Our History

C.O.P. began in 1970
• U.S. Government provided funds for first 3 years
• Recruited residents from Wai`anae-Nānākuli & Kalihi-Palama

Since 1973
• State of Hawai`i provide funds
• Recruit residents state-wide*
Our Mission

To recruit, screen, select, and prepare Hawaiʻi residents for a successful freshman year at the UH Mānoa.*
So What is C.O.P.?

C.O.P. provides an alternative pathway for individuals who desire to attend UH Mānoa but who do not possess the minimum requirements for admission.*
Who Can Apply?

Individuals who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

1. A bona fide Hawai‘i resident and U.S. citizen, national or person holding a permanent visa,

2. Possess a high school cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 as of December 1, 2011.


4. Earned no more than 12 college credits above the 100-level and hold a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 as of December 1, 2011.*
Who is it for?

Applicants who meet the additional criteria below will be given priority consideration; however, COP encourages all eligible applicants to apply.

1. Lack the minimum requirements for guaranteed admission to UHM,

2. Economically disadvantaged family background,

3. First person in family to attend college, and

4. Represent a positive role model to communities underrepresented at UHM.*
Two Phases of C.O.P.

- Summer Academic Program (6 weeks)
  July 1, 2012 through August 11, 2012

- First Year Program
  Fall 2012 through Spring 2013
Purpose of Summer Academic & Residential Program

To experience living on campus in a residence hall while attending classes and group activities to upgrade academic and social skills necessary to succeed in college.
Summer Courses

**History 152 Lecture & Lab**
- Earn 3 college credits
- World history from 1500 – present
- 2 hour large lecture 3 x per week
- Small lab 1 x per week

**College Success Lecture & Lab**
- 6 week orientation to UHM
- Financial Aid Literacy
- Course selection & registration for Fall
- Ease the transition to college
Summer Courses

College Writing
• Like a freshmen expository writing course
• 1½ hour course; meets three times per week
• Small size – 17 students per class

Life Skills
• Educational Sessions on topics to assist with the social adjustment to college.
• Topics include: Diversity, Health & Wellness, Leadership Development, Team Building, & Community Service
How much does it cost?

Summer program is FREE!

C.O.P. pays for:

• Room - Live in a Residential Hall on campus
• Board - Eat 10-14 meals each week
• Textbooks and instructional expenses*
First-Year Academic Program

- Students are classified as regular freshmen
  - Enroll as a full-time student with at least 12 credits

- Students have priority residence hall space
  - Live on-campus in residential hall for the first year

- Students are allowed to work only on-campus in a part-time position up to 20 hours per week.

- Students are required to pay for all education-related costs.
  - Pay for tuition, room/board, textbooks*
First-Year Academic Program

- C.O.P.’s “One-Stop” Services
  - individual advising and counseling
  - semi-monthly group meetings
  - assistance on academic, financial aid, and housing issues
  - a home base – a place for students to hang out, meet with friends, use computer, eat
  - group support from other C.O.P. students*
So Why C.O.P.?

- Another pathway for students to enter UHM
- Prepare for the first semester and get an overall head start to college
- Earn 3 college credits at no cost
- Experience living in a campus residence hall
- Meet, interact and network with new people
- Learn and practice responsibility and independence from home
- Receive full time staff support and advising*
How to Apply

Step 1: Complete a COP Application

Copies of the application may be downloaded from C.O.P. website at www.hawaii.edu/cop
Step 2

Write a personal essay

- See application for guidelines.

PERSONAL ESSAY: On a separate sheet(s), please type your responses to each of the items listed below. Attach your responses to your application.

1. Describe your current living situation and family members.
   - Where do you live and with whom?
   - Identify each member in the household by name, age and relationship to you.

2. As a UHM student, explain how you would be a positive role model for students who come from communities that are currently underrepresented at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

3. What are the current activities that you are involved in at school and in your community.

4. Why are you applying to COP and what are your alternative plans.

5. Share with us any other information you feel would support your application.
Step 3: Obtain Two (2) Recommendations

- Need two COP Recommendation Forms:
  1. College preparatory high school teacher
  2. High school grade level, college or career counselor

- Need not be from a class that you earned an “A” grade

- Should be from someone who knows you very well. Ask if they can give you a strong recommendation

- Allow recommenders at least 2 weeks to complete your recommendation form and return it to you before December 1, 2011.
Step 4: Request Transcript

Send current high school transcript
- include 1st quarter grades
- include SAT/ACT scores, if taken
- all college transcripts, if applicable*
Step 5:

Obtain a signed copy of Parent’s/Guardian’s 2010 Federal Income Tax (Form 1040)
Step 6: Submit Application Checklist

Items #1-7 must be submitted in one Application packet.
In order for your application to be considered for the 2012 COP Summer Program, you must submit all required documents in one Application Packet.

Your completed Application Packet must be received in the COP office no later than 4:00 PM on December 1, 2011.

Applications that do not comply with the deadline requirements will not be considered.

COP will not accept any application, or part thereof, which is sent by email or facsimile.*
Application Timeline

• Application Deadline: December 1, 2011
• Reading & Writing Test: Dec 2011 – Jan 2012
• Initial Interviews: January – February 2012
• Final Interviews: February – March 2012
• Selection Offers: No later than April 2012*
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