

Financial Aid Facts

Types of Aid at Essex County College

There are three types of Student financial aid at Essex County College:

- **Gift Aid** – **Grants** or **Scholarships** that do not have to be repaid, but which may have conditions for which to receive or continue to receive the aid (such as specific academic criteria, maintaining satisfactory academic progress; may also be conditioned on the specific level of enrollment). Gift aid will be directly applied on your bill against your College charges.
- **Loans** – Any **private education loan** that you present for certification and for which you are eligible will be received by the College and directly applied against your College charges. Essex County College does **NOT** participate in Federal student loan programs.
- **Work-Study** – This form of financial aid provides an opportunity to earn funds up to the amount of the awarded amount, and is delivered to you in the form of a paycheck. It is assumed that Work-Study earnings will be reinvested into the student's personal education costs. Work-Study is **NOT** directly applied against the College's charges though a student can provide a written authorization to the College's Bursar to do so.

Contact for Financial Aid Assistance

FAFSA	HESAA	Essex FA
1-800-433-3243	1-800-792-8670	For more information
fafsa.gov	hesaa.org	and resources
fsaid.ed.gov	njfams.hesaa.org/	973-877-3200
studentaid.gov		essex.edu/fa

Remember to add Essex County College's Federal School Code to your FAFSA!

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Applying for Financial Aid 2022-2023

We are located in Room 3220, in the "green area"

-  **973-877-3200**
-  **303 University Avenue,
Newark NJ 07102**
-  **www.essex.edu/fa**

Step 1 – Obtain myECC and ECC Email Account

Set up your **myECC** (<http://myecc.essex.edu>) account and ECC email account. The Financial Aid Office will only communicate to students via the student's official ECC email account.

Step 2 – Create a US Department of Education Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) and Password

You and your parent (if you are a dependent student) must create a **FSA ID** and password in order to confirm your identity, access specific US Department of Education websites, and to electronically sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

Create your FSA ID here: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>.

Step 3 – Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

The **FAFSA** is the application form for Federal student aid. It is also used by the State of New Jersey as the application for state-based student financial assistance.

File the **FAFSA** online at: <http://fafsa.gov>, or by using the MyStudentAid mobile app for Google Play and Apple App Store.

For State of New Jersey student aid consideration, complete the state-based questions in the link on the Confirmation Page that says "Start your State Aid Application". or complete them on the NJ FAMS website of the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)

NJ "Dreamers" should file the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application

Step 4 – Receive, Review and Respond to your Student Aid Report (SAR)

If you provide a valid email address, you'll receive an email from noreply@FAFSA.gov with instructions on how to access an online copy of your SAR. If not, a SAR or a SAR Acknowledgement will be sent via USPS mail.

- SAR: lists your FAFSA® information and provides space for you to make corrections. Received via USPS mail.
- SAR Acknowledgement: lists your FAFSA® information, but you'll need to make any corrections at fafsa.gov. Received via email.

Step 5 – Submit Verification Documentation (if applicable)

If your SAR says you have been "selected for a review process called verification", you are required to submit documents to verify the accuracy of the information reported on the FAFSA®. Submit all required documents immediately upon request.

- Log into myecc.essex.edu to check for any documents required to complete your file.
- Upload documents to the Financial Aid Office through **Mapping Xpress**.
- Check your NJ FAMS record for any documents HESAA needs to complete their verification processes.

FAFSA Filing Information

- Essex County College's Federal School Code is **007107**.
- The FAFSA® must be filed for each academic year.

Deadlines:

- Priority Processing is May 1, 2022, both for for Summer II (July 2022) consideration and for the 2022-23 academic year (starting with Fall 2022).
- After Priority Processing deadline: you must submit the FAFSA® immediately or at least six (6) weeks before you plan to register for classes.