

Supporting Students through the Educational Opportunity Program

Fall 2023 Community College Counselor Conference



Introduction

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- Resources available for EOP Students
- Who may apply?
- EOP Income Criteria
- Applying to EOP
- Biographical questions & Recommendations
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What is EOP?

- Established in 1969 under Senate Bill 1072 (Harmer Bill)
- Targets students who have the potential to perform satisfactorily in the CSU but have not been able to realize this potential because of economic or educational background
- Provides admission, academic, and financial assistance to accommodate the needs of the individual campus student population
- Provides academic support and retention services to first-generation, historically low income and educationally disadvantaged students
- Tailors its programs to accommodate the needs of the individual campus student population



The California State University
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

EOP Programs at All CSU Campuses



Resources Available to EOP Students



EOP Student Resources

- Orientation
- Summer Bridge
- Academic Advisement
- Financial Assistance
- Internships & Job Opportunities
- Student Associations
- Student Leadership Conferences
- Graduation Celebrations



Who May Apply?



Who May Apply?

- Historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged undergraduate students who need admission assistance and support services to succeed in college
- Students who demonstrate academic potential and motivation
- California residents and students who qualify for AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption

Differences between EOP and EOP&S

- Income
 - Higher Ranges Per Family Size
(EOP&S BOG Waiver Income Criteria vs. CSU EOP Income Criteria)
- Selection Process
 - Application Process (Cal State Apply & EOP 4 Part Supplement)
 - Admission Processes
 - Financial Aid Eligibility (Higher Cost of Attendance)
 - Student Eligibility Requirements (Regular & Special Admits)
 - EOP&S Book Vouchers vs. EOP Grant

EOP Income Criteria*

DEPENDENT STUDENT WORKBOOK

EOP Income Screening Criteria

Dependent Students	Family Size	Maximum Income
	2	\$41,650
	3	\$47,600
	4	\$56,150
	5	\$64,300
	6	\$73,300
	7	\$80,350
	8	\$87,350

Independent Students	Family Size	Maximum Income
Single, No Dependents	1	\$17,775
Married, No Dependents		
Other Than Spouse	2	\$31,550

2023-2024

INDEPENDENT STUDENT WORKBOOK

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With Dependents Other Than a Spouse	Family Size	Maximum Income
	2	\$53,750
	3	\$62,650
	4	\$74,750
	5	\$86,200
	6	\$98,900
	7	\$109,100
	8	\$120,600

*Income criteria for academic year 2024-2025 has not yet been determined due to the FAFSA Simplification Act changes.

Applying to EOP



Applying to EOP

- High School graduate or equivalent
- Meet CSU Eligibility for Regular Admission
- EOP considers admission for students who may not meet regular admission criteria on a campus-by-campus basis

Applying to EOP

Cal State Apply and EOP are one Application

- Create an account for Cal State Apply
- Complete your profile
- Select your programs (majors)
- Complete the third quadrant of the application – **Select “Yes” on the *Interested in EOP* question**
 - The EOP application is integrated in the *Supporting Information* quadrant

Applying to EOP

Cal State Apply 3rd Quadrant – Supporting Information

The screenshot displays the Cal State Apply 3rd Quadrant user interface for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). The top navigation bar includes the 'APPLY' logo, user information (Mama Coco, CAS ID: 5233074223), and a 'Sign Out' button. Below the navigation bar, there are four 'My Application' tiles. The first two tiles show a 'My Application' overview with a 'Latest Notifications' section. The third and fourth tiles show progress indicators for '1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)' and '2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status', both marked as '1/4 Sections Completed'. A blue box highlights the 'EOP Tiles in Supporting Information' text in the bottom left corner. The right side of the interface shows the '2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status' section, which includes a 'Continue EOP application' form with radio buttons for 'Yes', 'No, I will return later to complete these EOP questions', and 'Not applying to EOP'. A 'Save and Continue' button is visible at the bottom of the form.

Applying to EOP

EOP Recommendations

Recommendation Portal

Email address is used to match recommendations

Recommender's Information

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email Address

About the Applicant

* What qualities best describe this applicant?

1/2500

Character count and Copy & Paste are available

LETTERS
by LIAISON

Welcome

Log in to view a list of all your recommendation requests:

* Email/Username

* Password

Log In

[Forgot your Password?](#) [Need Help?](#)

OR

Create an account:
If this is your first time using this service, please create an account to access your recommendation requests

Create Account

Applying to EOP

Cal State Apply Updates

- Applicants can return to complete the EOP portion of the application until January 15th
 - Some campuses may close early
 - Please check with individual campuses to verify priority deadlines and due dates



Applying to EOP

Fall 2024 EOP Admission Status

- All campuses are accepting EOP applications
- Please utilize the EOP Application Preparation Worksheet hosted by the CSU
- This will allow students to answer the autobiographical questions before starting the Undergraduate Application
- Copy and paste responses



Information Needed for the EOP Application

EOP Materials Preparation & Information

Below is information that you need to gather in order to complete the EOP application. This worksheet does not reflect all required information needed for EOP admission. For example, the Parent/Guardian Education Level and Educational Programs Participation questions are in other sections in Cal State Apply but the responses are needed to evaluate your EOP application.

- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name(s) and occupation(s)
(If you do not have any Parent/Guardian information to report (e.g., foster youth) enter "Does not apply")
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) actual/estimated incomes for 2022 and 2023
(Income information is required to be considered for the program)
- Information about participating in any public assistance programs such as CalWORKs, CalFresh, welfare, AFDC, TANF, Social Security, disability, etc.
- Information about participating in publicly funded programs such as subsidized housing (public or affordable housing programs, Section 8), employment/training programs (i.e., CETA), school lunch programs, etc.
- Full names and email addresses of two individuals who can complete the EOP Recommendation Forms. Please see below for detailed information.



Biographical Questions & Recommendations

What Students and Counselors Should Know



Biographical Questions

Tips for Assisting Students

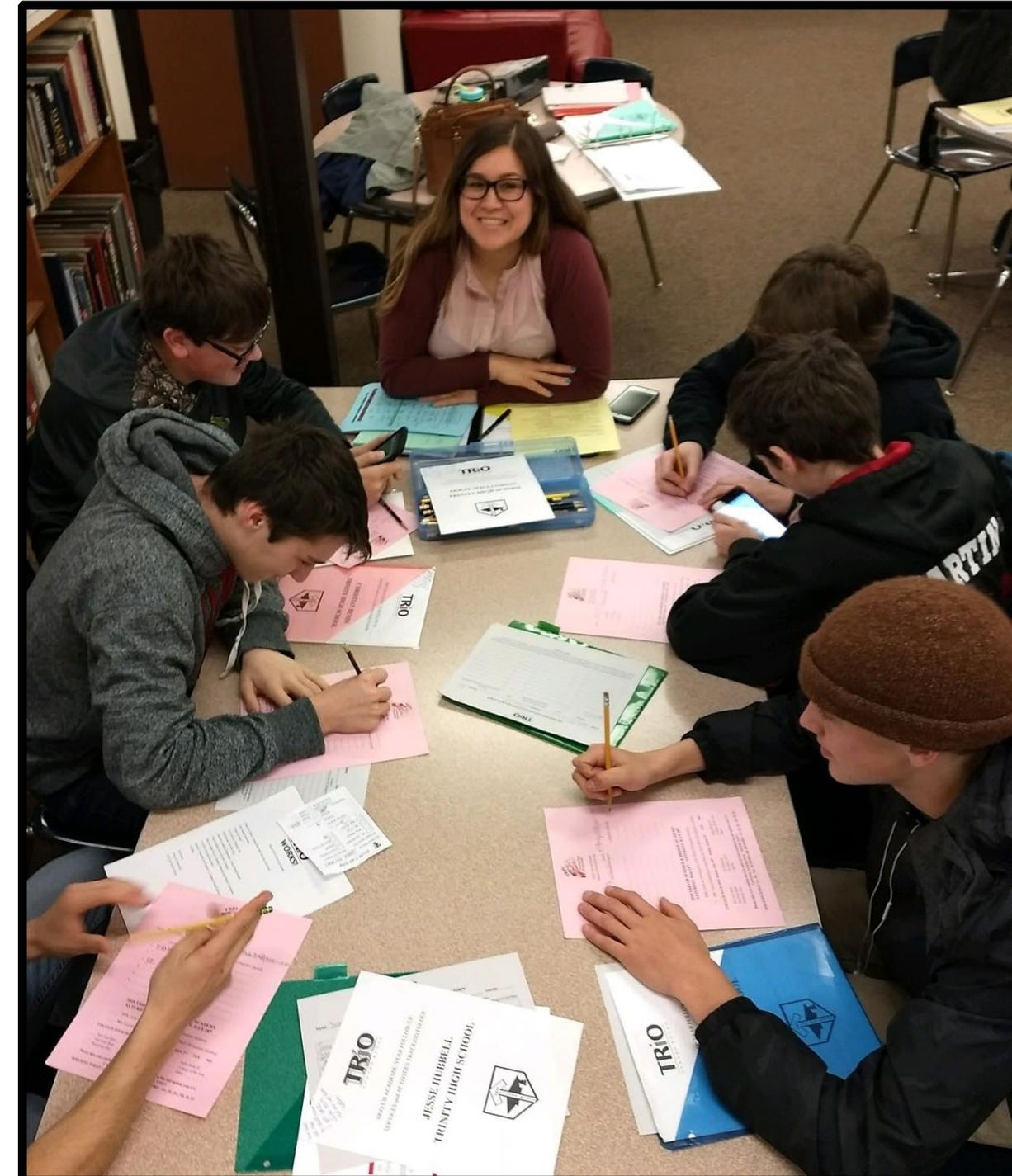
- Avoid very brief answers
- Discuss achievements and hardships
- Do not use placeholder characters to save Tile
 - Students forget to return and complete
 - Character Count (2500)
 - Copy & Paste are available

EOP Biographical Questions

The biographical questions listed below are included in the EOP application. It is recommended that you prepare your responses in advance and ask a teacher and/or counselor to help with proofreading. Having completed responses in advance will save time when completing the EOP application.

Answers to these questions will help EOP determine your eligibility to the program. Please be sure to respond as precisely and honestly as possible and expand on each answer. Use complete sentences and avoid responses such as "yes" or "no." *Responses to each question have a 2500-character limit.*

1. Briefly describe your family's economic background. Include information about your financial challenges.
2. Why would you like to attend college? Discuss your career and personal goals. Are there any particular circumstances, school experiences, or persons that influenced your preparation or motivation to attend college (e.g., cultural/financial background, family, teachers, schools you attended)? Please explain.
3. Briefly discuss your academic background. Did you utilize any additional support at your high school, such as tutoring? Do your grades in high school and/or college reflect your academic ability or potential?
4. List any volunteer, extracurricular activities, or work experience in which you are or have been involved in the past two years.
5. Is there any additional information you would like EOP to consider in determining your admission to the program?



Recommendations

Tips for Recommenders

- Responses can only help students
- Honest assessment about skills and capabilities
- Avoid very brief answers
- Check deadlines for each campus
 - Documents deadline is January 31, 2024



Additional Information

- Cal State Apply site – calstate.edu/Apply
- California State University site – calstate.edu/eop
- Individual campus EOP department websites





How can I help?

Student View!



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Students can apply to EOP through the Supporting Information quadrant

The screenshot displays the 'My Application' dashboard. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'My Application', 'Add Program', 'Submit Application', and 'Check Status'. The main content area is titled 'My Application' and includes a descriptive paragraph: 'This dashboard is your application home providing access to each part of the application you need to complete and a high level overview of your progress.' Below this is a 'Latest Notifications' section with two entries: 'A Cal State Apply recommendation was received' (Today) and 'Your Cal State Apply application is ready for your review' (5 days ago). A 'View My Notifications' button is located below the notifications. On the right side, there is a 'Supporting Information' quadrant with a folder icon and a progress indicator '5/5'. Below this, a list of sections is shown, all with checkmarks indicating completion: 'Educational Programs & Work Experience', '1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)', '2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status', '3. EOP Autobiographical Questions', and 'EOP Recommendations'.

What we get asked the most about Letter of Recommendations

The screenshot displays the 'My Application' section of the CSU application portal, specifically the 'EOP Recommendations' page. The navigation bar at the top includes 'My Application', 'Add Program', 'Submit Application', and 'Check Status'. The main heading is 'EOP Recommendations'. A progress indicator shows '5/5 Sections Completed' with a folder icon and a checkmark. A sidebar on the left lists application sections: 'Educational Programs & Work Experience', '1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)', '2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status', '3. EOP Autobiographical Questions', and 'EOP Recommendations', all with checkmarks. The main content area provides instructions: 'You must enter two (2) recommendation requests to submit your EOP application, one from each of the following types: Academic counselor/teacher; Personal reference. It is your responsibility to ensure that all recommenders submit their recommendations by the deadline. To view a recommendation's status, click the Check Status tab above. Visit the Applicant Help Center for more information. You can edit and delete requests that are in Requested or Accepted status. Once a request is Completed, you cannot make any changes regardless of whether you've submitted your application or not.' A warning message states: 'You have reached the maximum of 2 EOP Recommendations.' Below this, two recommendation requests are listed: 'Tafoya, Melissa' (Status: Requested, Submitted: 09/14/2022) and 'Marin-Zeldin, Tania' (Status: Completed, Submitted: 09/14/2022). Each request has a green progress bar and a checkmark icon.

- **We can not resend links**
- **Students are the only ones able to resend links**

EOP Recommendations

Create EOP Recommendation Request ✕

* Indicates required field

5/5 Sections Completed

- Educational Programs & Work Experience ✓
- 1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) ✓
- 2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status ✓
- 3. EOP Autobiographical Questions ✓
- EOP Recommendations ✓**

Recommender's Information

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email Address

* EOP Recommendation Deadline MM/DD/YYYY

* Personal Message to Your Recommender

2 words 28/500

Waiver of Recommendation

* I waive my right of access to this recommendation. Yes No

* **Permission to Contact Recommender**

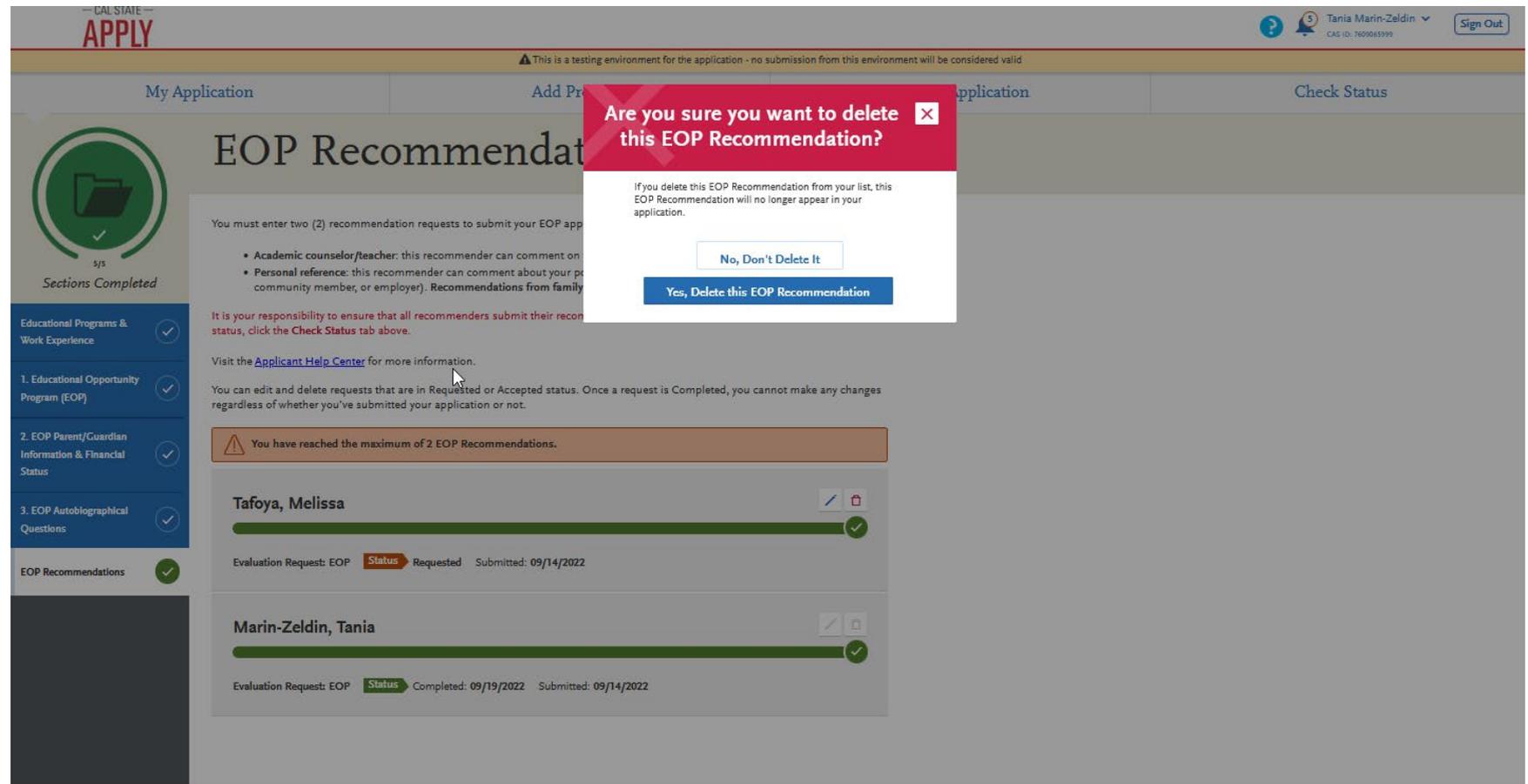
I hereby give permission to contact this recommender via email to request the completion of the recommendation form and letter of recommendation. If my recommender does not submit an online recommendation form in response to the email request, it is my sole responsibility to contact the recommender directly to ensure all recommendations required by the Educational Opportunity Program offices are received by the deadline.

* **Permission for Schools to Contact Recommender**

I understand that the EOP offices at the campuses to which I am applying may contact the recommender either to verify the information provided and/or for further clarification of the information provided, and I hereby give permission for the schools to do so.

If a student would like to update or pick a new recommender... they can only update an initiated request.

They will need to delete a previous request and re-submit a new one.



Once deleted they can click on “Create EOP Recommendation Request” and start a new one.

— CAL STATE —
APPLY

Tania Marin-Zeldin
CAS ID: 7620965999
Sign Out

This is a testing environment for the application - no submission from this environment will be considered valid

My Application Add Program Submit Application Check Status

EOP Recommendations

3/5
Sections Completed

- Educational Programs & Work Experience
- 1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- 2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status
- 3. EOP Autobiographical Questions
- EOP Recommendations

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- **Personal reference:** this recommender can comment about your potential to succeed in college (e.g., a counselor, a teacher, community member, or employer). **Recommendations from family members or friends are not accepted.**

It is your responsibility to ensure that all recommenders submit their recommendations by the deadline. To view a recommendation's status, click the **Check Status** tab above.

Visit the [Applicant Help Center](#) for more information.

You can edit and delete requests that are in Requested or Accepted status. Once a request is Completed, you cannot make any changes regardless of whether you've submitted your application or not.

Marin-Zeldin, Tania

Evaluation Request: EOP **Status** Completed: 09/19/2022 Submitted: 09/14/2022

Create EOP Recommendation Request

+ Create EOP Recommendation Request

There is an automatic 2 week window “Due Date” from the day they request it. You will still be able to submit after due date*.

***Just double check with each campus due date.**

EOP Recommendations

Create EOP Recommendation Request

* Indicates required field

Recommender's Information

- * First Name
- * Last Name
- * Email Address
- * EOP Recommendation Deadline MM/DD/YYYY
- * Personal Message to Your Recommender

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Once the student submits the request, the recommender will receive request by email.

APPLY

My Application | Add Program | Submit Application | Check Status

EOP Recommendations

3/3 Sections Completed

- Educational Programs & Work Experience
- 1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- 2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status
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Warning: You have reached the maximum of 2 EOP Recommendations.

Recommender Name	Status	Submitted
Marin-Zeldin, Tania	Completed	09/14/2022
Saveliff, Dan	Requested	09/19/2022

Questions?

EOP Recommendations



5/5
Sections Completed

- Educational Programs & Work Experience ✓
- 1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) ✓
- 2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status ✓
- 3. EOP Autobiographical Questions ✓
- EOP Recommendations ✓**

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Recommender View!



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APPLY

Hi Tania,

Tania Marin-Zeldin is applying to Cal State Apply and is requesting an online recommendation from you. Tania Marin-Zeldin provided the following comments with this request:

ubuknjnj

Please complete your recommendation by September 28, 2022. If you can't provide your recommendation by this date, notify Tania Marin-Zeldin directly.

[Log In / Create Account](#)

[Continue without an account](#)

To learn more about the Cal State Apply recommendation process, visit the [Letters by Liaison Help Center](#). Here you will find answers to most commonly asked questions. If you need additional assistance, contact Customer Service.

Thanks,

Cal State Apply Customer Service
letters@liaisoncas.com



You will receive an email request.

- **Check your spam, sometimes the request can end up there.**

Create an account

Please use the email that the recommendation request was sent to in order to create your account. After creating your account, you will be returned to the Login page to login using your credentials.

Account Information

* Email

* Password

Your password must meet these minimal requirements:

Minimum of 8 characters

1 lowercase letter

1 uppercase letter

1 number

1 special character

* Confirm Password

* Terms of Use I agree to the [Terms of Use](#)

Your Name

Title 10/10

* First Name

* Last Name

Suffix

Professional Information

* Occupation 50/50

* Organization 50/50

* Job Title 50/50

* Phone Number

European Union Data Protections

The European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), effective May 25, 2018, governs the sharing of data by European residents. [Learn more.](#)

* Are you currently located in a European Union country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, or Switzerland?

Yes No

Create Account

If you have not created an account you will need to create one.

All recommendation requests will be in your account.

Requests

View:
 Expanded Collapsed

Sort By:
Requested On
 Ascending Descending

Show:
 Accepted (0)
 Requested (2)
 Completed (0)
 Declined (0)
 Expired (0)
Clear All

Tania Marin-zeldin - Requested (EOP - Cal State Apply) Decline Start

Applicant Email: tem21@humboldt.edu Type: EOP Requested On: Jul 25, 2019
Applying to: Cal State Apply Access: Waived Requested By: Oct 26, 2019

> Programs:
Cal Poly Humboldt Undergraduate - TEST Biology - Marine Biology (+ 1 more)

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Programs:
Cal Poly Humboldt Undergraduate - Social Work - Fall

Tidbits:

- You can accept or decline
- You can view different statuses/view history

LETTERS BY EDUCATION

Recommendation - Tania Marin-Zeldin

Request Information:

Type: EOP
 Applicant Email: tmarin@humboldt.edu
 Requested On: Sep 14, 2022
 Requested By: Sep 28, 2022

Applying To:
 Cal State Apply

Instructions

The request listed has applied to the CSU Education Opportunity Program. The EOP selection committee asks you to answer the questions below in a candid manner, noting incidents that illustrate the student's maturity, initiative, and academic potential to succeed in college. If you are unable to evaluate any item, please indicate Not Applicable. Please visit the EOP Language Skills page for how recommendation submission deadlines in the EOP Final Document Deadline column. Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights Act of 1974, your response may be made available to the student. Please save your changes as you work. If you stop away from the page without saving, you will lose your responses.

Note from Tania:

Relationship * Indicates required field

* How long have you known the applicant?
 Choose an option

* How well do you know the applicant?
 Choose an option

* In what capacity do you know the applicant?
 Choose an option

Academic Skills Block

* Academic Achievement
 Choose an option

* Writing Skills
 Choose an option

* Reading Skills
 Choose an option

* Math Skills
 Choose an option

* Academic Potential
 Choose an option

Characteristics and Motivation

* Has positive self-image
 Choose an option

* Demonstrates leadership capability
 Choose an option

* Self starts; has intellectual curiosity
 Choose an option

* Is highly motivated
 Choose an option

* Surveys frustrating experiences, is tolerant of minor disappointment
 Choose an option

* Has potential for growth
 Choose an option

About the Applicant

* What qualities best describe this applicant?
 Choose an option

* To your knowledge, does this applicant have a historically disadvantaged background (i.e., low income for several years, first generation college student, inner-city or migrant family)?
 Choose an option

* Why?
 Choose an option

* Why do you believe this student qualifies for EOP, and what services or assistance would you recommend to help him/her to succeed in college?
 Choose an option

* Please discuss any letters to achievement the applicant has faced. Do you believe they will affect his/her performance in college?
 Choose an option

* What is your assessment of the student's potential, motivation, or capability for undertaking college work and potential to succeed in college?
 Choose an option

Save & Exit Preview & Submit

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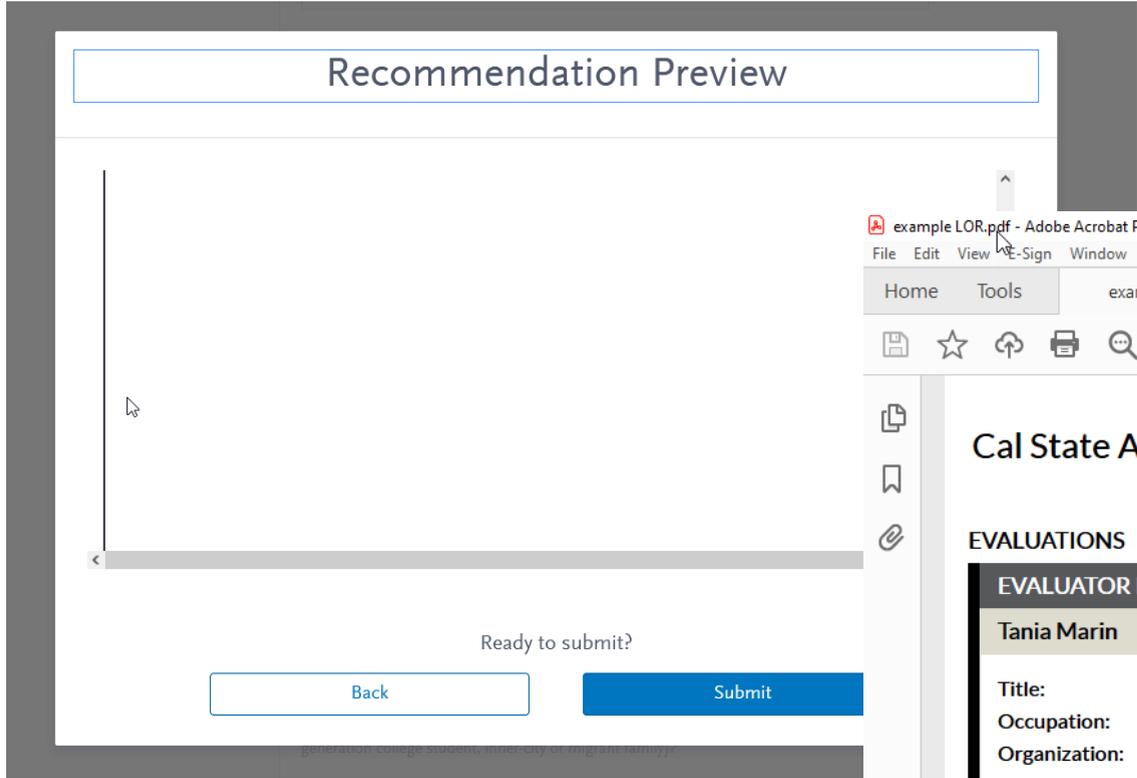
Areas of Interest:

- Academics
- Students Potential
- Family Background

If you don't know feel free to talk to your student, get to know them.

This information helps us better support the student

Before you submit you will be able to preview your recommendation.



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Home Tools example LOR.pdf x

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Cal State Apply Marin-Zeldin, Tania
Applicant ID 7609065999

EVALUATIONS

EVALUATOR INFORMATION

Tania Marin		Type: EOP	
Title:	—	Phone:	+17078265190
Occupation:	—	Date Completed:	—
Organization:	—	Status:	Accepted
Email:	lilesperanza17@yahoo.com		
I waive my right of access to this evaluation:	NO		
Has positive self-image	Strongly Agree		
Academic Achievement	Outstanding		
How long have you known the applicant?	1-2 years		
What qualities best describe this applicant?	kjhlbnljnbjkm		
Demonstrates leadership capability	Strongly Agree		
Writing Skills	Above Average		
How well do you know the applicant?	Minimally		
To your knowledge, does this applicant have a historically disadvantaged background (i.e., low income for several years, first-generation college student, inner-city or migrant family)?	Yes		
Self-starter, has intellectual curiosity	Agree		
Reading Skills	Above Average		
In what capacity do you know the	Instructor/Professor		

View: Expanded Collapsed

Sort By: Requested On

Ascending Descending

Show: Accepted (0) Requested (1) Completed (1) Declined (0) Expired (0) [Clear All](#)

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You can always come back and revisit the history and view submitted LOR's

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APPLY

Hi Tania,

Thank you for submitting your recommendation of Tania Marin-Zeldin. We have notified Tania Marin-Zeldin that your recommendation was submitted.

Please refer to the [Letters by Liaison Help Center](#) for more information or contact Customer Service.

Thanks,

Cal State Apply Customer Service
letters@liaisoncas.com



You will know it is submitted as well because you and the student will both receive an email update that it was submitted.

Questions?

calstate.edu

