



EOC is a federally funded program, so all of our services are FREE! When we go on cultural trips, tour colleges, EOC pays for everything. EOC Academic Specialists provide free academic and career preparation assistance that includes applying to college, filing financial aid documents & preparing for entrance testing.

## MISSION

The mission of the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program is to assist adults in reaching their academic potential and continue on to postsecondary education at an affordable college of their choice.



## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be 19 years and older or a high school senior in a non-ETS target school. The student must also be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. have a desire to enroll in post-secondary education and meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- Meet federal economic income guidelines
- Qualify as a potential first-generation college student (neither biological or adoptive parent has a 4-year degree)
- Other-one-third of our clients do not have to meet the above requirements and are selected based on need of services
- Services offered in 11 counties: Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming

*The trail to success begins at Educational Opportunity Centers, Inc. [www.eocinc.org](http://www.eocinc.org)*

## Services Provided:

### Decision Making Services:

- Interest Testing that includes: O'net, SDS, & STEM Careers;
- Workshops on targeted high demand careers;
- 1:1 assistance to determine career path;
- Setting up of job shadowing;
- Connecting to professional mentors.
- College entrance test tutoring: Accuplacer, Nursing Entrance, HSED, & others;
- Referral to GED programs;
- SAT/ACT waivers & tutoring;
- College tours.

### Career Guidance Services:

- Scholarship workshops & assistance with applying
- Knowledge of High Demand Occupations & Pennsylvania Labor Market trends;
- Workshops on Career Sectors;
- Connections to industry professionals;
- Assistance with resumes;
- Field Trips to Businesses, Job Fairs, and Careerlinks;
- Tutoring for Career testing;
- Conference events to prepare college graduates with entering the workforce.

### Academic Services:

- 1:1 Academic advisement;
- Assistance with requesting college transcripts;

### Financial Aid Services:

- Assistance with completing FAFSA, PHEAA, & College's financial aid paperwork;
- Guidance on MPN & Student Loan Entrance Counseling;
- Financial literacy
- Workshops on Financial Aid & Financial Literacy;
- Guidance on Loan repayment;

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