Binghamton University’s Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is one of the top opportunity programs in the country and the best in SUNY. EOP students are given the tools they need to reach their dreams, and with graduation and retention rates that rival top universities across the country, being an EOP student at Binghamton is synonymous with success. Fewer than 5% of applicants are admitted to Binghamton through the EOP, making admission highly competitive.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE IN EOP?

EOP students are historically economically disadvantaged but show potential for success once given full access to the same tools as their peers. The primary goals of the EOP are to facilitate the recruitment, enrollment, retention and graduation of its students. This is accomplished by providing EOP students with an array of educationally-related support services. All enrolling freshmen EOP students at Binghamton are required to attend a summer program that provides academic and social experiences that model an academic semester and offers a wide range of activities and opportunities for successful college life. This includes eight credits toward their degree, on-campus residence and programming — all fully funded through scholarship.

EOP students have access to personal counseling and academic advising through their assigned EOP counselor. Free tutoring is available for most academic courses through the Tutorial Center.

EOP students are also given a financial grant to help with college costs. This grant is given along with other federal and state aid, including loans.
STEP 1: Submit your high school transcript and test scores (SAT or ACT) online via the SUNY Online Academic Record (SOAR) system.

After your academic record (high school transcript and test scores) are reviewed, we will make an academic determination and send you one of the following notifications:

- Based on your academic record, you are eligible for financial review. Please submit the required economic documentation (detailed in Step 2). Your acceptance is not guaranteed. For the past few years, EOP freshmen at Binghamton have been admitted with cumulative GPAs above 80 and SAT (math and critical reading) above 900.

- Your academics are too strong to be considered for EOP. You will be automatically switched into the regular applicant pool for further review. Your acceptance is not guaranteed.

- Your application is denied due to your academic record and will not be reconsidered for regular admission.

STEP 2: Submit the REQUIRED items for economic review.

- EOP Financial Information Form
- Student Eligibility Documents (instructions available online)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available January 1, 2016.

Once all economic items are received, your application will be reviewed and additional documentation may be requested. Continue to check the status of your application at status.binghamton.edu for additional requests from Admissions.

Due to the nature of EOP application review, final decisions after the economic review will not be sent until March. Initial review of academics will be sent on a rolling basis.

Complete application details at apply.binghamton.edu

EOP FRESHMAN APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to be admitted to Binghamton through the Educational Opportunity Program, you must meet both academic AND economic criteria.

To start the application process, submit the SUNY Application or The Common Application online.

IMPORTANT: All EOP applications are reviewed in two steps. Students can view materials at any time by completing the financial materials worksheet on their status checker at status.binghamton.edu.