

IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR

# FINANCIAL AID

2010-2011

## >> What Do I Need To Do?

- Go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) to apply for a **PIN**, if you and/or your parents (if Dependent) **do not** have one.
- You and your parents (if Dependent) will need your income documents (1040 etc.) for **2009**.
- Then go to [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) to complete and file your **2010-2011 FAFSA**
- Use our **Federal School Code 007107** on the FAFSA and make ECC your first school choice.
- **Returning Students must file the FAFSA by the Priority Processing Deadline of April 1, 2010.**

**Note:** Applications received after this date will be processed based on volume and as time permits.

**If your FAFSA is received after April 1, 2010, we will continue to process your application, but you must be prepared to make a payment on your registration bill or sign up for the College's Deferred Payment Plan, if your file has not been reviewed.**

## >> What Do I Do Now?

- **3-5 days** after you complete and file your FAFSA, go to [myecc.essex.edu](http://myecc.essex.edu) to check to see if your application is complete. Also check your ECC Email for additional information and announcements.
- Your application is **Incomplete**, if there is an **"E"** or **"R"** next to **any** document(s). Submit this information to the Financial Aid Office, **within 3 days** of notification. If the State (HESAA) requires additional information, you must send that information directly to the State.

## >> When Should I Register for Classes for 2010-2011?

- Right after you file your FAFSA or as soon as Web Registration (online registration) is available.
- Web Registration for 2010-2011 will start on **March 29, 2010**. Priority Processing will be extended first, to Returning Students who are registered.

## >> What Happens If I Am Not Registered?

- We will review and determine aid eligibility for Registered Returning Students first.
- You will not qualify for a Financial Aid Registration Hold and eligibility for a Book Voucher will be delayed.
- **Students who first register for classes after June 30, 2010 should be prepared to make a payment on your registration bill or sign up for the College's Deferred Payment Plan.**

## >> What Happens If I Am Registered, But My Application Has Not Been Reviewed or Awarded?

You may be eligible for a "**Financial Aid Registration Hold**". This hold will be placed on your registration, by Financial Aid, to protect your registration from being canceled, while your application is being reviewed.

**To be eligible for a Financial Aid Registration Hold, Returning Students must:**

- Be registered for classes for 2010-2011
- Have a FAFSA on file in the Financial Aid Office
- Have a **complete application** ("**complete**" means you have submitted all documents and forms requested by the **ECC Office of Financial Aid**).
- Be in good Academic Standing (as per the ECC Financial Aid Policies)
- **Not be on Financial Aid Probation** (we must see your grades before eligibility is determined).
- Have an eligible **PELL EFC** between **0** and **4617**

**If you do not want to be placed on hold**, you must complete a **Financial Aid Hold Release Form**, which is available online at [www.essex.edu/finaid](http://www.essex.edu/finaid).

**NOTE:** If you do not meet these criteria; you **will not be eligible** for a Financial Aid Registration Hold. Please report to the Bursar's Office to pay your registration bill or make other payment arrangements.

**Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for the Financial Aid Office to review your application for aid.**

## >> What's Next?

**Go to class.** If you fail to attend your classes, you will not be eligible for aid. You must attend your classes, if you have a "Financial Aid Registration Hold" or while you are waiting for your application to be reviewed.