

Educational Opportunity Centers

APPOINTMENT HOURS:

Monday - Friday
9:00 am—4:00 pm
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Metro-St. Louis Area Educational Opportunity Centers

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Alton, IL 62002
618-465-5124

Belleville

110 N. High St., Ste. 1
Belleville, IL 62220
618-235-1776

East St. Louis

SIUE East St. Louis Center
Bldg. A, Suite 2026
601 James R. Thompson Blvd.
East St. Louis, IL 62201
618-874-8734/618-874-8714

Lindell Education Center

4236 Lindell Blvd., Ste. 102
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-367-8100

North County Education Center

11262 West Florissant Avenue
Florissant, MO 63033
314-837-2100



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Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)

WHO WE ARE:

The purpose of the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program is to provide information regarding financial and academic assistance available to individuals who desire to pursue a program of postsecondary education; provide assistance to individuals in applying for admission to institutions that offer programs of postsecondary education, including assistance in preparing necessary applications for use by admissions and financial aid officers; and provide information regarding financial and economic literacy to participants.

WHAT WE DO:

- Academic advice and assistance in course selection;
- Assistance in completing college admission and financial aid applications;
- Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants;
- Guidance on secondary school reentry or entry to a General Educational Development (GED) program or other alternative education program for secondary school dropouts;
- Individualized personal, career, and academic counseling;
- Career workshops and counseling; and
- Programs and activities described above that are specially designed for participants who are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education such as individuals with disabilities, that are homeless children and youth, who are foster care youth, are limited English proficient, or otherwise disconnected participants.

ALL EOC SERVICES ARE FREE!!!

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU:

The Educational Opportunity Centers are interested in helping you define and achieve your educational goals. We believe that education is the pathway to empowerment.

Our mission is to provide you with access to the tools you need to accomplish your academic and career goals. We are here to offer you quality educational support and financial aid guidance. We understand that understanding key financial terms and being financially “literate” and that receiving training on how to create a realistic budget are important parts of that assistance.

We believe that developing realistic goals and creating practical strategies are key steps in being successful and following through. At the EOC, we work with you to help you put the wheels in motion on your pathway to success.

All of our services are offered **FREE** of charge and we encourage you to visit one of our centers to receive assistance in planning your future and attaining your dreams!



YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE EOC SERVICES IF YOU MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- You are 19 years of age or older or
- You are less than 19 years of age and cannot be served by a Talent Search Program, and
- You are a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or eligible non-citizen (refugee, granted asylum, etc.)

EOC SERVICES MAY BE RIGHT FOR YOU IF YOU ARE:

- A veteran, a veterans' spouse or dependent,
- A dislocated worker,
- An ex-offender or on probation,
- A first-time college student,
- A college drop-out
- A post-secondary school transfer student
- An individual with disabilities,
- An individual lacking a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (G.E.D.)
- An individual with defaulted student loans
- Unsure about your career path
- Unsure about your education options
- In need of assistance in completing educational financial aid applications
- In need of assistance in completing college application
- In need of help searching for scholarships