

Essex County College  
Gateway to College  
**Application for Admission**

Please read the application carefully before completing. **Print clearly in blue or black ink.** Be sure to complete the entire application and required essays. Please bring your completed application with you when you come to the Information Session.

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. NAME AND ADDRESS**

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle Initial*

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address (Include St/Ave) Apartment Number*

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address\* (if different than home address): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street address or PO Box #*

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If your mailing address is different than your home address, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**II. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you do NOT HAVE a SS number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date you turn 21: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_Female \_\_\_Male  
*City State COUNTRY*

Native Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Language spoken in the home: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First MI*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_



Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything that may prevent you from attending classes on a regular basis? \_\_\_\_\_NO \_\_\_\_\_YES. If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. EMPLOYMENT**

Do you currently have a job? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, please complete the following:

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ About how many hours a week do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City/State): \_\_\_\_\_ Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. REFERRAL INFORMATION**

How did you learn about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Students **must** attend classes five days per week, Monday-Friday.

**VI. REQUIRED SIGNATURE**

I certify that the information on this application is correct and complete. I understand that if I have not provided accurate information or the required application materials, I may be denied acceptance in the Gateway to College program.

I also understand that I cannot be enrolled in any other high school or other alternative high school education program while participating in the Gateway to College program. If selected for the program, I agree to abide by the Essex County College Code of Student Conduct, as well as the policies and procedures of the Gateway to College program.

ECC Gateway to College, in its educational policies, programs, and procedures, provide equal opportunity for all its students without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or disability.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application for Admission – Essay Requirements**

**VIII. THREE ESSAYS**

These essays will be used by the selection committee to decide between many applicants. Please use the essays to help your application by following all the instructions.

This essay portion of the application helps us become acquainted with you on a more personal level and is an important step in the final acceptance by the Gateway Selection Committee. Your application is not complete without your essays and will not be considered for acceptance without receiving them by the announced deadline.

**DIRECTIONS:** On separate sheets of paper, write answers to the three essay questions below. Each essay should be **at least two (2) paragraphs**, in essay format, typewritten, and double-spaced. Each essay can be more than 2 paragraphs, but please don't submit essays that are less than 2 paragraphs. If you do not have access to a computer or typewriter, you may neatly hand write your answers in ink. Please write your name on each page. Attach the essays to your application form.

**Please respond to all of the following questions. Be sure to answer all questions in your essays:**

**ESSAY I**

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What personal strengths have helped you overcome challenges in your life? How will your strengths help you to attain your educational goals? Talk about some key personal problems or challenges that you have had that have interfered with your success in completing your education in the past. What would be different now?

**ESSAY II**

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Why are you interested in being a part of Essex County College's Gateway to College program? Why do you think this program is a good fit for you to achieve your goals? Why should the selection committee choose you for this scholarship program, especially since there is a lot of competition for limited slots?

**ESSAY III**

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As a full-time college student, how would you balance your coursework, employment, family, social, and personal life? What would motivate you to attend classes 100 percent of the time? What would motivate you to complete all your homework assignments on time?