

Educational Opportunity Program

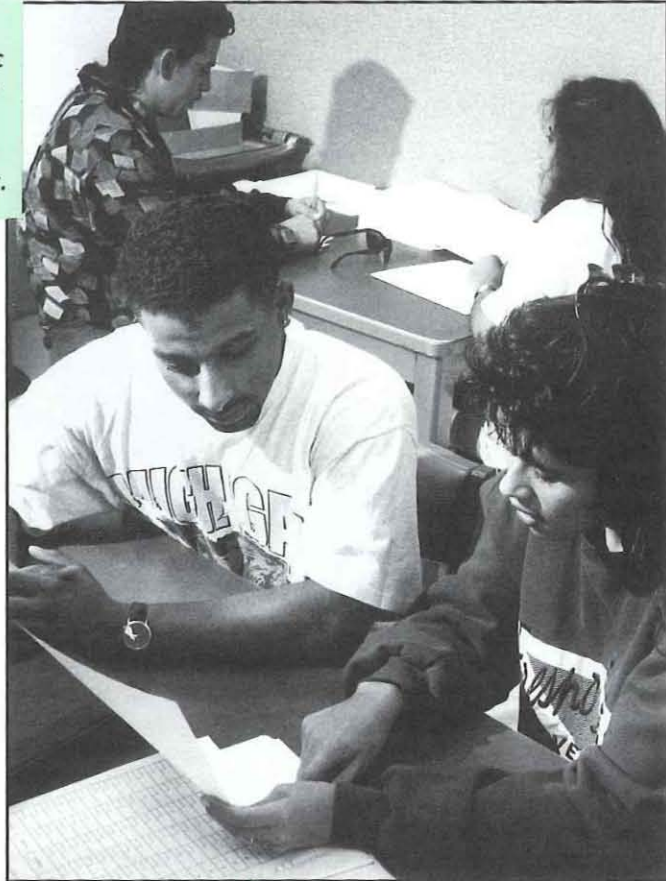
Markquell Crooms seeks assistance from Nancy Saldana. As an academic peer counselor, Nancy offers students a wide range of information — from assessment of class schedules to financial aid status to housing arrangements.

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 California resident and an undergraduate student with a family history of low income and educational attainment. In addition, you must demonstrate academic capabilities 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.

Services for EOP Students. Special 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. An EOP Grant may be offered to eligible students each academic year. You may apply for the grant by using the standard financial aid application forms 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 CSU systemwide application booklet and the EOP application from the Admissions or EOP offices of any CSU campus or from your high school counselor.

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

- Part A — the Application for Admission/Readmission
- \$55 application fee or Fee Waiver Application form
- SAT or ACT 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 score. ■