We appreciate your application to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at SUNY Plattsburgh. The Educational Opportunity Program provides access to higher education and a network of support for talented students who have not yet reached their academic potential due to barriers in their educational, economic and personal backgrounds. Applicants must also be New York State residents who meet the mandated statewide financial guidelines.

In order to complete your application for EOP, the following information must be submitted as soon as possible:

1) Academic documentation
2) Financial documentation

IMPORTANT: Make sure to include your name on all documents that you send to our office. Mail all materials to the following address:

Admissions
SUNY Plattsburgh
101 Broad Street
Plattsburgh, New York 12901

1. REQUIRED ACADEMIC DOCUMENTATION

- Official High School Transcript (with GED Scores, if applicable) Date________
- Official SAT or ACT Scores Date________
- Autobiography (1-2 pages about who you are, the environment you grew up in, and your goals) Date________
- Teacher recommendation (minimum of one) Date________

2. REQUIRED FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

- Copy of completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Date________
  (This form is available in your high school guidance office or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
  Be sure to list SUNY Plattsburgh and include the School Code (002849))
- Completed and signed "Statement of Family Income" (form enclosed) Date________
- If applicable -- Completed, stamped, & signed "Non-Taxable Income Verification Form"* (form enclosed) Date________
- Verification of your or your family's TOTAL INCOME* Date________
- Proof of your INS status if you are not a U.S. citizen Date________

Remember to make and keep copies of all documents that you forward to the processing agent or to SUNY Plattsburgh so that you will have a record in your files.

*See the back of this page for acceptable forms of financial documentation.
ACCEPTABLE VERIFICATION OF FAMILY INCOME

Your Family Situation                                      Financial Documentation Required

Income is received from wages earned and/or profit from business

Income is received from one or more government agencies (this category includes Public Assistance, Social Security, and Unemployment)

Alimony or child support

You are a foster child or Ward of the State

No income

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

All EOP applicants must apply for Federal and State financial aid. To apply for financial aid, you must:

1) Obtain and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
   This form may be obtained in your high school guidance office, local college Financial Aid Office, or public library by mid-December. Also available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

2) Determine your correct filing status.

   Dependent

   Independent

   Persons in your household are supported by parents or legal guardian(s)
   Note: Legal documentation is required for applicants claiming to be supported by legal guardian(s).

   Applicants who meet the qualifying criteria for independence in the FAFSA or those who are determined by the Financial Aid Office to have extenuating documented circumstances.

3) Mail completed FAFSA to processing agent as soon as possible after January 1, 2009.

If you have any questions, call the Admissions office as soon as possible at 1-888-673-0012 or e-mail us at admissions@plattsburgh.edu.