



# Financial Aid News



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## **WARNING ABOUT YOUR STATE AID**

If you filed your FAFSA for 2010-2011 and are a New Jersey resident, you must provide additional information to the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) in order to be considered for any New Jersey State student financial aid programs, such as the Tuition Aid Grant (TAG), EOF and NJ STARS.

HESAA cannot determine your eligibility for state aid until you have provided them with the requested information. Failure to do so means you will not receive state aid. Do not send the information HESAA requested to the Essex County College Financial Aid Office. If you have any questions contact HESAA Customer Care at 800-792-8670 (se habla español).

You must fax your requested information to HESAA directly at (609) 588-2228 or (609) 588-7389 or mail it to this address:

State of New Jersey,  
Higher Education Student Assistance Authority  
4 Quakerbridge Plaza  
P.O. Box 540  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0540

## **Has your Fall 2010 Registration Bill been paid?**

August is a very busy month for the Financial Aid Office. The Office will do everything possible to review your applications for aid and pay your registration bills before Fall classes begin.

However, to protect your registration, while your application is being reviewed, the Financial Aid Office will **automatically** place a Financial Aid Hold on your registration **if you qualify**. Go to <http://www.essex.edu/finaid> for the details on how to qualify for the hold. The "hold" will remain on the registration bill until your eligibility is determined. Your classes will not be canceled. **You will not be eligible for a Book Voucher until you are actually awarded funds.** To confirm that your registration is on "hold", go to [myecc.essex.edu](http://myecc.essex.edu). **You must attend all your classes, while your classes are on Financial Aid Hold.**

## **Are you eligible for a Fall 2010 Book Voucher?**

Book Vouchers for Fall 2010 will be issued beginning **August 31, 2010**. Go directly to the Book Store beginning **September 7, 2010 through October 15, 2010** to use your Book Voucher. You will only receive **one** Book Voucher and that voucher will be based on your registration credits at the time the voucher is produced. So, make sure you have registered for all your classes. If you adjust your registration or fail to attend all your classes after the voucher is issued, you may be required to repay all or part of the funds. **Note:** Check [myecc.essex.edu](http://myecc.essex.edu) to see, if you have been issued a Book Voucher.



To eligible for a Fall Book Voucher you must:

- Be registered for Fall 2010; **and**
- Be awarded financial aid funds; **and**
- Have funds remaining after your registration bill is paid in full.

## **The ECC Financial Aid Refund Policy**

Students who have funds remaining after the registration bill and all Book Store charges have been paid in full, will be eligible for a financial aid refund check. You are responsible for maintaining your eligibility for financial aid funding. Read the Financial Aid Refund Policy posted on our website. Go to our website at <http://www.essex.edu/finaid/forms.html> for details.

## **The Financial Aid e-Check**

**NEW** RECEIVING YOUR REFUND JUST GOT EASIER

*Coming Soon*

THE **FINANCIAL AID e-CHECK**

THE FASTEST WAY TO GET YOUR FINANCIAL AID REFUND

 **essex county college**

Receiving your financial aid refund check just got easier and faster. Financial Aid is introducing a new program this Fall, the Financial Aid e-Check.

**The e-Check Program will allow you to have your refund check deposited directly into your Checking or Savings Account or you can have the funds loaded onto a Prepaid Debit Card.** Funds will be available the next day, no worry about having your check lost or stolen, no standing in a long Check Cashing Line, or waiting for the mail. Look for details in **August** on how to Sign Up and participate in this new program.