

ECC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Whether you are just beginning your ECC studies or approaching graduation, your achievements in and out of the classroom can earn you scholarship money for educational expenses. Scholarships are a free resource you do not repay. They are awarded for a number of reasons, including academic standing, leadership, specialized talents, ethnic origin, and financial need. The average amount awarded per student last year was \$1,000—covering over half of a semester's full-time tuition.

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During the 2020-2021 school year, the ECC Foundation awarded 314 scholarships to 262 students. More than 200 student scholarships are available each year in three primary categories: career areas of study, academic and leadership excellence, and financial need.

- **Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.** You will be notified via the email address you provide on your application if you have been awarded a scholarship.
- **ECC Foundation scholarships are for students attending ECC** and are not intended to cover educational expenses incurred at another institution, unless specifically stated in the scholarship.
- **It is possible to receive more than one ECC Foundation scholarship, simply by applying with a single form.** ECC Foundation scholarship applications are screened for a potential match to every available foundation scholarship.
- **Scholarship applications are not complete until you have submitted all required documents,** including one letter of support. Current or former teachers, work and/or volunteer supervisors, coaches, faith leaders, counselors, or mentors are all great resources for letters of support.
- **You may still apply for and receive other forms of financial aid even if you receive scholarships.** In addition to ECC Foundation scholarships, you may be eligible for a Board of Trustees scholarship and other tuition waivers and/or scholarships from private donors. Go to elgin.edu/scholarships for more information.
- Contact the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office for assistance: 847-214-7360, Building B, Room B156.

APPLY NOW!
Approximately **80 percent** of students who apply by **June 1** receive at least one scholarship award.

All scholarship recipients are required to have a **2.0 GPA** or better.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the ECC Foundation scholarship application online at elgin.edu/scholarships or complete the paper application (see reverse) and submit it to the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office, Building B, Room B156. Include responses to three short-answer questions about yourself and **one letter of support**. For free help with your responses to the questions, visit the Write Place in Building B, Room B274, or call 847-214-7480.

ECC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST:

- Respond to all of the questions in the application.
- Whether applying online or with a paper application, you may submit a hard copy of your letter of support to the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.
- Respond thoughtfully to the three short-answer questions. *Instructions provided at the top of the next page.*
- If you apply online:
 - o Provide contact information, including an email address, for one person to write a letter of support on your behalf. An automated email will be sent to your reference with instructions for submitting a letter of support online.
 - o Check the status of your letter of support by logging in to your online application at smarterselect.com.
 - o Once you've completed the application, **remember to click "Submit."**

2021-2022 ECC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Elgin
Community
College
Foundation

On a separate piece of paper, preferably typed, please answer each of the following questions:

1. What are your educational goals and values?
2. Explain why you should receive a scholarship and how you will benefit from receiving a scholarship. What is your level of financial need?
3. Why did you select ECC? What are the contributions (e.g., community service, volunteer activities, family responsibilities) you have made or plan to make to the college and the larger community?

Attach responses to questions and one letter of support. (The letter is a positive statement about the student's academic and/or personal qualities and the student's likelihood for future success.)

Submit to: Financial Aid & Scholarships Office, Building B, Room B156, Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123

Scholarship awards are based on the review and evaluation of complete applications. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Each student who completes the application process will be notified of the results via the email address provided on the application.

Please respond to every question, even if the answer is not applicable (N/A). Please print.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

ECC Student ID or Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____

If you don't have an ECC ID or SSN, enter N/A.

Email Address _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Are you a resident of District 509? Yes No

Gender Identity Female Male Agender Androgyne Demigender Genderqueer or Gender Fluid
 Identity Not Listed Questioning or Unsure Trans Man Trans Woman Choose Not to Respond

Marital Status Single Married Single Parent

Ethnicity (Optional) Black/Non-Hispanic White/Non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander Hispanic
 American Indian/Alaskan Native Other

Residency Status U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident DACA or undocumented Visa Holder Visa Type _____
Other _____ Are you an international student? Yes No

Are you a military veteran? Yes No Is one of your parents or siblings an ECC alumnus? Yes No

High School _____ Graduation Date _____ GED®/High School Equivalency

Academic Status New Student Current/Returning Student Dual Credit (Dual enrollment in high school and ECC) Non-Credit

Please check all that apply.

What field of study will you pursue? (ex. STEM, social science, CTE) _____

What is your major/area of interest? _____

Will you enroll full time during the 2021-2022 school year? Yes No For how many credit hours will you enroll each semester? _____

Do you plan to transfer to a four-year institution during the 2021-2022 school year? Yes No If yes, indicate last semester at ECC. _____

Do you plan to graduate from ECC with a degree or certificate in academic year 2021-2022? Yes No
If yes, indicate last semester before you graduate. _____

Have you completed a FAFSA? Yes No (FAFSA can be completed online at StudentAid.gov. Not required for most ECC Foundation scholarships.)

Do you currently work with anyone in the Disability Services Office? Yes No

Are you planning to enroll in the study abroad program during the 2021-2022 school year? Yes No

Are you involved in ECC sports or clubs? Please list: _____

I certify that all information I have provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand the scholarship committee may confidentially review any information I submit to the ECC Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to release my name, image, and relevant information for public announcements, newspaper articles, college marketing, and other promotional uses.

Signature _____ Date _____