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**To:** Michael P. Hein, Commissioner  
New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

**From:** Christopher E. Fernando, Supervisor of Higher Education Programs *CF*

**Re:** Documentation for NYS Opportunity Program (EOP, SEEK/CD, and HEOP) eligibility

This memorandum is to communicate that students applying to NYS Opportunity programs (EOP, SEEK/CD, and HEOP) are required to provide documentation pertaining to their economic eligibility. As such, students (or their families) may be contacting programs under your auspices to request documentation needed to evaluate their college admission into an Opportunity Program in NYS.

The information provided by your Office supports these time-sensitive decisions and your staff's cooperation in providing students with this critical documentation is greatly appreciated. If you need any further information on this matter, please feel free to email me at [Christopher.Fernando@nysed.gov](mailto:Christopher.Fernando@nysed.gov).

**Cc:** Dr. William Murphy, Deputy Commissioner  
Dr. Anael Alston, Assistant Commissioner  
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