

GTOP CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY FORM

This form must be signed and certified by the EOP/HEOP/SEEK director at your undergraduate institution and then be return to the Office of Graduate Education, UAB 121, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222, **by April 15th** for the next academic year. This form is required before the applicant can be considered for GTOP support. Email additional inquiries to graduate@albany.edu.

THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED ONLY ONCE

Name: _____ SSN (last four digits): _____
Address: _____ Gender: _____
_____ Telephone: _____
_____ Email: _____

*Ethnicity (please check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White, Non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black, Non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Native Alaskan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

* This information is requested for recruitment and statistical purposes only. The University at Albany grants admission and financial aid based on the qualifications of the applicant without regard to sex, race, age, color, creed, national origin, disability, or marital status.

Degree or Certificate program being sought: _____

Please Note: only Certificate programs requiring 30 credits or more can be considered for GTOP funding.

Did you participate in EOP/SEEK/HEOP as an undergraduate? YES NO

If yes, what college or university did you attend? _____

What was your undergraduate major? _____

What year did you graduate from an EOP/HEOP/SEEK as an undergraduate? _____

Certification Approvals

EOP/HEOP/SEEK Director's Signature attests to applicant's Telephone No. _____ Date _____
participation in institution's undergraduate program

Printed Name of EOP/HEOP/SEEK Director Email Address

University at Albany Approval Date

Qualifications for the Graduate Tuition Opportunity Program (GTOP)

- Applicants must have graduated from a New York State private or public institution of higher education as an EOP, HEOP, or SEEK undergraduate. A Certificate of Participation must be completed and signed by the undergraduate institution's EOP/HEOP/SEEK director in verification of eligibility.
- Applicants must be a New York State resident.
- Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a graduate degree program. Therefore, during the academic year, a GTOP award covers the tuition cost of 9 **graduate** credits per semester. For the summer session, the GTOP award can only support students admitted into an advanced standing graduate program that requires summer coursework. Additionally, students requiring no more than 6 **graduate** credits of summer coursework to complete degree requirements in the summer session will be considered for GTOP.
- Applicants are responsible for paying University fees.

Consistent with University Guidelines, GTOP recipients are restricted to a maximum of two years of support while pursuing the Master's degree and no more than an additional two years of support beyond the Master's for those continuing in doctoral study. Doctoral students who enter the University without advanced standing are limited to a total of four years of support. Doctoral students who enter the University with a Master's or beyond are limited to three years of support.

Acceptance into the program is determined at the campus to which the student has applied and depends in part on the number of scholarships allocated to that campus.
