



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM APPLICATION

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Program Description

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program, established by the New Jersey State Legislature in 1968, aims to help economically and educationally disadvantaged students achieve a college education. The program offers grants and support services to enrich the college experience and promote success. Eligibility criteria are based on economic and educational factors, with priority given to first-time, full-time freshmen and transfer students from other EOF Programs.

What Is the EOF Program? The EOF program...

- ✓ Provides transitional support, academic advisement, and ongoing support throughout their academic career at Bergen Community College.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Assigns an EOF counselor to aid students to aid in the registration process, which allows them to have a one-stop experience at the EOF office.
- ✓ Customizes workshops for EOF students designed to address a variety of educational and social issues pertaining to career-planning, academic skills, transferring, and life skills, amongst others.
- ✓ Offers the opportunity to register for permanent individualized tutoring sessions, assuring a secured appointment time with a preferred tutor.
- ✓ Provides access to the EOF Summer Grant for eligible students to help with the cost of attending summer classes.
- ✓ Extends support to incoming first-time college students entering EOF in the fall semester to attend a free EOF Pre-Freshman Summer Program, if eligible. 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.
- ✓ Assists in the EOF transfer process by establishing connections with the receiving college and issuing EOF transfer forms, and application fee waivers. EOF also hosts transfer events to provide students the opportunity to meet EOF directors and staff from prospective institutions.

To APPLY for the EOF program, a student must:

- STEP 1: Apply to Bergen Community College (BCC) at: www.bergen.edu/apply
- STEP 2: Take the placement test at the Office of Testing Services (located in Room OS-102)
- STEP 3: Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at: www.fafsa.gov
 - List BCC as the first choice (school code: 004736)(Please Note: NJ Dreamers need to only complete the NJ Alternative Application at: www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx)

- 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,
 - Be placed in the American Language Program (ALP) level 2 or higher, if applicable, and
 - Meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines listed below:

Academic Year 2024 -2025		
Household Size of:	Gross Income (Not to Exceed):	Max. Asset Cap (Not to Exceed)
1	\$29,160	\$5,832
2	\$39,440	\$7,888
3	\$49,720	\$9,944
4	\$60,000	\$12,000
5	\$70,280	\$14,056
6	\$80,560	\$16,112
7	\$90,840	\$18,168
8	\$101,120	\$20,224
***	Add \$10,280 for each additional family member	Add \$2,056 for additional family member.

*Based upon state approval.

- STEP 5: Complete an EOF Application at www.bergen.edu/eof
(Upon review of your application and financial aid status, you will be contacted by the EOF office to schedule an interview to review your eligibility, if you are eligible.)
- STEP 6: Provide copies of the following documentation at the time of your Interview, if applicable:
 - High School Diploma or Final Transcripts
 - GED/HSE Certificate or Scores
 - EOF Transfer Form (if transferring from another EOF program)
 - Letter from the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)
 - Court Documents pertaining to custody or guardianship.



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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 BCC E-Mail: _____

Parents' Information (under age 18)

Full Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Full Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

When would you like to start the EOF program?

- Summer 2024 (Pre-Freshman only)
- Fall Semester (September 2024)
- Spring Semester (January 2025)

Have you completed a NJ GEAR UP state project or a NJ College Bound grant program?

- Yes No

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Status:

- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status

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

- I certify that the above information is correct and that I will supply proof of education as required.
- I am submitting this application with the intention to have full-time enrollment in the first semester with the EOF program.

Student's Signature (Required). Please do not type your name.

Date

Parent's Signature (For students under the age of 18).

Date