

Welcome to the Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) at Essex County College!



What is EOF?

A program of supports for the college student of low income background, which includes:

- Educated and experienced Counselors and support staff who provide assistance with personal, career, academic concerns. They also produce monthly workshops – Forums – on important issues to college students.
- A mighty team of EOF tutors and a mini computer lab available throughout the week (even on Saturdays).
- Each main semester – fall and spring, the EOF student in good standing receives an additional check in the amount of \$525.00 – over and above the money received from other financial aid programs!

Who is eligible?

An ECC student who is:

- Registered Full time with 12 billable credits and who has earned not more than 30 credits
- Low income that can be verified -(please refer to the income guide on the application)
- GPA of 2.0 or above
- Student ready and willing to participate in the programs various activities.

How and when do I apply?

Please fill out the application attached or print it from on-line essex.edu/eof . Submit it to the Ms. Paniagua, 3rd Level Green Area during the first weeks of the Fall or the Spring semesters. Exact dates will be posted on the website, in the department and around the college with flyers and posters. At the time of submission, you will be informed right away if you are eligible. EOF returning students have the first priority for funding. Due to many students graduating, transferring or dropping out, we will have some openings. If you have questions at any time, you may call Ms. Paniagua at 974 877-3386, the EOF Resource Director.

What can I expect?

EOF is a State of New Jersey, Commission on Higher Education program. It receives a limited amount of funds for students at the beginning of the academic year (September). Therefore, you may well be eligible, yet not funded because the funds have been used up! In the meantime, you are very welcome to use many of the resources of the EOF program – just come right in or visit our web page for news!

EOF – Get with the Program!

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