



Financial Aid Checklist

ECC Financial Aid Priority Dates

Summer Semester April 1

Fall Semester July 1

Spring Semester November 1

Note: You are encouraged to apply for financial aid after these dates, but are not guaranteed your financial aid will be in place by the payment due date of the term.

Applying for Financial Aid

___ Apply for admissions to ECC. You must provide your social security number on the Admissions Application for financial aid processing. Please make sure your address is accurate.

___ Log on to www.fafsa.gov and click on the link to create an FSA ID, then complete and submit the FAFSA. If you need assistance, call 1-800-433-3243. You will need your federal tax returns and W2's. Parent information needed if you are a Dependent student. **ECC school code:001675**

___ Approximately two weeks after you submit your FAFSA, you will receive a letter from the Financial Aid office indicating what paperwork is needed to complete the financial aid process. Every student **must** complete both sides of the Institutional Aid Application (IAA). Forms are available online at elgin.edu/financialaid.

___ Promptly return all required ECC financial aid paperwork. Your financial aid **cannot** be processed until all paperwork has been received.

___ In approximately two to four weeks, if you are eligible for financial aid, you will be able to view your award letter online at www.elgin.edu by logging into your student portal. Your award letter outlines the financial aid that you are eligible to receive.

All New and Returning Loan Borrowers

___ Once you view your award letter on the student portal or you receive a loan eligibility letter, if you are interested in taking out a student loan, call and make an appointment to meet with a Financial Aid Loan advisor.

___ Bring your completed Budget Worksheet to your loan appointment.

NEW Borrowers to ECC Only

___ Log on to www.studentloans.gov and click on the green "Log In" link. Please note you will need an FSA ID instead of a PIN to log in. To create an FSA ID, click on the blue "Here" link or call 1-800-557-7394 for assistance.

___ Click on the "Entrance Counseling" link and complete Entrance Counseling.

___ Click on the "Complete Master Promisory Note"(MPN) link and select Subsidized/Unsubsidized to complete MPN.