



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ASSOCIATION  
A Midwest Association of TRIO and College Access  
and Success Professionals

## 2020 EOA National Men of Excellence Conference Institutional Host Application

### Purpose/Commitment

For years the Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) - formally called Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP) has provided a variety of student leadership conferences and opportunities. In 2014-2015, EOA focused on meeting the specific challenges and opportunities for our high school and college men. This conference was inspired by President Obama's MY Brother's Keeper Initiative; it is marketed towards young men from pre-college and collegiate programs. Attendees will work with TRIO/Higher Education professionals on personal, college planning and college success with life skill development. Hosting this conference on a college campus provides a more valuable experience to the young men involved. The purpose of the Educational Opportunity Program National Men of Excellence Conference is to **foster male's desire to BE R.E.A.L (Responsible Educated Authentic Leaders)**. Visit [www.eoa.org](http://www.eoa.org).

**Target Audience:** 150 selected high schools and college males in the Midwest encompassing ten states.

### Highlights:

- Access to a college environment which values diversity and inclusion
- Interactive activities in small and large group
- Discussion on leadership and responsibility
- Concurrent sessions which allow students to be exposed their sense of identity
- Motivational speakers
- Networking and mentoring opportunities with peers, college students, and professionals

### History/Numbers

2019 May 24-26, total 240 participants/staff chaperones, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

2017 June 1-3 total 206 participants/staff/chaperones  
Kent State University, Kent, Ohio

2016 June 2-4 total 217 participants/staff/chaperones  
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

2015 July 24-25, 2015 total 80 participants/chaperones  
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

## **Institutional Host Requirements**

- Location within Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) region
- Commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Residence Halls and Lodging (for up to 225-250 people)
- On-campus dining
- Community and Campus Sponsorships (financial support or cost savings)
- Overall institutional support
- Connection to a diverse faculty (potential speakers/presenters)
- Connection to local community leaders (potential speakers/presenters)
- Proximity to an airport
- Volunteers to assist with the planning committee

## **Institutional Host Application Process**

- Send Application to Host the 2019 EOA Men of Excellence Conference (pdf format) to [men-of-excellence@eoa.org](mailto:men-of-excellence@eoa.org) – with the following information:
  - Institution's name
  - Institution's central full address
  - Institution's residential full address
  - Proposed available date options to be able to fully execute the logistics (a two night/three day event)
  - Person providing authority to host: name, title and full contact information
  - Person for follow-up questions regarding this application: name, title and full contact information
  - Person likely to serve as key liaison, if selected: name, title and full contact information
  - Describe your over-all campus climate for attendees
  - Describe large areas for general sessions (auditoriums, great rooms)
  - Describe residence halls and lodging availability and room set-up (for up to 225- 250 people)
  - Describe the on-campus dining
  - Indicate confirmed and potential community and/or campus sponsorships
  - Indicate overall institutional support (discounted/free logistics)
  - Indicate confirmed and potential connection to faculty (potential pool of speakers/presenters)
  - Indicate confirmed and potential connection to local leaders (potential pool of speakers/presenters)
  - Proximity to an airport and ground transportation logistics

Send "*Application to Host the 2020 EOA Men of Excellence Conference*" (pdf format) to [men-of-excellence@eoa.org](mailto:men-of-excellence@eoa.org). Deadline is October 18, 2019 or until a suitable institution can be found. Questions about the process can be addressed to [president-elect@eoa.org](mailto:president-elect@eoa.org)