

# BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM APPLICATION

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### Program Description

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program was instituted by the New Jersey State Legislature in 1968 for the purpose of helping economically and educationally disadvantaged students obtain a college education. Students who are accepted into the program are provided with a grant and comprehensive support services designed to enhance their college experience and to insure the success of each participant.

### What Is the EOF Program?

- The EOF Program is not an entitlement program. Initial **EOF Eligibility** is determined on the basis of both economic and educational criteria, and since grant funding to institutions is limited, first priority is given to first-time, full-time freshmen and to EOF transfer students in good standing from another EOF Program.
- The EOF program provides **information related to the financial aid process** at Bergen Community College (BCC) and **academic advisement** to eligible, highly motivated students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds who attend institutions of higher education in the State of New Jersey.
- Students who are accepted into the program are provided with an **EOF grant** and comprehensive academic support services designed to enhance their college experience and to insure the success of each participant.

### What services are provided?

- Students are assigned to an **EOF counselor** who will provide transitional support, academic advisement, and ongoing support throughout their academic career at Bergen Community College.
- The privilege of **priority registration** allows EOF students to be among the first to register for each upcoming semester.
- The opportunity to register for **permanent one-on-one tutoring sessions**, assuring a secured appointment time with a preferred tutor.
- **Workshops** customized for EOF students designed to address a variety of educational and social issues affecting college students.
- Access to the **Summer EOF Grant** for eligible students to help with the cost of attending summer classes.
- Incoming first time college students entering EOF in the fall semester may be eligible to attend a free EOF **Pre-Freshman Summer Program** that helps students adjust to the college environment and provides academic preparation for the fall semester.

*\*You must qualify for this program – see guidelines*



To **APPLY** for the EOF program, a student must:

- ☐ **STEP 1: Apply** to Bergen Community College (BCC)
  - ☐ Take the placement test at the Office of Testing Services (located in Room S-127)
- ☐ **STEP 2:** Complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
  - ☐ List BCC as the first choice (school code: 004736)
  - ☐ **At the end click on: "Start your state application"** to apply for NJ Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) or go to [www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org)
- ☐ **STEP 3:** Meet the **EOF grant eligibility requirements:**
  - ☐ Be a **NJ Resident** for at least one (1) year,
  - ☐ Be a **Citizen** or **Permanent Resident**,
  - ☐ Be a recipient of a **High School Diploma, GED, or HSE**,
  - ☐ Intend to have **Full-Time** enrollment, in the first semester,
  - ☐ Have only completed **32 College-level credits or less**,
  - ☐ Be eligible for the **TAG** (as determined by completing the FAFSA), and
  - ☐ Meet the **Income Eligibility Guidelines** listed below:

Academic Year 2018-2019		
Check One:	Household Size of:	Gross Income Not to Exceed:
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	\$24,120*
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	\$32,480
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	\$40,840
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$49,200
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	\$57,560
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	\$65,920
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	\$74,280
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	\$82,640
<input type="checkbox"/>	9+	For each additional member add \$8,360.

\*Based upon state approval.

- ☐ **STEP 4:** Complete an **EOF Application**
- ☐ **STEP 5:** Upon review of your application and financial aid status, **you will be contacted** by our office to make an appointment for an interview to review your eligibility, if you are eligible.
- ☐ **STEP 6:** Please bring **COPIES** of the following documents to your **Interview**:
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **2016 STUDENT'S SSI Benefits or Tax Return Transcripts** from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **2016 PARENT'S SSI Benefits or Tax Return Transcripts** from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **Non-filer statement** from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (if applicable)
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **Welfare Letter** (if applicable)
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **High School Diploma or Final Transcripts**
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **GED Certificate or Scores** (if applicable)
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **Permanent Resident Card** (if you are not a citizen)
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **EOF Transfer Form** (if transferring from another EOF program)
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **Letter from DYFS** (if ward of the state)
  - ☐ **Copy of:** **Court Documents** pertaining to custody or guardianship (if applicable)

EOF APPLICATION DEADLINES	
<b>NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup></b> for the <b>FALL</b> Semester	<b>MARCH 1<sup>st</sup></b> for the <b>SPRING</b> Semester

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**Please print or type:**

Date of EOF Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ BCC Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**When would you like to start the EOF program?**

- ☐ Summer 2018 (Pre-Freshman Program)
- ☐ Fall Semester (September 2018)
- ☐ Spring Semester (January 2019)

**Please select your Admission Status:**

- ☐ New (no previous college)
- ☐ Currently Attending Bergen
- ☐ Transfer

**Citizenship Status:**

- ☐ U.S. Citizen
- ☐ Permanent Resident

**Residency:**

Length of time living in NJ: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you or will you be a high school graduate?**

- ☐ Yes:  
High school name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No, I have a GED or HSE.

**Have you received EOF funds at another institution?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019**

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**STUDENT'S source of income:**

- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Unemployment Benefits
- ☐ Supplemental Social Security Income
- ☐ Child Support
- ☐ Welfare Aid (TANF)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR PARENT'S source of income (if you are a dependent student):**

- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Unemployment Benefits
- ☐ Supplemental Social Security Income
- ☐ Child Support
- ☐ Welfare Aid (TANF)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a Dependent or Independent student?**

- ☐ I am a **dependent** student living with my parents, **OR**
- ☐ I am an **independent** student since I meet one of the following:
  - ☐ I was born before January 1, 1994.
  - ☐ I have a legal dependent other than a spouse.
  - ☐ I am married.
  - ☐ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.
  - ☐ I am an orphan or ward of the court.
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct and that I will supply proof of residency, education, and income as required.

**Applicant's Signature (Required)**

**Date**