

Correspondence: Murphy, John R, Dean of
Student Affairs at Wilkes College, 1972 November

GENERAL INCOME-LEVEL GUIDELINES
To Qualify for --
The Educational Opportunities Program

<u>Number of Dependent Children</u>	<u>Maximum Income Level</u>
2	\$ 7,000
3	\$ 7,500
4	\$ 8,000
5	\$ 8,500
6	\$ 9,000
7	\$ 9,500
8	\$10,000
9	\$10,500
10	\$11,000
11	\$11,500

These are general guidelines only. Consideration is given to applicants whose families are faced with unusual expenses and other exceptional considerations.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

THE WILKES-BARRE CAMPUS

Post Office Box 1830

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18708

November 10, 1972

Area Code 717
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Judge Max Rosenn
197 S. Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Dear Judge Rosenn:

As chairman of the Flood Recovery Task Force, I thought you might be interested in a special educational opportunity the Wilkes-Barre Campus of Penn State will be offering.

The Educational Opportunity Program has been designed to give certain students -- who might not otherwise be able to attend college -- a chance for a two or four year education at Penn State.

In order to qualify for consideration for admission through this program, students must:

- (1) have a significant level of verifiable financial need
- (2) not be qualified for admission under the regular admission guidelines.

Upon selection to this program, students are given individually tailored academic and financial aid programs and services. These support programs are pledged to the student during his tenure at Penn State -- barring a radical change in his family's financial status.

The Wilkes-Barre Campus has twenty-five spaces in next year's freshman class for Educational Opportunity Program students. We are asking for your cooperation in helping us identify prospective applicants.

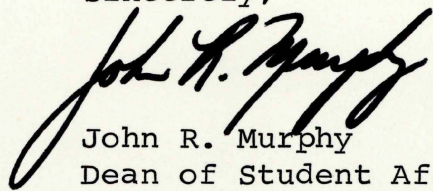
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We feel this is a unique opportunity to give deserving young men and women an opportunity to pursue a college education.

Although a student need not be a flood victim to participate in this program, we would like to help as many flood affected families as possible.

We would appreciate your cooperation in effectively extending this service to the Wyoming Valley community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John R. Murphy
Dean of Student Affairs

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November 13, 1972

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of Student Affairs
The Wilkes-Barre Campus
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

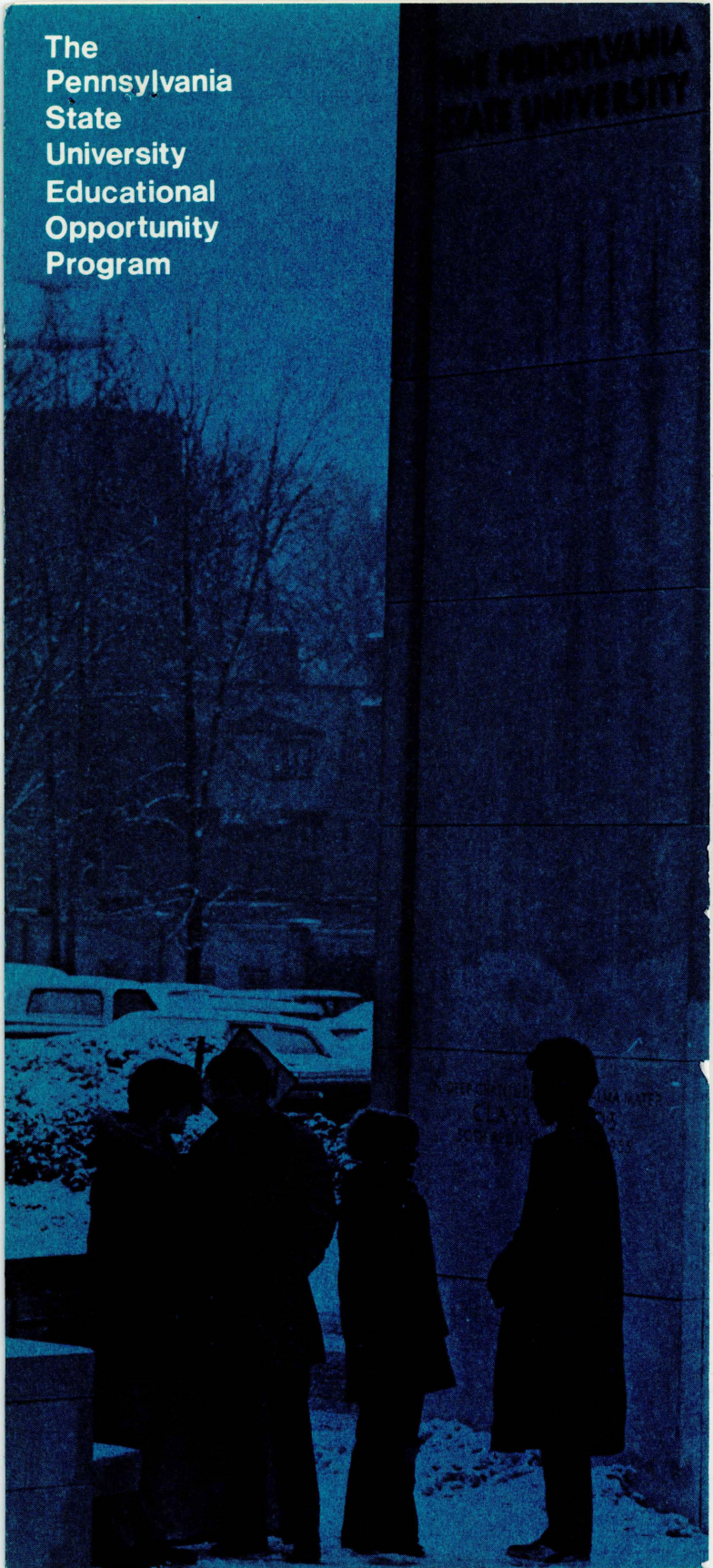
I have your letter with regard to the Educational Opportunity Program at Penn State. I appreciate your letter calling this program to my attention and I shall make it known to the Task Force and to as many people as I think might be interested.

Sincerely yours,

MAX ROSENN

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The
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A. Educational Opportunity Program

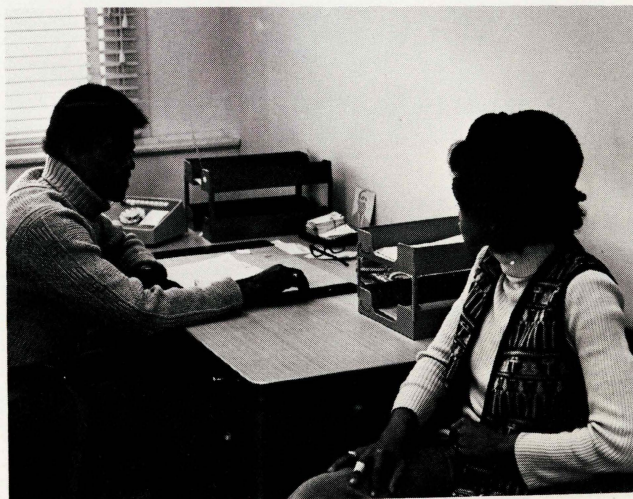
The Pennsylvania State University is committed to providing quality education to students who possess the necessary desire and intellectual capacity to obtain a college degree. In addition to the students comprising the bulk of the University's enrollment, there are many high school graduates who are judged capable of attaining a college degree but who do not qualify for admission to the University under regular admissions standards because of low achievement in high school and/or on entrance examinations. Many of these same students are also unable to attend college because the cost of a college education cannot be met by them or their families. The Educational Opportunity Program of The Pennsylvania State University is designed to help overcome the academic disadvantage through summer bridging and continued support, and the financial disadvantage through financial grants and loans. It is these two factors that are considered in admitting a student into the Educational Opportunity Program.

Students are selected on an individual basis. Each applicant, as well as his parent(s), will be interviewed to insure a total understanding of the program and the student's qualification for it. The standards used in selection are flexible enough to apply to each student individually. The amounts of academic and financial aid will be individually determined and, once admitted, the student is pledged academic and financial services designed to meet his particular needs.

B. Summer Intensive Program

The first step taken towards overcoming any academic deficiencies a student may have is placing him into an intensive noncredit academic development program for ten weeks during the summer preceding his admission and enrollment in credit courses.

All students admitted to the Educational Opportunity Program for the fall must attend the intensive summer session at University Park, *regardless* of their campus assignment for the fall. There will be no tuition or room and board charges for



this ten-week summer term. Classes in mathematics, communications, and social and physical sciences will be required, as well as reading improvement practices and instruction in the techniques of learning and study. Counselors and tutors for all students will be assigned, and students required to meet with them regularly. In addition to this concentrated academic program, social, cultural, and athletic activities will be provided for the benefit and enjoyment of all interested students. At the conclusion of the Summer Intensive Program at University Park, students will begin classes at their fall campus locations, in courses deemed appropriate as a result of their summer term progress.

In addition to the University Park Campus in the Borough of State College, eighteen of the Commonwealth Campuses offer full-time instruction. Associate degree studies are available and up to six terms of baccalaureate degree work in most of the University's programs of study. The Commonwealth Campuses and their locations are: Allentown, Altoona, Beaver (Monaca), Behrend (Erie), Berks (Reading), Delaware (Chester), DuBois, Fayette (Uniontown), Hazleton, McKeesport, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Ogontz (Abington), Schuylkill (Schuylkill Haven), Worthington-Scranton (Dunmore), Shenango Valley (Sharon), Wilkes-Barre, and York.

Students admitted to a Commonwealth Campus in the baccalaureate degree programs will normally be required to complete six terms (two years) at that campus before being transferred to the University Park Campus.

C. Financial Aid at The Pennsylvania State University

At present, fixed charges for each term are \$615 at University Park and \$605 at the Commonwealth campuses for Pennsylvania residents.

<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Pennsylvanians</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Pennsylvanians</u>
University Park Campus	\$260.00	Commonwealth Campuses	\$250.00
Residence Hall Charges (Double Room & Board)	\$355.00	Residence Hall Charges (Double Room & Board)	\$355.00
Total	\$615.00	Total	\$605.00



The Pennsylvania State University is financially committed to Educational Opportunity Program students as available funds permit. However, no qualifying student will be denied the opportunity for an education because of financial difficulties alone. A significant number of students now receive aid through funds supplied by federal, state, alumni, private, and community sources. Some combination of such funds will be awarded to Educational Opportunity Program students — usually in the form of both loans and grants.

Penn State is making a continued effort to assist all students in obtaining financial aid. Therefore, requests for University-administered financial aid may be submitted at any time. Those submitted by February 1, however, will be assured of earliest consideration. Those requests submitted after February 1 will be considered only as long as funds remain available. Before consideration can be given, the following two steps must be completed:

1. The student must apply for admission to the University.
2. The student's parents must complete a Parents' Confidential Statement and forward it with a fee of \$3 to the College Scholarship Service, Princeton, New Jersey, for evaluation. It is necessary to write "The Pennsylvania State University" on line 2 of the PCS form. Parents' Confidential Statements may be obtained from high school guidance counselors.

Residents of Pennsylvania should also apply for state-administered financial aid by taking one or both of the following steps:

1. Complete an application for a Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency scholarship or grant. These applications are also available from high school counselors or directly from PHEAA, Towne House, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Completed applications along with a photocopy of the parents' most recent federal income tax return should be sent directly to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.
2. Contact a local bank about the possibility of obtaining a state-guaranteed loan. The Pennsylvania Higher Education



Assistance Agency guarantees educational loans made by banks to college students. All applications for these loans must be obtained from local banks.

Any additional information on admission and financial aid may be obtained through the office of The Pennsylvania State University Educational Opportunity Program, 215 Shields Building, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802; telephone: (814) 865-1763.

D. Admissions Procedures for The Pennsylvania State University Educational Opportunity Applicants

Application forms are available beginning in October of the high school senior year. While there is no deadline for filing the application form, October, November, and December are recommended. Nonresidents of Pennsylvania do not qualify for admission to the Educational Opportunity Program.

High school seniors or graduates who are interested in applying for admission to The Pennsylvania State University through its Educational Opportunity Program should complete the following steps:

1. Obtain an application form from The Pennsylvania State University Educational Opportunity Program Admissions Office, 215 Shields Building, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802.
2. Complete the application form, with the exception of Section II.
3. Complete the \$10 application fee card. If unable to pay the fee, request your principal or counselor to notify the Office of The Pennsylvania State University Educational Opportunity Program Admissions Office.
4. Present the application form and the fee card to your high school counselor, who should complete Section II and return all forms to the EOP Admissions Office at University Park.
5. Request the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, to forward your Scholastic Aptitude Test scores to the EOP Admissions Office. If you have not taken this test, arrange to do so and notify the EOP Admissions Office of the scheduled date.
6. Arrange for a personal interview with your parent(s) at a Commonwealth Campus.



Each applicant will be notified as to his acceptance or rejection as soon as evaluation of his record is complete, possibly during the months of February and March.

Offers of admission will be sent to those selected for admission through The Pennsylvania State University Educational Opportunity Program Admissions Office, until all spaces have been filled.

E. The Services and Regulations of The Pennsylvania State University Educational Opportunity Program

1. The academic year is divided into four equal terms, each twelve weeks in length, including ten weeks of classes plus other required activities. There are no major interruptions within the period of study, as all vacations are scheduled between terms.
2. Financial aid is granted to cover three terms each year: fall, winter, and spring. Financial assistance is individually based upon family and student resources as determined by the Parents' Confidential Statement.
3. Students participate in an introductory period of orientation and evaluation as part of the Summer Intensive Program.
4. As a result of evaluation after the Summer Intensive Program, some freshmen may be scheduled (as needed) for continued developmental courses and reduced loads during their first two years.
5. Tutors in all subjects are available upon request at no cost to the students.
6. Advisers are assigned to assist in academic matters and counselors are available to assist in all nonacademic areas.
7. *On-campus housing is required for all first-year students at the University Park Campus.*

The Educational Opportunity Program is a comprehensive approach to meeting the academic and financial needs of its students. Once admitted, EOP students, like all Pennsylvania State University students, are eligible for all privileges and responsible for all regulations pertaining to the University's student body in general.

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