Please note that if you are a member of the following programs, you are not eligible for CeO: PEOPLE, Posse, First Wave, Chancellor’s Scholars, Powers-Knapp Scholars, or the Center for Academic Excellence (CAE).

We are pleased that you have expressed an interest in the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Center for Educational Opportunity (CeO). Please review the following directions before completing your application:

1. **CeO Application**: This application is for you to complete. Read the questions carefully and respond to each one.

2. **Essay**: The application requires that you write a narrative (essay). The essay should be double spaced and up to two pages in length describing your personal background and/or college background, favorite subjects, and your academic and career goals. Also tell us why you are interested in being a part of CeO and how you feel the program will be able to assist you. Write in complete sentences and organize your information in a logical manner. **Please type if possible.**

3. **Copy Federal Tax Return**: Send a copy of tax forms from the previous tax year.
   - Copy of parent/guardian tax forms if they claimed you for tax purposes.
   - Copy of your tax forms if you are an independent student (for financial aid purposes); and not claimed by your parent/guardian.
   - If your parents/guardian are not required to file a tax return, please contact us as soon as possible at (608) 265-5106.
   - *A copy of the federal tax form (1040) must be submitted even if you are not claiming to meet income guidelines.*

4. **First Generation Statement**: If applicable, return the signed Verification of First Generation College Student Statement with your application.

5. **University Application**: If you have not yet applied to UW-Madison, remember that you must also complete the UW Application in order to be considered for admission at the university. This is separate from the CeO application. You may write “CeO” at the top of the first page of the UW Application form in the Wisconsin or note that you are interested in CeO in the applicant’s statement section of the on-line application.

After receiving the above information we will make a determination about your admittance into the program. You will be informed shortly after we reach our decision. In the interim, if you have any questions or need additional information please contact the CeO Office at (608) 265-5106. You may also visit our website at www.ceo.wisc.edu. The fax number is (608) 263-1039. We look forward to hearing from you.
**Application for Admission**

**Instructions:** To be considered for acceptance into CeO you must complete this application. Eligibility for CeO is based on meeting one or more of the criteria which follow. **Student Support Services (SSS):** Applicants must 1) meet income guidelines; 2) be from families in which neither parent nor guardian has obtained a bachelor’s degree or the parent/guardian you regularly reside with did not receive a bachelor’s degree; 3) have a documented disability. **Academic Success and Achievement Program (ASAP):** If you do not meet the SSS criteria, you may still be eligible for ASAP. You are encouraged to apply if you feel underserved at the University and would benefit from services and community that CeO provides.

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* Ethnic and racial identity is used by CeO to prepare summary data reports to the Federal and other government agencies. It will not be used in any way to determine your acceptance as a CeO student.

**How did you learn about CeO?**

**How are you claiming eligibility?** **Please check all that apply.**

- [ ] a. I meet income guidelines.
- [ ] b. Neither my parent nor guardian obtained a bachelor’s degree.
- [ ] c. I have a disability. **If yes, please answer below.**

**What is your disability?**

Please submit verification of disability from your doctor, state agency, or other professional agency.
On whose taxes were you claimed last year? (check one)

☐ a. both parents  ☐ e. guardian
☐ b. mother  ☐ f. spouse
☐ c. father  ☐ g. self
☐ d. other (explain) ___________________

Date of high school graduation: ____________________

Date you started at or plan to attend UW-Madison ____________________

Have you submitted your application to the UW-Admissions Office?  NO ☐ YES ☐

Have you been accepted to UW-Madison? NO ☐ YES ☐

Cumulative high school grade point average ____________________

ACT Composite or SAT Math & Verbal scores ____________________

What is your intended major or field? ____________________

I have completed the application(s) and/or member of the following program(s) in addition to CeO? (check all that apply)

☐ a. PEOPLE  ☐ c. First Wave  ☐ e. Center for Academic Excellence (CAE)
☐ b. Posse  ☐ d. Chancellor’s and Powers-Knapp Scholars

Annual Income Levels 2016

Size of Family Unit  Annual Taxable Family Income Must Be Below (effective 1/25/2016 until further notice)

48 Cont. States  Alaska  Hawai‘i

1. $17,820 ………… $22,260 ………… $20,505
2. $24,030 ………… $30,030 ………… $27,645
3. $30,240 ………… $37,800 ………… $34,785
4. $36,450 ………… $45,570 ………… $41,925
5. $42,660 ………… $53,340 ………… $49,065
6. $48,870 ………… $61,110 ………… $56,205
7. $55,095 ………… $68,880 ………… $63,345
8. $61,335 ………… $76,680 ………… $70,515

*For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: $6,240 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; $7,800 for Alaska; and $7,170 for Hawai‘i.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount. The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register on January 25, 2016.

Record Release Statement

To help expedite consideration of your application please sign the records release statement below:

I give permission to CeO to request my admission, financial aid, and academic records in order to obtain the information necessary to act upon my application, provide services, and generate reports. I am aware that these materials will be kept in my CeO file and will not be released to anyone else without my permission.

Signature: ____________________ Date: ____________________

Please send the CeO Application for Admission to:

Center for Educational Opportunity
Room 16, Ingraham Hall
1155 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706-1397
Fax: (608) 263-1039 Phone: (608) 265-5106 Web: ceo.wisc.edu
VERIFICATION OF FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT STATEMENT

Center for Educational Opportunity
UW-Madison
Room 16, Ingraham Hall
1155 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706-1397

This is to certify that _____________________________________________
is eligible for CeO under the first generation provision, since neither parent/guardian completed a bachelor’s degree. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

______________________________                         ________________
Parent, Guardian, or Student Signature  Date