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The California State University

Supporting Students through the Educational Opportunity Program

Fall 2024 Counselor Conference



Introduction

- What Is EOP?
- Resources Available To EOP Students
- EOP Admission Criteria
- EOP Application
- Additional Information

What is EOP?

- Established in 1969 under Senate Bill 1072 (Harmer Bill)
- Intended for 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



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EOP Programs at All CSU Campuses



EOP Student Resources

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



Applying to EOP



Who May Apply?

- Historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged
- Demonstrate academic potential and motivation
- CA residents and students who qualify for AB 540
- 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

EOP Income Criteria

DEPENDENT STUDENT WORKBOOK		2025-2026
Dependent Students	Family Size	
	2	\$46,600
	3	\$53,400
	4	\$63,100
	5	\$72,350
	6	\$82,500
	7	\$90,500
	8	\$98,400
	ADD	\$7,890
	for each additional family members when there are more than eight in the household.	

INDEPENDENT STUDENT WORKBOOK		2025-2026
Independent Students	Family Size	
Single, No Dependents	1	\$19,600
Married, No Dependents Other Than Spouse	2	\$35,750
With Dependents Other Than a Spouse	Family Size	
	2	\$60,200
	3	\$70,350
	4	\$84,000
	5	\$97,000
	6	\$111,925
	7	\$123,200
	8	\$137,100
	ADD	\$14,425
	for each additional family members when there are more than eight in the household.	

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

Cal State Apply: 3rd Quadrant


My Application

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.

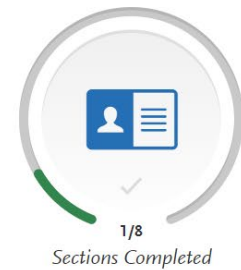
Latest Notifications

🔄 Welcome to the Cal State Apply application (save this email!) 08/23/2023

[View My Notifications](#)

 The email address you used to create your Cal State Apply account is the email that will receive communications and next steps for all campuses you apply to. If your email address changes, [notify those campuses](#) immediately.

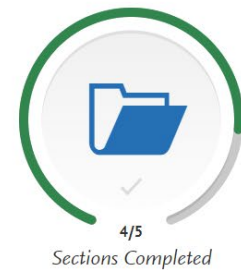
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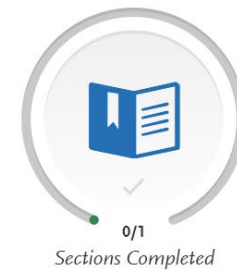
Academic History



Supporting Information



Program Materials



Cal State Apply: Supporting Information

My Application Add Program Submit Application Check Status

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Latest Notifications

- A Cal State Apply recommendation was received Today
- Your Cal State Apply application is ready for your review 5 days ago

[View My Notifications](#)

Supporting Information

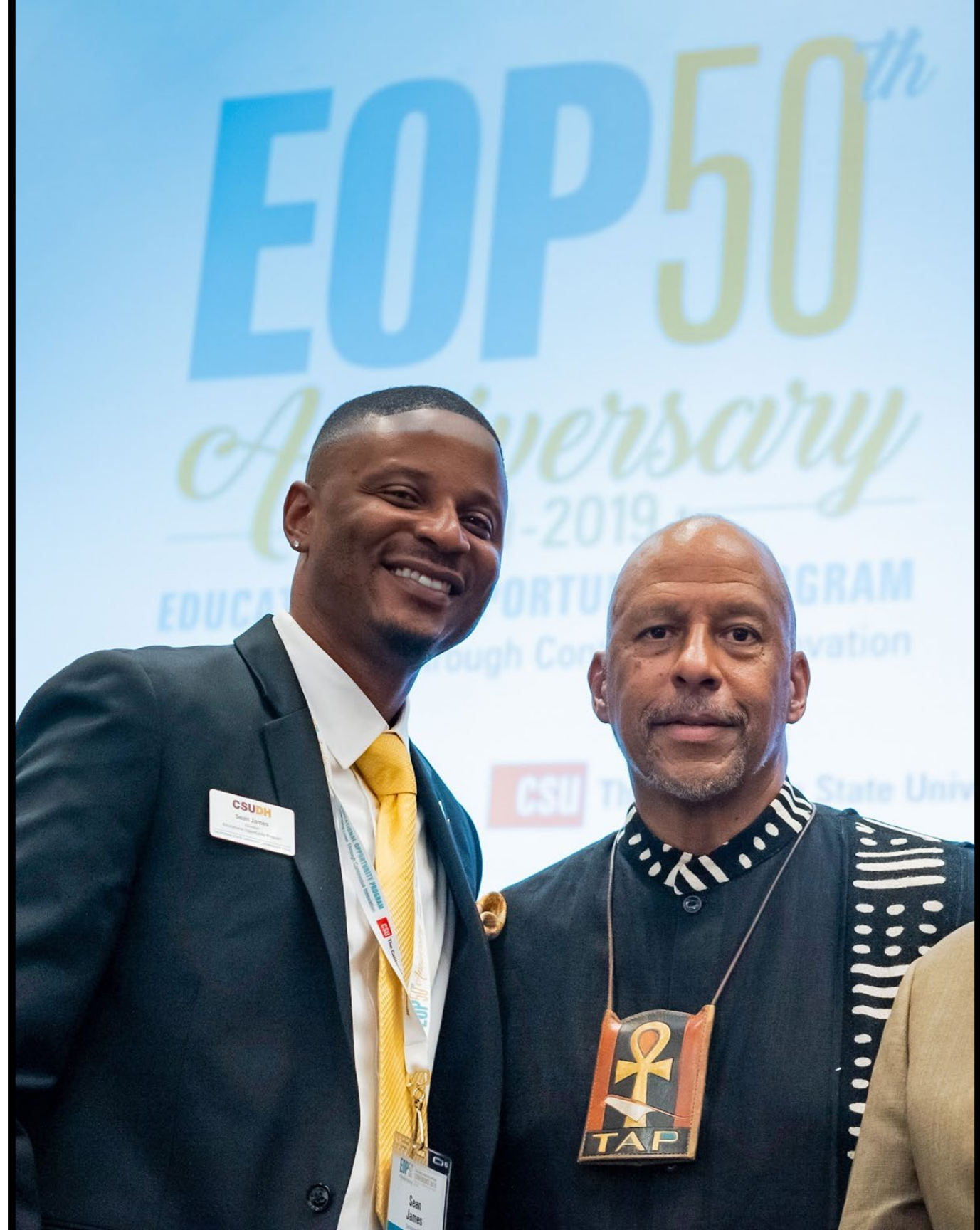
5/5 Sections Completed

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

Applying to EOP

Deadlines

- EOP Application: January 15th
- EOP Document Deadline:
January 31st
 - **Some campuses may close early so verify deadlines with each campus you are applying to**



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 2023 and 2024
(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.



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.
5. Is there any additional information you would like EOP to consider in determining your admission to the program?



Helpful Tips

Biographical Questions

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

Helpful Tips

Recommenders

- Responses can only help students
- Honest assessment about skills and capabilities
- Avoid very brief answers
- Emphasis on academic, student potential, and family/personal background
- Deadlines may vary for each campus



What we get asked the most about: Letter of Recommendation

The screenshot displays the 'EOP Recommendations' section of the application portal. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'My Application', 'Add Program', 'Submit Application', and 'Check Status'. The main heading is 'EOP Recommendations'. A progress indicator shows a folder icon with a checkmark and '5/5' below it, with the text 'Sections Completed' underneath. A sidebar on the left lists various application sections, all marked with checkmarks: 'Educational Programs & Work Experience', '1. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)', '2. EOP Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status', '3. EOP Autobiographical Questions', and 'EOP Recommendations'. 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 also includes a warning: '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.' Below this, there is a message: 'You have reached the maximum of 2 EOP Recommendations.' 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.

Student View

Students are the only ones able to resend links.

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:

Waiver of Recommendation

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

* **Permission to Contact Recommender**

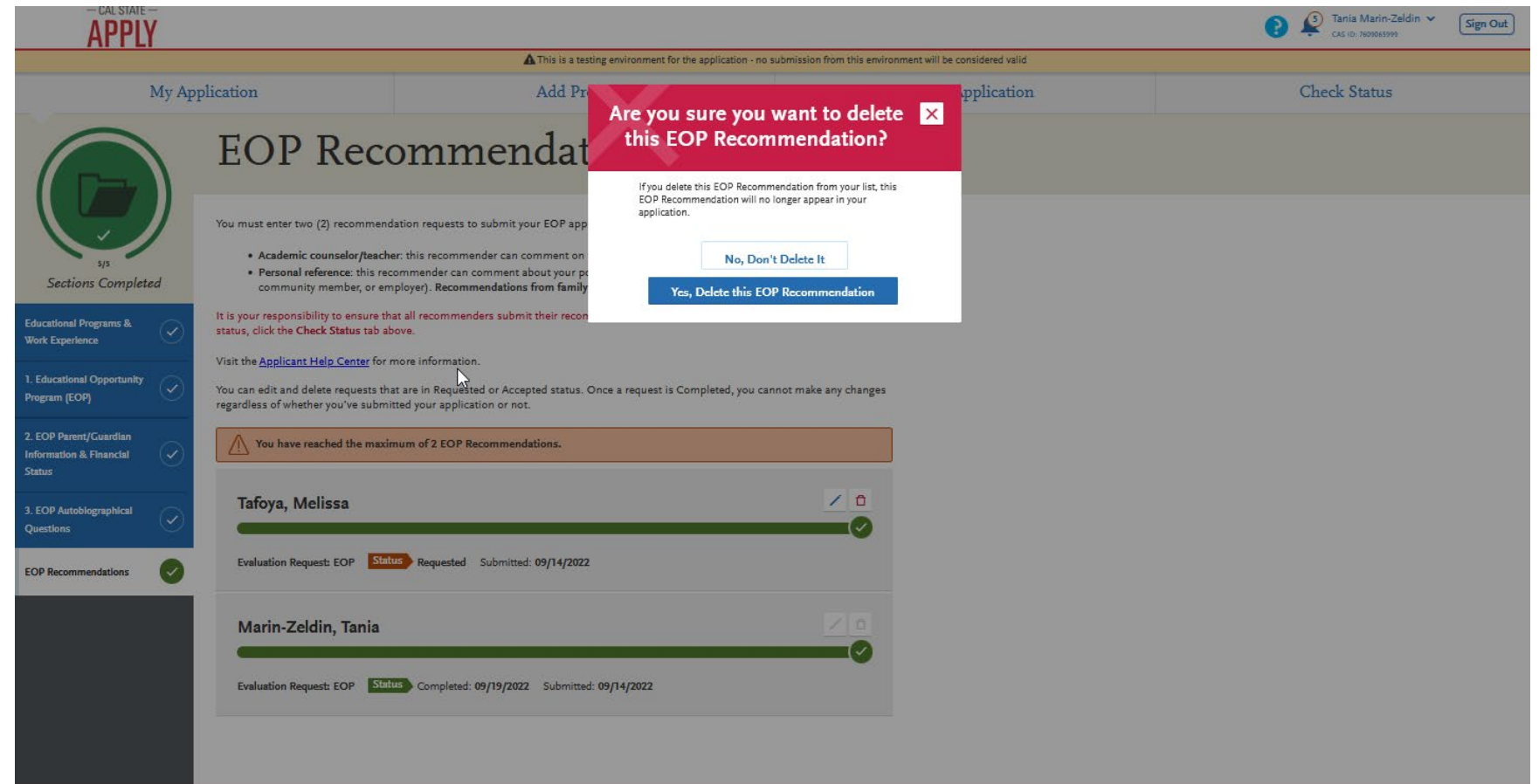
I hereby give permission to contact this recommender via email to request the completion of the recommendation form and letter of recommendation. If my recommender does not submit an online recommendation form in response to the email request, it is my sole responsibility to contact the recommender directly 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, only they can only update or initiate a 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.

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Tania Marin-Zeldin
CAS ID: 7699065999
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

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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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 “Due Date” from the day they request it. You will still be able to submit after due date*.

*Just double check with each campus deadline.

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

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* Personal Message to Your Recommender

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Waiver of Recommendation

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Save This EOP Recommendation Request

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

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APPLY

Tania Marin-Zeldin
CAS ID: 7609065999
Sign Out

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My Application Add Program Submit Application Check Status

EOP Recommendations

3/5
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⚠ You have reached the maximum of 2 EOP Recommendations.

Marin-Zeldin, Tania		
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Evaluation Request: EOP	Status: Completed	Completed: 09/19/2022 Submitted: 09/14/2022
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Saveliff, Dan		
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Evaluation Request: EOP	Status: Requested	Submitted: 09/19/2022

Recommender View!



Recommender View!

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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.

If you don't already have an account, you will be asked to create one. All your requests will be in one account.



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

LETTERS
by LIAISON

Tania Marin ▾ Help

Requests

View: Expanded Collapsed

Sort By: Requested On

Ascending Descending

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

Request ID	Status	Type	Requested On	Requested By
Tania Marin-zeldin	Requested	EOP	Jul 25, 2019	Oct 26, 2019
Tania Marin-zeldin	Requested	EOP	Sep 14, 2022	Sep 28, 2022

Request 1: Tania Marin-zeldin - Requested (EOP - Cal State Apply)
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)

Request 2: Tania Marin-zeldin - Requested (EOP - Cal State Apply)
Applicant Email: tem21@humboldt.edu Type: EOP Requested On: Sep 14, 2022
Applying to: Cal State Apply Access: Not Waived Requested By: Sep 28, 2022
Programs: Cal Poly Humboldt Undergraduate - Social Work - Fall

Helpful Information:

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

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](#)

▼ Tania Marin-Zeldin - Requested (EOP - Cal State Apply) [Decline](#) [Start](#)

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Programs:

Cal Poly Humboldt Undergraduate - Social Work - Fall

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

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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.

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

Resources: www.calstate.edu/eop

- EOP Admission by Term (campus deadlines)
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Application Worksheet
- Campus Contacts



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Questions?

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