EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM & SERVICES (EOPS)

EOPS/CARE

Moorpark College EOPS is committed to supporting students from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. Established in 1969, EOPS was created to help California community colleges identify and support low-income, educationally disadvantaged students. The goal is to increase access to higher education and promote academic success among these students.

At Moorpark College, the EOPS program provides eligible students with the resources, guidance, and encouragement they need to thrive in their educational journey, whether they're pursuing a transfer path or a Career Education (CE) program. EOPS enhances the college experience by offering additional support beyond standard academic services and empowering students to take full advantage of campus resources.

From navigating a new academic environment to overcoming personal and financial challenges, EOPS is here to help students succeed every step of the way.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify a range of support services available to students who are underrepresented, economically disadvantaged, or educationally disadvantaged.
2. Navigate the college's educational resources, and financial aid.
3. Describe their comprehensive student educational plan; identify skills for success and wellness.

EOPS Support Services

- Priority Registration
- Academic/Career Counseling
- Tutoring Referrals[1]
- EOPS/CARE Book Grants[1]
- Parking Vouchers/Bus passes[1]
- Laptop and Calculator Loan Program[1]
- Meal vouchers
- Community Referrals
- Cap and Gown for graduates
- CSU and UC Application Fee Waivers
- Student ID Vouchers[1]
- School Supplies[1]
- Workshops

[1] Based on funding.

EOPS Eligibility Criteria

- Be a California resident or AB540 (Dream Act),
- Be a full-time student (12 units),
- Have completed less than 50 units of degree-applicable credit,

- Eligible for California College Promise Grant and meet the qualifying income standards for one of the methods below:
    - **Method "A"** - You, or your parents if applicable, must be currently receiving benefits from CalWORKs, TANF, SSI/SSP, or General Relief. Bring proof of your benefits to the Financial Aid Office.
    - **Method "B"** - You, and your parents if applicable, must meet the following income standards for the school year in which you are applying, based upon your Total Family Income. Your income must be equal to or less than the amount indicated for your household size.
- Meet at least one of the following EOPS educational condition: (Transcripts Required)
    - non-high school graduate.
    - high school G.P.A. below 2.5.
    - have been previously enrolled in remedial courses.
- CARE ONLY- at least 18 years old and a single head of household, current recipient of assistance from CalWORKs/TANF for themselves or their dependents.

EOPS Application Procedure

- Apply for the California College Promise Grant formerly known as the Board of Governors Fee Waiver and/or Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application.
- Apply for the EOPS Program by filling out the EOPS application. Provide official or unofficial transcripts from high school and prior colleges (if attended).
- Once application and documentation is reviewed and deemed eligible, the student must attend a mandatory EOPS Orientation.

Maintaining Eligibility

In order to remain eligible for the EOPS program, each EOPS student must make acceptable progress towards a goal, certificate, or degree as determined by the college, with an average of a 2.0 GPA or better for each semester. Each EOPS/CARE student is required to meet three times per semester with his or her EOPS/CARE Counselor for academic advisement and educational planning.

For further information call (805) 378-1464 or visit the EOPS/CARE Office in building SSA-107A.

Additional EOPS Supplemental Program

CARE Program Under the Umbrella of EOPS

Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) is a cooperative effort under the umbrella of EOPS involving the State Employment Development Department, State Department of Social Services, local county welfare departments, and the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges. It is a special outreach and support effort targeted specifically to CalWORKs recipients. The program provides services to EOPS eligible students, single heads of households, with at least one child that is receiving cash aid.

CARE (Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education) is a program offered under the umbrella of EOPS, designed to support EOPS eligible students who are single parents and active CalWORKs participants. CARE focuses on providing targeted outreach and support to students who are receiving cash aid.

The program serves EOPS eligible students who are single heads of household with at least one child under the age of 18 and who are receiving cash aid.

How can one qualify for the CARE program and services?

- Must be enrolled in EOPS.
- Single parent with at least one dependent.
- The student must be at least 18 years of age.
- Currently receiving TANF/CalWORKs benefits (Note: Either the student or their child must be receiving cash aid).
- Enrolled in minimum of 9 units.