



THE EOF PROGRAM

SERVICES RENDERED

- Social Activities
- Achievement & Motivation Workshops
 - Transition from High School to College
 - Conflict Resolution & Overcoming Obstacles
 - Time Management & Study Skills
 - Healthy Brain & Body
 - Ethics & Critical Thinking
 - Financial Skills & Relationships 101
 - Business Etiquette
- Public Speaking Seminars
- One-on-One Counseling Sessions
 - Career Guidance
 - Emotional Support

GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE!

Through EOF, you can begin your Caldwell University experience today!

WHY EOF?

The EOF staff at Caldwell University believes that students like you, who have the desire and the motivation to achieve your academic goals, are a perfect match for our program. It is our commitment, as supportive and caring professionals, to work with you in attaining your educational goals.

Since the program's establishment in 1968, hundreds of students have experienced the benefits of the EOF program at Caldwell University. The EOF program has proudly graduated students year after year; students who go onto graduate school or reach their goals of becoming successful in the career of their choice.

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“EOF to me means family, and unconditional support, a shoulder to lean on 24/7, and friends for life.”

– Jesiree Rodriguez
Class of 2021

EOF,
like family...It Works!



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“It's Family, Community, Unity, all of those things that represent home and support for a student like me.”

– Dennis Martin, Class of 2021



THE EOF PROGRAM



The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program, in partnership with Caldwell University, provides financial and educational assistance to eligible students who come from lower-income families. EOF students at Caldwell University receive supportive services such as academic and career advisement, tutoring, motivational and academic skills workshops. The EOF program is guided by a caring and professional staff that stands ready to assist in making the path to a college degree a qualitative educational experience.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

To qualify for the EOF program you must:

- Be a New Jersey resident for at least one year.
- You must be a US citizen, legal resident or dreamer.
- Have a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Have taken the SAT or ACT (optional) and meet EOF academic requirements.
- Meet income eligibility guidelines as set by the NJ Commission on Higher Education.
- Possess the potential and genuine interest in completing a bachelor’s degree program.

Undergraduate Eligibility:

- Must demonstrate an educationally and economically disadvantaged background.
- Must be a New Jersey resident 12 consecutive months prior to receiving the award.
- Must apply and be accepted to a participating New Jersey college or university.
- Must meet the academic criteria as set by the institution of choice.
- Must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application.

Transfer student acceptance is based on availability.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

The EOF Pre-Freshman Summer Program at Caldwell University is offered to high school graduates in the summer after your graduation. This required five week summer enrichment program is designed to strengthen your preparation for college-level work and academic success. This exceptional program also provides students with time to become familiar with the campus and faculty while earning college credits!

WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS?

ELIGIBILITY		
EOF INCOME ELIGIBILITY SCALE 2023–2024		
Household Size	Gross Income (Not to Exceed)	Max. Asset Cap (Not to Exceed)
1	\$27,180	\$5,436
2	\$36,620	\$7,324
3	\$46,060	\$9,212
4	\$55,500	\$11,100
5	\$64,940	\$12,988
6	\$74,380	\$14,876
7	\$83,820	\$16,764
8	\$93,260	\$18,652
	Add \$9,440 for each additional family member.	Add \$1,888 for each additional family member.

Financial eligibility for EOF is based on the size of the family and the combined gross household income.

“EOF to me is a family that always pushes you to do better for both yourself and others.”
– Samuel Hayford ‘21



HOW DO I APPLY?

Students who are interested in applying to Caldwell University through the EOF program must:

- Apply to the university by completing an application via the CommonApp or online application by visiting www.caldwell.edu.
- Arrange to have the following mailed to the Admissions Office:
 - Official High School transcript or GED certificate
 - SAT or ACT scores (optional)
 - Letters of recommendation (2)
 - Essay
- Federal Tax Return Transcripts from 2020 and 2021 must be emailed to eof@caldwell.edu.
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application. List Caldwell University as one of the schools you want to receive the financial aid information (College code 002598).
- Students who qualify will then be invited on campus for an interview.

The EOF program has limited enrollment capacity and is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

On EOF Spirit Day, students celebrate and share stories of strength, teamwork, camaraderie and academic successes accomplished throughout the step-by-step process from freshmen to graduating seniors.



EOF SUMMER PROGRAM

The EOF Pre-Freshman Summer Program (EOFPFSP) is aimed at introducing freshmen to a comprehensive and holistic approach for the development of academic and personal skills that are necessary to succeed and excel at Caldwell University. The EOFPFSP integrates assessments, academic instructions, tutorial/educational enrichment seminars, potential career guidance and counseling components into an intensive five-week program.

- Students who successfully complete the program, with a “C+” average or better, will earn four college credits towards graduation.

The EOF Program staff is committed to encourage and motivate students, but more importantly to develop the attitudes that will facilitate the transition from high school to college. We are also committed to empower each student to thrive and excel both scholastically and individually in the fall; as well as throughout their college years and beyond.

WE ASSIST STUDENTS IN ACHIEVING
ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL SUCCESS.

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