



Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

SP 2026



What is EOPS

EOPS is built on the belief that every student—especially those facing economic, social, linguistic, or educational barriers—deserves intentional, over-and-above support to thrive in community college for their success.

State & College Funded Support

Born out of Civil Rights Movement to ensure equitable educational access.

Available Statewide

Offered at all California Community Colleges.
At DVC, we proudly serve 650 to 850 students each semester .

Mission: Student Success

Increase enrollment, retention, and transfer or degree/certificate attainment rate, so the **disadvantaged students** can **reach their educational goals** by providing comprehensive support that goes beyond what traditional campus services offer.



EOPS Services



Community Events

Specialized student and community events creating belonging, Peer - to Peer support.



Academic Support

Book vouchers, Supplies, tutoring, and priority registration to stay on track.



Counseling

Wholistic counseling - academic, personal, and career by dedicated EOPS counselors.



Financial support

Scholarships, special grants, transportation support and connections to other resources



Community Space

computer lab, snacks and drinks and comfortable space to hang out



Future Support

UC/CSU application fee waiver, College Tours, Free caps and gowns and medallions

Initial Eligibility

- Unit Requirement
Enrolled in 12 units
(exceptions for parents,
Foster Youth and DSS
students).
- Unit Limit
Less than 70 -degree
applicable units from all
colleges attended.
- Residency Status
California residency or
AB540/Dreamer status
qualifying students for in-
state benefits and support.

- Financial Qualification
Qualify for California
Promise Grant A or B.
- Educational Disadvantages
Have educational
disadvantages determined by
the State guideline
(like low high school GPA,
remedial education history,
below college-level
placement, first-generation
status, low income, or home
language barriers, etc.)





Becoming an EOPS student

1

DVC Application + Registration (12 or more units) + Financial Aid

You must meet the initial eligibility.

2

Submit an EOPS Program Application

You can access FA25 Application form through DVC EOPS webpage.

Our Program Assistant will contact you thru Insite email.

3

Complete EOPS orientation

After approval, official invitation will come to your Insite email. Follow the Directions and complete the EOPS orientation to officially join the program.

DVC EOPS

Application for EOPS/CARE/NextUp Programs

(925) 969-2117 DVC-EOPS-Care@dvc.edu

EOPS Office, Student Services Center, Room 127



Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a California resident or qualified for AB-540 status
- Be enrolled in 12 units or more (special accommodations for DSS, foster youth, & student parents)
- Qualify to receive the California Promise Grant (method A or B)
- Be educationally disadvantaged as determined by EOPS guidelines
- Not have completed more than 70 degree-applicable units in any combination of higher education institutions

Benefits Include:

- Free \$\$\$ for textbooks
- UC/CSU application fee waivers
- Education planning
- Holistic counseling (academic+personal)
- Priority Registration
- Specialized tutoring
- Semester Supply Kits+extra school supplies
- Community building activities & workshops
- Friendly Staff and Peer-to-peer support
- Welcoming space to study
- Financial assistance (vouchers/scholarships/grants if the budget permits)

Apply now!



www.dvc.edu/eops

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Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

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Spring 2026 Application

The EOPS Spring 2026 application is now available.

[Apply Now](#)

EOPS is a comprehensive retention and support program designed to promote the academic success of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students.

DVC Spring 2026 EOPS/CARE/NextUp Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a new EOPS/CARE/NextUp student.

EOPS - EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

EOPS is a state-funded program serving students who face economic, language, social, and/or educational barriers. EOPS assists students to attain their educational and career goals as they prepare to enter an increasingly technological and multicultural society. The goals of the program are to encourage the enrollment, retention and transfer of students by providing academic and support counseling, financial assistance (book voucher and grants), and many other support services.

CARE - COOPERATIVE AGENCIES AND RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

CARE is designed to help single parent students who are receiving public assistance (CalWORKs/TANF) achieve academic and personal success. The program offers additional support services so students can transition from welfare dependency by securing the education, training, and marketable skills needed for self-sufficiency and upward social mobility.

START + NEXTUP

The START + NextUp programs provide community college students like you with resources that make a difference. The program offers eligible current and former foster youth support and services that could help with books and supplies, transportation, tutoring, food, and emergency housing.

In order for your application to be submitted, you must be registered for the minimum required number of units (12) and be a recipient of the California Promise Grant. If you do not meet these requirements at this time, your application will not be officially accepted by the EOPS Office.

NOTE: Unit exceptions can be made for Foster Youth and participants in the DVC Disability Support Services (DSS) Program who submit a current DSS unit waiver to the EOPS program.

Support Programs

Diablo Valley College offers a wide range of student support programs that provide students with individualized support for a variety of needs. You may qualify for multiple programs.



EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (EOPS)

EOPS provides services to students facing economic and educational barriers. These include assistance with purchasing textbooks, specialized counseling, priority registration, tutoring, and more. www.dvc.edu/eops

Eligibility

- ✓ Be approved for a California College Promise Grant (CPG) Fee Waiver
- ✓ Be a California Resident or qualify for AB540 (e.g., meet CA residency requirements)
- ✓ Be educationally underserved (as defined by EOPS state guidelines)
- ✓ Be enrolled full time with 12+ units (exceptions made for student parents, DSS, and foster youth)
- ✓ Completed fewer than 70 degree applicable units

COOPERATIVE AGENCIES RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION (CARE)

CARE provides enhanced support services for single parent students in addition to all EOPS benefits. CARE services include CARE grants, supply vouchers, community events, and more. www.dvc.edu/eops

Eligibility

- ✓ Be eligible for EOPS
- ✓ Be a single parent with at least one dependent receiving CalWORKs cash aid benefits for self or children



Support Programs



CALWORKS

CalWORKs is a program that helps students meet their county welfare-to-work requirements and prepare for jobs in their chosen professions. Students can receive counseling and additional support services to help them achieve their academic goals. www.dvc.edu/calworks

Eligibility

- ✓ Student parents must qualify for TANF/CalWORKs and be cash aid recipients
- ✓ Must provide verification of county cash aid



START

START is a support program to provide a warm and welcoming environment, create a support network, and empower foster youth students to make progress towards self-sufficiency, professional success, and community leadership. www.dvc.edu/fosteryouth

Eligibility

- ✓ Experienced at least 1 day in court-ordered foster care
- ✓ No age limits
- ✓ Must be enrolled at DVC



NEXTUP

NextUp is a support program designed to increase access, retention, and graduation rates for current or former foster youth at DVC. Students in NextUp are eligible for all EOPS benefits and services. www.dvc.edu/fosteryouth

Eligibility

- ✓ Experienced at least 1 day in court-ordered foster care after turning 13 years old
- ✓ Under 26 years old upon initial entry into the program
- ✓ Must be enrolled at DVC and develop an education plan for full time enrollment



Visit us at: **Student Services Center, Room 127 - Pleasant Hill Campus**
Call: **925-969-2117**

For emails, forms and more information visit:

www.dvc.edu/eops

Connect with us for more information!

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(First floor of Student Services Center)

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We are EOPS!