

EOP Scholarships

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Project Description

The road to closing the achievement gap and providing support for the success of disadvantaged and underrepresented students requires expanding Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) services such as enhancing financial support for low income students. According to Tinto (2012), nationally only 7.5% of low income first generation college students will graduate. In stark contrast, CPP EOP students achieve a graduation rate of over 50% each year (CPP IRAR EOP Status Retention Report, 2013). EOP students graduate at comparable rates to the general student population, essentially closing the achievement gap.

EOP is a comprehensive program which supports the success of low-income, first generation college students. Dedicated to student success EOP is devoted to breaking the cycle of poverty by providing a myriad of services proven to make a positive impact on student success. EOP has found great value in a multi-pronged support model. Some of these services include supplemental academic advising, specialized tutoring, college success seminars, Summer Bridge, and financial assistance.

Financial assistance in the form of grants and scholarships are of great need to students, especially those who are low-income. For example, in 2012-13 CPP EOP was a participant in the CSU grant award of \$45,000 from California Community Foundation. The gift provided support to 45 EOP students, 40 of whom were seniors. This helped them get through the final year when typically the least amount of financial aid is available.

Since financial assistance is such an influential factor to student success EOP has and will continue to pursue external funds to supplement financial assistance for EOP students. Kellogg Legacy grant funds can help extend the reach of EOP financial assistance to students with the greatest financial need.