EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER (EOC)

The Educational Opportunity Center is funded by special grants from the U.S. Department of Education for the purpose of increasing the availability of educational information and assistance to persons who wish to continue their education beyond the high school level.

Eligible clients must be U. S. citizens, at least nineteen years of age, first-generation college students and have incomes that are not above 150% of the poverty level. Clients receive services free of charge and without regard to race, creed, sex, or age. Any person interested in enrolling in high school diploma or equivalent programs, special training programs, trade or technical schools, two or four year colleges, or graduate and professional schools may receive assistance.

Professional counselors will assist clients in making career choices and setting educational goals. The staff will provide information concerning admissions requirements and financial aid and assist with the preparation of applications. Counseling and tutorial referral services are to be available on a continuing basis, along with appropriate contacts for supportive services for students. The Center is intended to cooperate with other service agencies through an extensive cross-referral system to meet the special needs of students who are handicapped by physical or emotional problems, educational deficiencies, or cultural barriers.

The Educational Opportunity Center serves as a clearinghouse for information concerning career and educational opportunities and the Center coordinates its resources and staff with those of institutions of higher education and other service agencies. A permanent library of career and educational materials is to be maintained for the use of students, school counselors, social workers, and others involved in assisting individuals in achieving their goals.

Upon request, EOC staff members should present programs and workshops concerning financial aid, college admissions, career choice, special training programs, and other topics for community agencies, civic organizations, and special interest groups.

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