

**Graduate Tuition Scholarship Opportunity Program**  
**Guidelines for Funding**  
**(EOP, SEEK, HEOP)**

State University of New York's Graduate Tuition Scholarship Program provides disadvantaged graduate students accepted to a SUNY graduate school with a full tuition scholarship when attending full-time (12 graduate credit hours).

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must be:

- New York State residents
- Graduates of SUNY's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) or of City University of New York's Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) Program or of the Higher Educational Opportunity Program (HEOP) conducted by private colleges.
- Accepted into a master's program (matriculated) and registered as full-time students (12 graduate credit hours).

**Application Directions:**

1. Read and sign this form, Guidelines for Funding. Make a copy of the completed form for your records.
2. Complete the Certification of Participation form (pdf) and have it signed by the institution granting your bachelor's degree. Download the form or obtain it from the Graduate School, Cleveland Hall 204, (716) 878-5601, gradoffc@buffalostate.edu.
3. Complete the EOP Tuition Scholarship Form (pdf) **prior** to the beginning of **each fall and spring semester**. Download the form each semester or obtain it from the Graduate School, Cleveland Hall 204, (716) 878-5601, gradoffc@buffalostate.edu.

**Awards:**

- EOP funding is available on a **first come, first served** basis in the Fall and Spring semesters pending budget approval. Tuition scholarships cannot be used for summer semesters.
- Tuition Scholarship Forms (pdf) must be completed prior to the beginning of each fall and spring semester. Individual tuition scholarship forms must be forwarded to the Graduate School for approval for **each semester** of funding.
- Only students registered as matriculated, full-time graduate students (12 graduate credit hours) may be funded and funding cannot exceed tuition for the total credit hours required for a specific major. Undergraduate courses cannot be funded under the EOP guidelines.
- EOP tuition scholarships cover **full-time graduate tuition only**. Fees and mandatory student health insurance are the responsibility of the student and must be paid when billed to avoid late payment fees.
- If withdrawal from a course(s) results in registration for less than 12 graduate hours, the EOP tuition scholarship will be void and the student will become liable for full graduate tuition charges. Contact Financial Aid as soon as possible as this action will affect your aid award.

**The following students are ineligible for the Graduate EOP Tuition Scholarship:**

Premajor and Nondegree Students (Major Codes = 7XXX), Visiting Students (Major Code = 9999), students already holding a master's degree from any college or university, and graduate students on academic probation are ineligible for the tuition scholarship.

**I have read the above guidelines and understand the implications of EOP, SEEK, HEOP funding.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Student

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_