



Hudson County Community College Educational Opportunity Fund Program

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2017 - 2018 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S STATUS (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

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|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Time College Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Current HCCC Student | <input type="checkbox"/> EOF Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> EOF Re-Admit |
| Semester of Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2017
Deadline: 8/14/17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2018
Deadline: 1/8/18 | |

PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Home County Hudson Essex Bergen Union **Other** (write in) _____

HCCC Email Address _____

Social Security # _____ **HCCC SID #** _____

Gender Male Female **Date of Birth** _____

Citizenship Status US Citizen Resident Alien **Number of years you've lived in New Jersey** _____

RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND (OPTIONAL)

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|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> (2) American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Hispanic, of any race |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) White | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Two or more races | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Race and Ethnicity Unknown |

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School _____ **High School City** _____ **Year of Graduation** _____

High School County Hudson Essex Bergen Union **Other** (write in) _____

School Counselor (print name) _____

Have you participated in any of these programs? (check all that apply)

- LEAP NJ GEAR UP COLLEGEBOUND NJ STARS

ACADEMIC RECORD – HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CURRENT HCCC STUDENTS)

Major _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ **GPA** _____ **Credits Earned** _____

Last semester of EOF? _____ **ESL LEVEL** ESL Level IV ESL Level V
(EOF Re-admits only) (if applicable)

ACADEMIC RECORD AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Previous College (1) _____

Dates of Enrollment _____ **GPA** _____

Did you receive an EOF grant? YES NO **Credits Earned** _____

Previous College (2) _____

Dates of Enrollment _____ **GPA** _____

Did you receive an EOF grant? YES NO **Credits Earned** _____

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Dependency Status Dependent Independent

List the people in your or your parent's household. If you are a **dependent student** (as defined by the state), include:

- yourself and your parent(s) (including stepparent) even if you don't live with your parents, and
- your parents' other children, even if they don't live with your parent(s), if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, or (b) the children would be required to provide parental information when applying for Federal Student Aid, and
- Other people if they now live with your parents and your parents provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

If you are an **independent student** (as defined by the state), include yourself and any dependents living in your household.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College
_____	_____	self	Hudson County Community College
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Family Members reported on FAFSA _____

HOW DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT EOF? (CHECK ONE)

- (1) School Counselor (2) College Fair / HS Visit (3) HCCC Staff
 (4) HCCC Website / Portal (5) Former EOF Student

Other – please write in _____ **Name of person who referred you** _____

WHAT IS THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND (EOF) PROGRAM?

For over 40 years, the EOF Program has provided students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to pursue a college degree. Created by statute in 1968, EOF has provided academic, financial, and social support to thousands of students. EOF has been an integral part of Hudson County Community College (HCCC) since the late 1970's. The program is geared toward students who:

- Have the potential to excel in college level work
- Were academically under-prepared in high school
- Have a history of financial disadvantage

For general information about the New Jersey Higher Education's EOF program, please visit the official state website at: http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF/EOF_Description.shtml

EOF MISSION STATEMENT:

The Educational Opportunity Fund, in support of the mission of Hudson County Community College, is a program that provides access to higher education to students who are highly motivated and capable, but come from a financially and academically disadvantaged background. The program seeks to assist students of all backgrounds and educational goals, which in itself mirrors the diverse and unique population of Hudson County Community College.

The EOF Program will help students ease into the transition of being a college student while providing services that will help in the persistence and graduation of our students. Our services place emphasis on providing counseling and academic support services which address the unique problems, issues, needs and desires of the students from a high distressed urban school district. We provide a variety of services including tutorial services, supplemental instruction, workshops as well as cultural and social events. We work in conjunction with many of the departments on campus to ensure that students are properly informed and receive the maximum benefit of being a Hudson County Community College student.

HOURS OF OPERATION / CONTACT INFORMATION:

During the academic year (September – May) the EOF office is open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. During the summer months (beginning the 3rd week in May), EOF operates on the HCCC summer schedule of Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and is closed on Fridays. You are welcome to visit the office in person, or contact the EOF office via phone at (201) 360-4180 or via email at EOF@hccc.edu.

HOW DO I APPLY TO EOF?

Space in the EOF Program is limited. In order to be considered, applicants must complete the following steps:

- Apply and have been accepted to Hudson County Community College**
- Complete the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Submit a completed and signed 2017-2018 EOF Program Application**
(incomplete applications will not be reviewed)

Submit the following required documents:

2015 and 2016 Source(s) of Income of Student, Parent/Legal Guardian

- Signed Copy of Federal Tax Returns **and** Official IRS Tax Return Transcript for verification (request from the IRS website at www.irs.gov)
- Yearly Benefits of total income received (e.g. SSI, Welfare, Disability, Unemployment, etc.)
- Personal Statement if no income

2017-2018 Student Aid Report (SAR) (fafsa.gov website)

Secondary Education Information:

- High School Diploma/GED Diploma
- Final High School Transcript

Photo ID

Resident Alien Card (if applicable)

Social Security Card

Please submit each of the following for the semester you are applying

- Current Full-Time (minimum 12 credits) Student Schedule
- Financial Aid Award letter (MyHudson student portal)
- My Bill by Term (MyHudson student portal)
- Student Program Evaluation for current major (MyHudson student portal)

Essay – minimum one-page typed essay explaining one of the following prompts:

First-Time College: "What do you hope to accomplish by attending college? What/Who are some motivating factors to this decision?"

Current HCCC: "What do you hope to contribute as an EOF student and in what way will joining EOF help further your academic growth?"

EOF Transfer: Please address the reasons you separated from your previous institution and what you hope to contribute as an EOF student at HCCC.

EOF Re-Admit: Please address the reasons you separated from EOF (i.e. academic suspension, financial aid or personal issue, etc.) and what changes you have implemented to address those concerns.

EOF TRANSFER APPLICANTS (and RE-ADMITS who attended another institution since separating from HCCC)

- Written proof of prior EOF enrollment from previous institution(s)**
- Transcript from previous institution(s)**

TERMS OF EOF APPLICATION:

EOF is not a financial aid entitlement. The EOF staff at Hudson County Community College reserves the right to be selective regarding participants in the program. Students will not be considered until all requested information has been received. It is the responsibility of the applicant to follow up with the EOF Office regarding the application status. All completed applications are reviewed by a committee who will recommend students to be interviewed for the EOF Program. **Submitting an application does not guarantee an interview.** Students interviewed will be selected based on staff recommendations, financial eligibility verification and program's current enrollment. After the interview, applicants will be notified of the admittance decision via their HCCC email address. Students who are provisionally accepted to the program after the interview will be notified via their HCCC email address of the next steps to officially become part of the program. Students not initially accepted are welcome to defer their application or reapply in the future (updated financial and other documentation may be needed). Students who knowingly submit false information or fraudulent documentation will immediately be removed from consideration for EOF and may have their case escalated to the Director of Financial Aid and/or the Dean of Student Services. By signing below, you indicate that you understand these terms of your EOF application and that you have filled out this application truthfully to the best of your knowledge.

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