



Hudson County Community College
 Educational Opportunity Fund Program
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 www.hccc.edu/EOF

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND
 2009-2010 ONLINE APPLICATION**

Personal Information

Name						
Address						
City, State Zip						
Home Phone				Cell Phone		
Home County	<input type="checkbox"/> Hudson	<input type="checkbox"/> Essex	<input type="checkbox"/> Bergen	<input type="checkbox"/> Union	Other (write in)	
Personal Email Address						
HCCC Email Address						
AOL (AIM) Screen name						
Social Security #				HCCC SID #		
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		Date of Birth		
Student's Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
Do you have children or other dependents?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Children		<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Other dependents	If Yes, how many?
Citizenship Status	<input type="checkbox"/> US Citizen		<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Alien			
Semester you are applying for				Years you've lived in NJ		
Are you a part of any of these programs?	<input type="checkbox"/> SSSP *	<input type="checkbox"/> NJ STARS	<input type="checkbox"/> NJ GEAR UP	<input type="checkbox"/> NJ COLLEGE BOUND		

**If you are already an SSSP student, you will not be considered for participation in the EOF program*

Application Status (please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> First Time College Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Current HCCC Student	<input type="checkbox"/> EOF Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> EOF Re-Admit
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Racial/Ethnic Background (optional)

<input type="checkbox"/> (0) Other	<input type="checkbox"/> (2) Native American/Alaskan	<input type="checkbox"/> (4) Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> (6) Mexican	<input type="checkbox"/> (8) Cuban
<input type="checkbox"/> (1) Black	<input type="checkbox"/> (3) Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> (5) White	<input type="checkbox"/> (7) Puerto Rican	<input type="checkbox"/> (9) Central or South American

Academic Record – High School

High School					Year of Graduation	
HS County	<input type="checkbox"/> Hudson	<input type="checkbox"/> Essex	<input type="checkbox"/> Bergen	<input type="checkbox"/> Union	Other (write in)	

Academic Record – Hudson County Community College

Semester of First Enrollment		Major			
GPA (Including all classes)		Credits Earned			
Last semester of EOF? (EOF Re-admits only)		ESL LEVEL (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> ESL Level IV	<input type="checkbox"/> ESL Level V	

Academic Record – Other Institutions

Previous College (1)					
Dates of Enrollment			GPA		
Were you EOF at this institution?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Credits Earned		

Previous College (2)					
Dates of Enrollment			GPA		
Were you EOF at this institution?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Credits Earned		

How did you first hear about EOF? (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> (1) HS Guidance Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/> (11) HCCC EOF Staff Member
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) HS Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> (12) Current HCCC EOF Student
<input type="checkbox"/> (3) Other HS Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> (13) Former HCCC EOF Student
<input type="checkbox"/> (4) College Fair / HS Visit	<input type="checkbox"/> (14) Your EOF Counselor from Previous Institution
<input type="checkbox"/> (5) HCCC Campus Visit	<input type="checkbox"/> (15) HCCC Admissions Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> (6) HCCC Open House	<input type="checkbox"/> (16) HCCC Advising Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> (7) HCCC Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/> (17) HCCC Testing Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> (8) EOF Brochure	<input type="checkbox"/> (18) HCCC Financial Aid Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> (9) EOF Flyer	<input type="checkbox"/> (19) College Survival Skills Class
<input type="checkbox"/> (10) HCCC Catalog	<input type="checkbox"/> (20) Student Success Week

Other – please write in	
Name of person who referred you	



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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 do college level work
- Were academically under-prepared in high school
- Have a history of financial disadvantage

For more general information about the State of New Jersey Commission on Higher Education EOF program, please visit the official state web site at: www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF

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 financially and academically disadvantaged backgrounds. The program seeks to assist students of all types of 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 addresses 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 Hudson County Community College students.

What services are offered to HCCC EOF students?

EOF is a program that is dedicated to ensuring in school academic success. Our dedicated team of advisors, staff, professors and tutors work closely with EOF students to assist them in earning their college degrees.

EOF STUDENTS RECEIVE

- * Academic Advisement
 - * Tutoring
 - * Workshops
- * Class registration from their EOF Advisor
- * Mentoring from Experienced EOF Students
- * Guidance on Transferring to four-year colleges
 - * Career Advisement
- * Financial Assistance, which ranges from \$100 - \$1,050
 - * Enrichment Classes
- * Cultural Trips and Activities specifically for EOF Students
- * The opportunity to receive EOF at future four-year NJ Institutions

Hours of operation:

During the academic year, the EOF office is open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. During the summer months, EOF operates on the HCCC summer schedule of Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is closed on Fridays. You can contact the EOF Office via phone at (201) 360-4180, via email at EOF@hccc.edu or via AOL Instant Messenger at screen name: *HudsonEOF*. Additionally, the EOF staff can be directly contacted at:

Ruben D. Melendez – Director of EOF, (201) 360-4180, or email at RMelendez@hccc.edu
Jose Lowe – Assistant Director of EOF, (201) 360-4173, or email at JLowe@hccc.edu
Kimberly Lorjuste – EOF Counselor, (201) 360-4172, or email at KLorjuste@hccc.edu

Am I eligible for the EOF program?

In order to be eligible for consideration, you must:

- Be a **full-time** (enrolled in at least 12 credits) student from an educationally and/or economically disadvantaged background
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of at least **2.5** if you are a current HCCC student
- Be at least ESL level IV or higher if you are an ESL student
- Have been a legal New Jersey resident for at least one year
- Meet the financial eligibility requirements as defined by the State of New Jersey
- Provide income documentation as needed to verify financial eligibility

How do I apply to become an EOF student?

Hudson County Community College students who wish to apply to the EOF program should:

- Complete a HCCC application for admission
- File a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the academic year for which you are applying. (Students can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Submit a **complete** EOF application with requested documentation to the EOF office
- Request a follow-up interview with an EOF staff member

What documentation¹ is needed?

- Essay – minimum one page typed essay explaining *why you want to be part of the EOF Program*
- Source of Income for the previous two years: 2008 and 2007
- 2009-2010 Student Aid Report (SAR)²
- 2009-2010 Student Eligibility Notice (SEN)³
- Social Security Card and/or Resident Alien Card
- Dependent / Independent Verification Worksheet
- Photo ID
- Letter of Recommendation from HCCC Faculty member, HCCC Administrator, Employer, Clergy or former High School teacher or guidance counselor
- Academic Record (Final HS Transcript, HCCC Transcript or GED Diploma)
- Current HCCC Class Schedule
- Mortgage Statement⁴ from December of 2008 from home or rental property
- EOF Transfer Form⁵ from previous EOF Program

¹ Students who are selected for verification by the State may have to bring in additional documentation

² Available after FAFSA is processed. To print from the FAFSA web site, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and under #3- FAFSA Follow-up, select "View and Print Your Student Aid Report." Please note that all pages of SAR must be submitted.

³ Sent to student via mail from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)

⁴ Only for students who own, or whose parents own, their home or rental property

⁵ For EOF Transfer Students Only

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. All applications will be reviewed by the EOF staff after the interview has taken place. Students will be selected based on staff recommendations, financial eligibility verification and overall program space availability. After the interview, applicants will be notified of the admittance decision via mail at the address listed on this application. Students not initially accepted are welcome to reapply in the future. Please sign below to indicate you understand these terms of your EOF application.

X

Signature

Date