplinary action, ~~he/she~~they may be removed from the program~~.~~
~~11.~~8. Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as stated in the Policy on Financial Aid Satisfactory~~.~~
~~12. Academic Progress (see~~ http://policy.csuci.edu/~
~~13.~~9. Students who do not fulfill these responsibilities will be subject to administrative probation or termination from the program~~.~~

EXHIBIT(S):

California State University EOP
Policy on Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress