





## Anthur 9. Eve Migher Education Opportunity



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#### What is the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program?

The Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (A.O.E.H.E.O.P.) is a New York State funded program that supports five years of undergraduate study. It is specifically designed for students who are educationally and economically disadvantaged.

A.O.E.H.E.O.P. provides educational supportive services and supplementary financial assistance to students who demonstrate potential for academic success. Since its inception, the A.O.E.H.E.O.P. program has been an integral part of Long Island University, which has the second largest full-time program in N.Y. State.

#### Who is Eligible for A.O.E.H.E.O.P.?

In order to be eligible for benefits under the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program, a student must:

- 1) Meet both the educational and economic guidelines established by the New York State Education Department.
- 2) Be a graduate of a high school approved and accredited by the New York State Education Department, have a New York State Equivalency Diploma, or possess an Armed Forces Equivalency Diploma. In exceptional cases, a student may be accepted into A.O.E.H.E.O.P. without a high school diploma.
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- 3) Have potential for a post-secondary program.
- 4) Be a New York State resident for at least 12 months prior to enrollment.
- 5) Be a "first time" college student or qualified transfer student from other A.O.E.H.E.O.P., College Discovery, S.E.E.K. or E.O.P. Opportunity Programs.
- 6) Apply on-line for a Federal Pell Grant using "FAFSA on the Web" at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

#### What Kind of Financial Aid is Available?

A.O.E.H.E.O.P. students receive a financial aid package that typically consists of TAP and Federal Pell Grants, A.O.E.H.E.O.P. Albany Grants, L.I.U. grants, Federal SEOG, and Federal Work-Study/America Reads Program opportunities. Where applicable, Federal Perkins Student Loans,

Health Professions Student Loans, and Federal Direct Student Loans are also made available. A book voucher is also provided for students in the program.

Summer savings are considered a resource in determining financial aid as is family income based on federal guidelines.

A.O.E.H.E.O.P. students generally have five (5) years or ten (10) semesters of A.O.E.H.E.O.P. eligibility.

New York State's TAP program also provides ten (10) full-time semesters of funding for A.O.E.H.E.O.P. students.

A.O.E.H.E.O.P. grants are renewable each year depending on continued announcements of awards from the New York State Education Department. In addition, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress, remain in a full-time regular degree seeking classification, and demonstrate progress toward a degree.

#### **Economic Eligibility Criteria for First-Time Students:**



All economic eligibility criteria apply to prior year's income. Economic guidelines are set up according to the number of members in the household. Adjustments are made for families with two workers, and families with one-parent. Please contact the A.O.E. Higher Education Opportunity Program office concerning special circumstances.

### Economic Eligibility Chart for Students First Entering College between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011:

Number of members in household, including head of household	Total annual income in the preceding calendar year
1	\$16,060
2	\$21,630
3	\$27,210
4	\$32,790
5	\$38,360
6	\$43,960
7	\$49,500
More then 7	\$5,570 for each family member in excess of 7

#### Academic Eligibility Criteria for First-Time Students - "Non-Admissibility":

According to New York State regulations "the best test of educational disadvantage is non-admissibility by the University's normal admissions standards as a matriculated student in a degree program."

A further proof of academic eligibility is non-admissibility to a degree program for which an application is made.

#### What is A.O.E.H.E.O.P. All About at L.I.U.?

The A.O.E.H.E.O.P. program provides supportive services to all incoming prefreshman and continuing students enrolled in the program.



The supportive services include a pre-freshman summer program, tutorial services, academic, career, financial aid, social services counseling, and specialized academic workshops.

Since computers are in the forefront of education and the workforce, the A.O.E.H.E.O.P. program recognizes the importance of computer literacy for all its students. A.O.E.H.E.O.P. has its own computer lab equipped with IBM's, Mac's and computer specialists to assist students' learning.

The six-week summer pre-freshman program provides an academic and social orientation for incoming students. The academic program emphasizes strengthening writing and math skills. It provides students with a transition to college level studies.

The curriculum also includes cultural trips, in-depth career exploration, speakers, and workshops in library research and computer instruction.



Social adjustment to college life is made easier through early on-campus experiences, the counseling provided to students, and the social interactions with other A.O.E.H.E.O.P. students. The pre-freshman program is a one-time mandatory summer program with no financial cost to the student.

A.O.E.H.E.O.P. students take all the required courses as all other regularly matriculated enrolled students. In general, students will find staff members to be dedicated, friendly, skilled professionals with many years of experience in assisting students achieve educational and career goals.

#### Who are A.O.E.H.E.O.P.Students?

The A.O.E.H.E.O.P. program welcomes applicants who are recent high school graduates and those who have been out of high school for any length of time. It is anticipated that all A.O.E.H.E.O.P. students will experience an adjustment period during their first year. The A.O.E.H.E.O.P. program works to make this adjustment easier for each student.

A.O.E.H.E.O.P. students come from many diverse ethnic backgrounds. Many are the first members of their families to attend college. The A.E.O.H.E.O.P. program serves students who thought they could never afford or be admitted to a college.

Many A.O.E.H.E.O.P. graduates have entered careers in medicine, law, business, communications, social work, etc. A.O.E.H.E.O.P. aims to help students succeed through education, so that they may make contributions to their communities and society at large.

#### **How Do I Apply?**



There is only one application for the University. A.O.E.H.E.O.P. interested candidates should indicate A.O.E.H.E.O.P. on their L.I.U. Admissions Application and provide it to the A.O.E.H.E.O.P. Office. There is no application fee for A.O.E.H.E.O.P. applicants.

To complete the application process, the following requirements must be met:

Income documentation must be submitted (copies of recent tax returns, i.e., 1040 or 1040A or a letter from Public Assistance stating yearly benefits and names of those on the Public Assistance budget, or a statements from the Social Security Administration stating yearly benefits for each member of the household receiving Social Security benefits.

- ➤ If no tax return was filed, a letter from the IRS stating "no tax return was filed" must be presented. If unemployment benefits were received, a statement of total yearly benefits must be submitted.
- ➤ A high school transcript or a copy of G.E.D. scores must be forwarded to the A.O.E.H.E.O.P. office.
- Freshman applicants must take the L.I.U. placement examinations in English and Mathematics.
- Completed and signed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and signed Express TAP Application (E.T.A.).
- ➤ A personal interview is required of all applicants and is the final step in the application process.

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A.O.E.H.E.O.P Office: 1-718-488-1043

Room P410

(Pratt Building)

Federal Student Aid Information: 1-800-433-3243 "FAFSA on the Web": www.fafsa.ed.gov

New York State 1-888-697-4372

Higher Education (TAP): www.hesc.com

Federal Direct 1-800-848-0979

Loan Service Center: <a href="www.ed.gov/directloan/">www.ed.gov/directloan/</a>

Federal Direct PLUS Loans: 1-800-557-7394

**Selective Service:** 1-847-688-6888

www.sss.gov

L.I.U. Federal School Code: 002751 L.I.U. School Code for TAP: 0403

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