

New York Opportunity Programs

What is an opportunity program?

An opportunity program is a special program offered at colleges and universities to help support students academically and financially who might otherwise be unable to attend college due to academic or financial circumstances



Which schools offer opportunity programs?

Opportunity programs are offered at all CUNY's, most SUNY's, and some private schools in New York. The programs are basically the same but may have different names:

CUNY (4 Yr) = SEEK

CUNY (2 Yr) = College Discovery

SUNY=EOP

Private schools in New York= HEOP



What

are the benefits of these programs?

- Academic, career, tutoring, and personal advising
- Financial support for books and tuition (depending on the program)
- A special summer program to help prepare you for the college experience!

Am I eligible to apply to an opportunity program?

In order to apply for an opportunity program you must be **BOTH** academically **AND** financially eligible:

Academic Eligibility: You must have a lower GPA and/or SAT score than the schools normally require to be admitted. Check out the school requirements on their website or on handouts in the college office. You must fall within BOTH the SAT and GPA range in order to be academically eligible.

Financial Eligibility: To be considered financially eligible, your parent/guardians income must be at or less than the amounts shown below based on how many people are living in your household. Do NOT count the income of anyone else living in your household who may be working such as yourself, siblings, grandparents etc. **See your counselor for help!**

Household Size	Total Annual Income
1	\$21,978
2	\$29,637
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273
7	\$67,951
8	\$75,647

***Plus \$7,696 for each additional household member in excess of eight**

How do I apply? For most opportunity programs, you simply must answer YES on the application when asked if you would like to be considered for them. In some cases you will be automatically considered. **TIP:** The EARLIER you apply the better chance you have! **DO NOT wait until the last minute.**

Reminder: HEOP is ONLY for private schools in New York. Not every private school in New York has an HEOP program. Here is a list of ALL the schools that DO offer HEOP:

Alfred University	Columbia University: Columbia College & School of Engineering & Applied Science	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Marymount Manhattan College
Bard College	Cornell University	Hofstra University	Mercy College
Barnard College	Daemen College	Ithaca College	Molloy College
Boricua College	Dowling College	LeMoyne College	Mount Saint Mary College
Canisius College of Buffalo	D'Youville College	Long Island University Brooklyn Campus	Nazareth College
Cazenovia College	Five Towns College	Long Island University C.W. Post Campus	New School
Clarkson University	Fordham University: College at Lincoln Center	Manhattan College	New York Institute of Technology Manhattan Center
Colgate University	Fordham University: Rose Hill Campus	Marist College	Union College
College of Saint Rose	Hamilton College	St. Lawrence University	University of Rochester
New York University	Pratt Institute	St. Thomas Aquinas	Utica College
Niagra University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Siena College	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
Nyack College	Russell Sage College	Skidmore College	
Paul Smith's College	Sage College of Albany	Syracuse University	
Polytechnic University	St. John Fisher College	Trocaire College	