

Dear Summer Bridgee

You most likely have a lot of things to accomplish during your last year of high school but I would like to encourage you to think about something else in preparing for Humboldt State University; math and English. Where you begin the math and English process is determined by your placement tests, which are required for most incoming freshmen.

The Education Opportunity Program (EOP) would like to strongly encourage you to take your Entry Level Math (ELM) and English Placement Test (EPT) during your second semester of your senior year. The tests are offered on every CSU campus. Contact the campus near you to register for a test.

Because your placement in math and English courses will be based on your test scores, a little test preparation can help ensure that you have the appropriate class schedule your first semester. Without such preparation you may end up being placed in a class that does not properly challenge you.

In order to improve your chances of scoring well on these tests, use the following web sites to prepare:

- ❑ For information about the ELM and EPT, visit: <http://www.ets.org/csu>
- ❑ Take a practice English test (multiple choice): <http://www.calstate.edu/ar/EPT.pdf>
- ❑ Tips for the EPT: <http://www.csuenglishsuccess.org>
- ❑ Tips for math: <http://www.calstate.edu/ar/fom.pdf>
- ❑ More tips for math: <http://www.csumathsuccess.org>
- ❑ Take a practice math test: [http://www.calstate.edu/ar/ELMproblembook01\\_02.pdf](http://www.calstate.edu/ar/ELMproblembook01_02.pdf)

If you are unable to take the test before Summer Bridge 2008 or are unable to pay the fee (approximately \$46 at HSU), we will offer the test to you for free during the Summer Bridge program. I encourage you to call or email me if you have any questions.

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Students studying for placement test during Summer Bridge

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# FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Things to do to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Financial aid at Humboldt State University is an integral part of your education. EOP can help in many ways, most importantly, in describing the process and explaining all of the requirements and forms you will receive.

Here is a list of things for you to do (✓):

\_\_\_ Apply for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). The PIN is used as an electronic signature and is required by both you and your parent/guardian. You can apply for the PIN before January 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

\_\_\_ File as soon as possible at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If your FAFSA is submitted after March 1<sup>st</sup> you may lose out on some forms of grants and scholarships but you will still get money for college. You **cannot** submit your FAFSA **before** January 1<sup>st</sup>. It is OK to estimate income for 2007.

\_\_\_ Provide a reliable email address or mailing address on the FAFSA.

\_\_\_ Provide HSU's federal school code on the FAFSA (**HSU = 001149**).

\_\_\_ Check the status of your submitted FAFSA on-line a week after you submit it. Call EOP if you have questions.

\_\_\_ Look for a Student Aid Report (SAR) by email.

When you receive your SAR, read it carefully and call EOP if you have any questions.

Make sure that:

\_\_\_ your application was properly signed and completed

\_\_\_ HSU is listed as one of the schools to receive your information

\_\_\_ your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) was established

\_\_\_ you know if you were selected for Verification

-Students selected for verification will be asked to provide additional documents by each school listed on the FAFSA.

**Almost all financial aid paperwork has a deadline to be completed. If you miss the deadline, it's like going to the back of the line, starting over, and you may miss out on significant amounts of money!!!**