

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

Purpose/Mission

Educational Opportunity Center seeks to enhance the lives of first generation and low-income students as well as students with disabilities and other marginalized populations (veterans, women, non-traditional, adult learners and returning students). Our program helps remove individual's barriers and connects them to educational and financial opportunities that increase their skills and abilities.

Learning Outcomes

Secondary school diploma:

65% of participants served during the project year, who do not have a secondary school diploma or its equivalent, will receive a secondary school diploma or its equivalent during the project year.

Financial aid applications:

70% of participants served during the project year who are not already enrolled in a postsecondary education program and who: 1) are high school seniors; 2) are high school graduates; or 3) have obtained a high school equivalency certificate, will apply for financial aid during the project year.

Postsecondary education admissions

80% of participants served during the project year who are not already enrolled in a postsecondary education program and who: 1) are high school seniors; 2) are high school graduates; or 3) have obtained a high school equivalency certificate, will apply for college admission during the project year.

Postsecondary education enrollment:

60% of participants who graduate from secondary school and are not already enrolled in a postsecondary education program will enroll in a postsecondary education program immediately following participation in an EOC program or will have received notification, by the fall semester, of acceptance but deferred enrollment until the next academic semester (e.g. spring semester).

Programs and Services

1:1 Advising:

- Educational and vocational exploration and planning
- HS/GED and Post-secondary admissions and application completion
- FAFSA completion and verification
- Job/Career search and application

Workshops:

- FAFSA educational sessions and completion
- Scholarship informational sessions and search/apply
- Admissions processes and application workshops
- Financial literacy



**EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY
CENTER**

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FROM 2020-2021, THE EOC SUPPORTED

441

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

**LOW INCOME ONLY: 9.75%
FIRST GENERATION ONLY: 12.24%
LOW INCOME & FIRST GENERATION: 54.65%
OTHER: 23.36%**

**IN TAKING THEIR FIRST STEPS TOWARDS POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION**

THAT MEANS

67%

of our participants without diplomas,
now have one

50%

of our participants enrolled in
post-secondary education

25%

of our participants have applied for
post-secondary education programs

26%

of our participants have
completed a FAFSA application

"TRIO has helped me get my paper work with FASFA in order, and understand the process that UVU has for their scholarships."

JOSH PADILLA