

WHAT IS THE HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (HEOP)?

The **St. Bonaventure University Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)** is a comprehensive program, jointly sponsored with the State of New York, to assist in providing access for all New Yorkers to the state's private colleges and universities. This special program is designed for students who have the potential for and interest in furthering their education, but are not admissible under St. Bonaventure University's regular admission requirements. These students have special academic and financial needs.

WHY HEOP AT ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY?

- ◆ Pre-freshman Summer Program
A five-week residential program is required for all entering HEOP students providing an academic and social orientation to life at SBU. It is designed to integrate the various aspects of college life and to promote personal growth and educational achievement. With a sound academic program and an emphasis on strengthening reading, writing, math and study skills, the curriculum also includes cultural trips, seminars on social adjustment, and a variety of leadership workshops. This program continues into the academic year with bi-weekly seminars focusing on academic and personal development.
- ◆ Counseling
Academic, financial, personal, and career counseling are provided to assist students with the unique problems that they may encounter as they progress through their tenure at St. Bonaventure University.
- ◆ Tutoring
Professional and peer tutoring, an integral part of our program, is used on an individual or group basis to assist students with their academic subjects and behaviors that lead to high levels of success and achievement.
- ◆ Financial Aid
Financial assistance is an important component of the support services offered. As each student's need differs, SBU develops a full-need financial aid package combining state, federal, and institutional grants and loans.

THIS SOUNDS GREAT! WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

1. Must be a resident of New York State for at least one year prior to enrollment in HEOP.
2. Must be a high school graduate or have a New York Equivalency diploma (G.E.D.).
3. Meet both academic and economic guidelines.

Please use the following table as a guideline for the financial requirements for students entering college in fall 2016.

<u>Total Family Members</u>	<u>2015 Income Total</u>	
1	\$ 21,978	Students and families must be able to provide extensive documentation of their income including, but not limited to, copies of: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); parents' and student's 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ, W-2, and NYS IT-200 or 201 forms; Social Services Documentation; Social Security form 1099; and verification of child support. All must be signed by appropriate persons and include the total amount of income received in 2015.
2	\$ 29,637	
3	\$ 37,296	
4	\$ 44,955	
5	\$ 52,614	
6	\$ 60,273	
7	\$ 67,951	
	+\$7,696 for each family member in excess of 7	

Applicants automatically meet FINANCIAL requirements if:

- ◆ Their family receives public assistance.
- ◆ They are living with foster parents who provide no support for college, and no money is provided by the natural parents.
- ◆ They are wards of the state or county.

All appropriate documentation must be supplied to meet the financial requirements!

HEOP WORKS at St. Bonaventure University!
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