



Financial Aid News



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What happens if I registered for Fall 2010, but have not been awarded aid? We encourage all students to register for **Fall 2010 now**. Priority Processing will be given to students who have already registered. If you have not been awarded at the time you register, the Financial Aid Office will protect your registration with a "**Financial Aid Registration Hold**", while your file is being reviewed, if your file is complete. **To qualify for this hold, you must:**

- Have a **2010-2011 FAFSA** on file in the Financial Aid Office.
- Have submitted all required **documents** and **forms**.
- Be **matriculated (declare a major)** in a degree or certificate program.
- Be in **Good Academic Standing** based on the academic progress policy at ECC.
- Have a **High School Diploma, GED, or passed the Ability to Benefit Test**, if you are a non-high school graduate.
- Have an **eligible EFC** for the Federal **PELL Grant** Program (**0-5273**).
- **Attend your classes while your file is being reviewed.**
- **Not be on Financial Aid or Academic Probation**

If you meet the above criteria, your registration will automatically be placed on Financial Aid Registration Hold. You do not need to come to the Financial Aid Office. Login to myecc.essex.edu to verify your classes are protected by a Financial Aid Registration Hold.

NOTE: If your registration is placed on "**hold**" by the Financial Aid Office, **you must attend all your classes**, while your file is under review. **Returning Student will not be eligible for a Book Voucher.** Book Voucher will be issued only to students you have funds remaining after tuition and all fees are paid in full. In other words, you must be awarded to be considered for a Book Voucher. **However, special consideration will be given to New Student Only who meets these criteria to purchase books.**

Students who do not meet these requirements or students who are determined not be eligible for aid after our review, must be prepared to pay their registration bill in full or sign up for the College Payment Plan through the Bursar's Office. If your classes are canceled for non-payment, it is **your responsibility** to re-register for your classes, if the registration period is still in progress. Please be prepared to pay additional charges to be reinstated in your classes, if your classes are canceled (voided).