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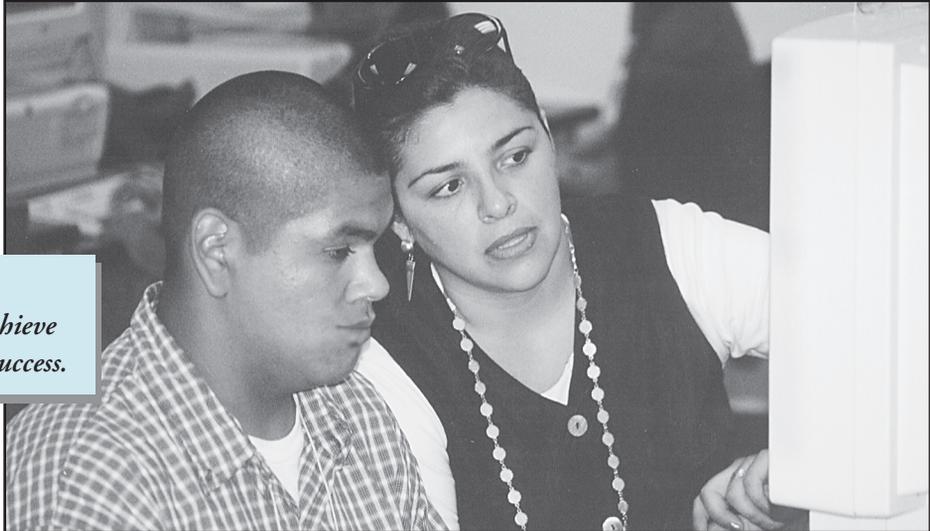
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*EOP helps students achieve academic success.*

### The Educational Opportunity Program

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is designed to make higher education a possibility for students who have the potential and motivation to achieve academic success with the assistance of comprehensive support services.

### Eligibility

To qualify for EOP, you must be a first-time undergraduate applicant to the CSU system, a California resident, and come from a family with a history of low income. In addition, you must demonstrate potential for success and be motivated to achieve your educational goals. If the combination of your grades, test scores, and high school courses does not meet criteria normally required for entrance to the university, special admission may be offered. EOP also admits regularly eligible students with specific economic and educational support needs. EOP students transferring from another CSU campus are also eligible to apply.

### Services for EOP Students

Services designed to support and assist EOP students in developing their academic potential include the following:

- preadmission counseling
- orientation programs
- special summer program — a four-week, intensive session that focuses on the development of essential academic skills
- diagnostic testing
- financial aid follow-up
- academic advising
- tutorial services
- learning assistance workshops
- counseling
- career planning
- recreational activities

### EOP Grant

EOP students may be offered an EOP grant each academic year. You may apply for the grant by using the standard financial aid application form and procedures required by the Financial Aid Office.

### How to Apply for EOP

When you apply for admission through EOP, you are required to submit additional forms and

materials. This process enables EOP to select the most qualified applicants to fill the limited number of enrollment openings available each year.

Pick up a copy of the EOP application from the EOP office at any CSU campus or from your school counselor.

Submit the following admissions materials to the Office of Admissions and Records:

- A complete CSU undergraduate application
- \$55 application fee or Fee Waiver Request Form
- ACT or SAT test score (The EOP office recommends the ACT for applicants in high school)

Submit the following application materials to the EOP office:

- Applicant Information Form
- Nomination Form
- Autobiographical Statement
- Recommendation Form
- High school and/or college transcripts, or GED scores ❖