

Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP)

The Graduate Opportunity Program provides tuition assistance to Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), and Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) program graduates undertaking graduate study at a participating State University of New York institution. Because funding is limited, early application to the campus of choice is encouraged.

Eligibility Criteria:

A. To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be a New York State resident.
2. Have participated in EOP, HEOP, or SEEK as an undergraduate.
3. Apply and be admitted to a graduate degree program or graduate certificate program requiring 30 credit hours or more at SUNY Geneseo as a full-time student. To qualify for federal student aid and for billing purposes, full time is 12 credits (six credit hours of coursework each semester).
4. Have an undergraduate GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
5. Provide a completed Certification of Participation form, signed by the undergraduate institution's EOP, HEOP, or SEEK director.

B. Funding Limits:

1. Consistent with SUNY Geneseo guidelines:
 - a). Master's students may be considered for a GOP award for up to two (2) semesters.
2. Funding is extremely limited so awards are not guaranteed for all who apply.
3. Funding is not provided for second master's degree, non-degree study, or a graduate certificate program of less than 30 credit hours.
4. GOP provides a partial tuition scholarship; awardees are responsible for any tuition cost above the awarded amount and all fees associated with enrollment.
5. To maintain a GOP award in a subsequent semester, awardees must:
 - a). Continue to register full-time (or be full-time certified),
 - b). Obtain a 3.0 GPA each semester,
 - c). Complete courses on time and,
 - d). Be fully registered in courses by the last day of the Advance Registration period.
6. Failure to meet requirements could result in the termination of an award.

Apply: New applicants must forward a copy of the GOP Certification of Participation form to Graduate Admissions at GradAdmissions@geneseo.edu. Continuing GOP students must be fully registered for courses by the last day of the Advance Registration period to have their award renewed in each subsequent semester.

Deadline: New applications are reviewed as they are received.

Questions: Please call 585-245-5040 or email questions to GradAdmissions@geneseo.edu.

Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP) Certification of Participation

This form must be certified by the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), or Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) program director at the undergraduate institution attended and submitted before the applicant can be considered for GOP support. This form only needs to be completed once.

Section 1 (To be completed by the GOP applicant):

Last Name	First Name	Middle/Maiden	
Street	City	State	Zip
Email Address	Date of Birth	Phone Number	

Graduate program to which you have applied/ been admitted

Semester(s) for which you are requesting assistance: Summer 20____ Fall 20____ Spring 20____

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I understand that these competitive awards are based on financial need and tuition scholarship eligibility, as well as graduate degree program enrollment status, previous academic performance at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and, if applicable, test scores. I am also acknowledging that I understand that, if I am selected to receive an award, I must accept and comply with all terms and conditions detailed on the "Terms and Conditions for Acceptance of a Tuition Scholarship" form.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 2 (To be completed by the director of the EOP/HEOP/SEEK program at the applicant's undergraduate institution.

Name of undergraduate institution

Applicant's Undergraduate Major	Cumulative Undergraduate GPA	Graduation Date
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The above named student was enrolled in: EOP ____ HEOP ____ SEEK ____ from: ____ / ____
to ____ / ____

By signing below, I am certifying that the student listed above is/was a participant in our EOP, HEOP, or SEEK Program.

Director's Name	Signature	Date
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Please complete Section 2 of this form and return to Michael R. George, Director of Graduate Admissions, SUNY Geneseo, 1 College Circle, Geneseo, NY 14454

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