

# EOPS & CALWORKS

## About the EOPS & CalWORKs Office

Coastline College's EOPS & CalWORKs Office provides additional support for low-income and underserved, at-promise student populations to achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals, including graduation, transfer, and career success.

## Extended Opportunity Programs and Services

Coastline College's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is a state-funded program whose aim is to provide the academic, personal, and financial support necessary for students whose educational and socioeconomic backgrounds might limit their access to higher education or hinder their ability to be academically successful as they begin their college-level studies.

Eligible students are provided additional guidance and support to help them achieve their academic goals. EOPS students who are single parents of young children receive additional support services through CARE. EOPS students who are current or former foster youth receive additional support services through NextUp.

Visit the Coastline EOPS webpage (<https://www.coastline.edu/student-life/student-services/eops.php>)

Phone: (714) 241-6237

Email: [eopsprogram@coastline.edu](mailto:eopsprogram@coastline.edu)

## SPECIAL SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- **Book assistance:** EOPS provides assistance for purchase of textbooks (depending on the availability of funds).
- **Counseling and advisement:** Staff are available most days to assist with general information and advisement, and a professional academic EOPS counselor to assist with educational and career goals, including transfer help. All EOPS students must see EOPS counselors a minimum of three times a semester to maintain good standing.
- **Educational workshops:** In collaboration with campus and community partners, EOPS offers targeted workshops addressing a variety of topics to support student success and wellness, including financial aid, the transfer process, career development, study skills, and more.
- **Parking assistance:** The cost of parking permits will be covered for enrolled EOPS students.
- **Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) membership fees:** Enrolled EOPS students will have their membership fees covered.
- **Priority registration:** EOPS students receive early registration, making it easier for those students who qualify and participate to get the right classes they need at the times they need them.
- **School supplies assistance:** General school supplies and graphing calculator loans, are provided to EOPS students in need, as available.
- **Student orientation:** The online orientation is presented by EOPS staff to give incoming EOPS students comprehensive information about the program, requirements, and support services.

## EOPS STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a California resident or meet AB540/California Dream Act requirements.

2. Must be enrolled full-time (12 or more units or as few as 6 units with a registered disability or other special circumstances) at the time of acceptance into EOPS and plan to earn a certificate, associate degree, or transfer.
3. Must have completed less than 45 degree-applicable units.
4. Must qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG-A or B) or CCPG-C with a Student Aid Index (SAI) of \$0.
5. Must be considered educationally underserved. Please see the criteria below.

## What does it mean to be educationally underserved?

Students must meet **ONE** of the following criteria:

- Speak a language other than English at home.
- Be considered a first-generation college student (parents/guardians did not graduate from a 4-year college or university).
- Graduated from high school with a GPA below 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.
- Current or former foster youth.
- Neither have graduated from high school nor obtained a GED.
- Be from an underrepresented group.

**Please note that meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.**

## About the CARE Program

*Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education*

The CARE program is a sub-program of EOPS; all CARE students must be EOPS students. The program is designed to assist single-parent students who are receiving public assistance (CalWORKs/TANF) for the student or child.

CARE students receive all "over-and-above" services of EOPS, plus assistance and services that are unique for these special students.

## THE BENEFITS

In addition to the services listed under EOPS, depending on the availability of funds, some of the specialized services that CARE may be able to provide include:

- **Specialized workshops and events**
- **Gasoline cards**
- **Academic, personal, and career counseling**
- **CARE grants**
- **Referrals to outside agencies**

## CARE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be an EOPS student
2. Must be 18 years or older
3. Must be a single parent and head of household (determined by DSS) with a dependent child or children under age 18
4. Must be currently receiving CalWORKs/TANF cash aid (either student or child)

## About the NextUp Program

All NextUp students must also be EOPS students. The program is designed to provide current or former foster youth with additional support and resources.

## THE BENEFITS

In addition to the services listed under EOPS, some of the specialized services that NextUp may be able to provide include:

- **Additional funds to purchase textbooks**
- **NextUp grants**
- **Gasoline cards**
- **Grocery cards**
- **Referrals to outside agencies**

## NEXTUP STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. Be a California resident or meet AB540/California Dream Act requirements.
2. A current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after their 13th birthday.
3. Qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG-A or B) or CCPG-C with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0.
4. Under the age of 26 at the commencement of any academic year in which they participate in NextUp.
5. Enrolled in at least 9 units at the time of acceptance into NextUp or .75 time as defined by the college. Students whose DSPS education plan requires they take less than 9 units are eligible for NextUp.

## HOW CAN I APPLY?

Visit the Coastline EOPS webpage (<https://www.coastline.edu/student-life/student-services/eops.php>) and apply online or pick up an application at the EOPS Office: 11460 Warner Avenue., Fountain Valley, CA 92708

## QUESTIONS

Call (714) 241-6237 or visit the Coastline EOPS webpage (<https://www.coastline.edu/student-life/student-services/eops.php>); or stop by the EOPS & CalWORKs office located at the Student Services Center at Fountain Valley. Business hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## CalWORKs

The CalWORKs Program at Coastline College provides comprehensive student support services for CalWORKs participants on their educational journey to graduation, transfer, and career success to help promote the wellbeing and future self-sufficiency of families. Support services include orientation, transportation assistance, academic counseling, transfer assistance, financial aid assistance, ancillary funding support, school supplies, job skills development, grants, and community referrals. We provide case management and coordination with Orange County, Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County and other counties in California.

In order to be an eligible participant in the Coastline's CalWORKs Program, you must:

- Be a current CalWORKs recipient receiving cash aid and in good standing with the County.
- Develop a Welfare-to-Work Plan with the California Department of Social Services CalWORKs.

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