

EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES (EOPS)

For over fifty years Extended Opportunities and Programs Services (EOPS) has been a pillar and example within the California Community College system of equity, inclusion, and social justice advocacy. The goal of EOPS has been to ensure students disadvantaged by social, economic, educational or linguistic barriers receive the resources and support needed to not just enroll in any California Community College but to succeed due to the equitable support services that give them opportunities otherwise not accessible to them. EOPS is a categorically funded program under Title V.

At Mt. San Jacinto College, the EOPS mission is to empower students to identify their strengths, celebrate and acknowledge their resilience and uniqueness, and provide them with safety and security in their journey to professional and personal growth through support services above and beyond what the college provides.

Eligibility

To be considered for eligibility in the EOPS program, a student must:

- Be a resident of California, or meet AB540/California Dream Act requirements;
- Be enrolled full-time (12 units) with MSJC when accepted by the EOPS program;
- Qualify to receive a California College Promise Grant A or B after applying for financial aid by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA);
- Be educationally disadvantaged as determined by the Title V and the EOPS program; and
- Have completed less than sixty (60) degree applicable units.
- Guiding Light (foster youth) and UndocuDREAMer (undocumented, DACAmented, DREAMer, AB540, mixed status) students are exempt from the unit completion.

Services

EOPS provides eligible students with specialized services which extend "above and beyond" college services, including:

- Academic, vocational and personal counseling
- Book grants*
- Priority registration
- Fees not covered by the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) - Student Health Fee, Transportation, SGA and parking fees*
- Meal grants/vouchers*
- Educational Supplies*
- Required and suggested course materials*
- Referrals to campus and community based support services
- UC/CSU application waivers
- Graduation packs*

*= Please note that these specialized services are based on availability of funds, your unmet need and are subject to change.

Service Area Outcomes

- Completion of matriculation process and persistence in academic progress from term to term toward academic goal by utilizing EOPS services and support from EOPS faculty and staff.
- Engagement in the three mandated EOPS program contacts each semester.
- Demonstrate understanding of responsibilities and the benefits of choosing to participate in EOPS.
- Utilization of Priority Registration within the first week with satisfaction.

How to Apply

The EOPS application is located on the web at EOPS (<https://www.msjc.edu/eops/>). Applications are accepted throughout the academic year; however please check the EOPS Syllabus for deadlines for using financial supportive services (i.e. book voucher, educational supplies, etc.).

Contact Information

Visit us on the web at EOPS (<https://www.msjc.edu/eops/>). for more information about the program and our office hours. You may also contact EOPS staff by calling (951) 487-3295 or via email at eopsoffice@msjc.edu.