

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) seeks to identify students 19 and older with or without a high school diploma to assist them with earning their GED or enrolling in college.

With the mission of the EOC being that all individuals should have equal access to secondary education and post-secondary enrollment, our program identifies obstacles for each individual and assists them in removing or overcoming those barriers to education.

The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) is funded by the Department of Education TRIO grant. Gadsden State is funded to serve 850 students annually from Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, and Etowah counties. Two thirds of our students must be low-income and first generation students.

EOC staff members will engage with high schools and agencies in their four counties to identify potential students. EOC is housed on three campuses: East Broad, Ayers and Cherokee.

For more information about the eligibility criteria, the application procedure, and the types of services and accommodations available, student should contact the EOC Gadsden office at 256.549.8607, Ayers Campus office at 256.835.5477, Cherokee office at 256.927.1801 or visit <https://www.gadsdenstate.edu/admissions-aid/trio-programs.cms>.

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