Discover Academic Excellence

The Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) is a partnership between The Sage Colleges & the New York State Education Department. HEOP is designed to provide broad and varied educational instruction to capable students who, due to limited academic and financial resources, would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend Sage.

Once admitted into HEOP, students are provided with financial assistance, counseling, tutoring, advising and other support services throughout their college careers. The goal of HEOP at Sage is to retain and graduate promising students who will succeed at Sage and beyond.
For first-year students, the following academic and economic information should be submitted by mid-February:

- A completed application
- Official high school transcript
- SAT or ACT scores
- Counselor and/or teacher letters of recommendation
- Personal statement

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SUPPORT SERVICES
During the summer and academic year, support services in many forms are available, including:

- Academic
  HEOP students receive assistance in selecting academic majors and courses, can take a reduced course load your first semester, and will be given an extra year of eligibility to graduate in order to complete your course work.

- Personal
  Adjustment to college life often presents many new problems for HEOP students. Counseling helps you develop self-confidence, and a positive attitude about learning.

How do I know if I am eligible?
In order to be eligible for the HEOP program you must satisfy both academic and financial criteria. You may be considered for the HEOP program if you:

- Are a New York State resident
- Possess a New York high school diploma or equivalent
- Have a high school grade point average and/or testing below the regular admission guidelines for Sage
- Demonstrate the academic potential and motivation for completion of a degree program
- Meet the NYS financial guidelines
- Have a personal desire to succeed at the college level

The HEOP program staff and the Admission Committee will consider applicants who demonstrate academic potential and who fall below the general admission requirements. Please contact the Office of Admission for specific requirements.

Financial eligibility for HEOP at The Sage Colleges is determined by the HEOP staff and the Director of Financial Aid, utilizing guidelines set by the NYS Education Department. Information regarding financial eligibility can be obtained by visiting: www.highered.nysed.gov.

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