



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM APPLICATION

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### Program Description

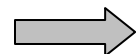
The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program was instituted by the New Jersey State Legislature in 1968 for the purpose of helping economically and educationally disadvantaged students obtain a college education. Students who are accepted into the program are provided with a grant and comprehensive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

The EOF Program is not an entitlement program. Initial EOF Eligibility is determined on the basis of both economic and educational criteria. 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.

### What Is the EOF Program?

- ✓ The EOF program provides information related to the **financial aid process** at Bergen Community College (BCC). Students who are accepted into the program are provided with an **EOF grant**.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ EOF counselors aid students in the **registration process**, which allows them to have a one-stop experience at the EOF office.
- ✓ **Workshops** customized for EOF students and designed to address a variety of educational and social issues pertaining to career-planning, academic skills, transferring, and life skills, amongst others.
- ✓ The opportunity to register for **permanent individualized tutoring sessions**, assuring a secured appointment time with a preferred tutor.
- ✓ Access to the **EOF Summer 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**. The program provides academic preparation for the fall semester, helps students adjust to college, and offers preferential admission to the EOF program in the fall semester.
- ✓ The EOF **transfer process** assists students with establishing connections with the receiving college by issuing EOF transfer forms, application fee waivers, and transcript requests. EOF also hosts transfer events to provide students the opportunity to meet EOF directors and staff from prospective institutions.
- ✓ Academic follow-up through **academic progress reports** are requested from the appropriate instructors to determine the student's progress and the prognosis for the course.

**\*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)
- STEP 2:** Take the placement test at the Office of Testing Services (located in Room S-127)
- STEP 3:** 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 state aid and/or go to [www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org) and click on **“Report Additional Information for State Aid”**
- STEP 4:** Meet the **EOF grant eligibility requirements:**
  - Be a **NJ Resident** for at least one (1) year,
  - 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 placed in the American Language Program (ALP) **level 2 or higher,** if applicable, and
  - Meet the **Income Eligibility Guidelines** listed below:

Academic Year 2019-2020			
Check One:	Household Size of:	Gross Income (Not to Exceed):	Maximum Asset Cap for ALL Students (Not to Exceed)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	\$24,280*	\$4,856
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	\$32,920	\$6,584
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	\$41,560	\$8,312
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$50,200	\$10,040
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	\$58,840	\$11,768
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	\$67,480	\$13,496
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	\$76,120	\$15,224
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	\$84,760	\$16,952
<input type="checkbox"/>	9+	For each additional member add \$8,640.	For each additional member add \$1,728.

\*Based upon state approval.

- STEP 5:** Complete an **EOF Application**
- STEP 6:** 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 7:** Please bring **COPIES** of the following documents to your **Interview:**
  - Copy of: **2017 STUDENT’S SSI Benefits or Tax Return Transcripts** from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
  - Copy of: **2017 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

**BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND (EOF) PROGRAM APPLICATION**  
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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 2019 (Pre-Freshman Program)
- Fall Semester (September 2019)
- Spring Semester (January 2020)

**Please select your Admission Status:**

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

**Citizenship Status:**

- U.S. Citizen  Other
- Permanent Resident

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

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

**Residency:**

- NJ Resident for one (1) or more years

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

- Yes (Submit an **EOF Transfer Form** with this application)
- No

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am:

- a **dependent** student living with my parents, **OR**
- an **independent** student since I meet one of the following:
  - I was born before January 1, 1995.  I am married.
  - I am an orphan or ward of the court.  I am a veteran.
  - I have a legal dependent other than a spouse.  Other.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Signature (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date