

# FINANCIAL AID

## Financial Aid



The Financial Aid Office administers funds from federal and state sources in the form of grants, scholarships, and employment, or a combination of all three. ECC's financial aid program is designed to assist students who seek an education but lack the means to finance it. Applicant eligibility and program guidelines are determined by federal and state regulations. The Financial Aid Office is located in the "green" section next to EOF.

From the entrance across from the Physical Education building, enter and go to the left to enter the green area. Phone: 973-877-3200. Email: [financialaid@essex.edu](mailto:financialaid@essex.edu). Website: <http://www.essex.edu/fa> (<http://www.essex.edu/fa/>).

### Hours of Operation

- Fall/Spring: Monday - Thursday: 9:00am – 4:30pm; Friday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Summer Sessions: Monday - Wednesday: 9:00am – 5:45pm; Thursday: 9:00am – 3:00pm; Friday: CLOSED

Staff are available to answer questions regarding student aid programs, policies and procedures. Financial Aid forms and documents are available at <https://www.essex.edu/forms-and-documents/>.


All student/prospective student inquiries should be addressed directly to the appropriate Officer per assigned caseload.

For security reasons, the Financial Aid Office will only respond to student inquiries from/to the student's Essex County College email address.

### Student Financial Status Available on the Student Portal

Students can access their financial aid status on the MYECC Student Portal [myecc.essex.edu](http://myecc.essex.edu) (<http://myecc.essex.edu/>).

The Financial Aid Office does not need to see a student unless the Officer specifically requests the student visit the office.



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COUNTY COLLEGE  
STUDENTS FIRST

**Financial Aid**

## Complete your FAFSA Today!

If You Need **Financial Aid Assistance**,  
Contact your Financial Aid Officer

Officer	Caseload	Email	Phone Number
Rita Barragan	O, P, R, S, U, V	<a href="mailto:barragan@essex.edu">barragan@essex.edu</a>	(973) 877-3403
Nicole Lee Pow	E, F, G, H, I, M	<a href="mailto:leepow@essex.edu">leepow@essex.edu</a>	(973) 877-3171
Laura Menture	A, C, Q, T, W, X, Y, Z	<a href="mailto:lmenture@essex.edu">lmenture@essex.edu</a>	(973) 877-3097
Phyllis Walker	B, D, J, K, L, N	<a href="mailto:walker@essex.edu">walker@essex.edu</a>	(973) 877-3173

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#### Complete Your FAFSA Today!

To apply for Financial Aid go to  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

#### NJ Dreamers

The New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application is available at  
<https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx>.

#### Financial Aid Forms

All Financial Aid forms are available for download at  
<https://www.essex.edu/forms-and-documents/>

#### Tuition-Free Community College Now Available:

the Community College Opportunity Grants (CCOG) make college affordable. Visit [www.hesaa.org/Pages/CCOG.aspx](http://www.hesaa.org/Pages/CCOG.aspx) today for more details on CCOG. Students enrolled in one of New Jersey's 18 county colleges are advised to visit <https://njfams.hesaa.org> to access their student account and review their HESAA To Do List.

#### Check Your Financial Aid Status

Go to MyECC Student Portal  
<http://eccportal.tier.essex.edu:7777/portal/page/portal/ESXC/Login>



**QLESS**  
Visit Us Today  
Scan & Join  
The Queue!



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Room 3220 | [www.essex.edu/fa](http://www.essex.edu/fa)

The Essex County College Office of Financial Aid is pleased to announce that it is using the QLess system to enhance customer service. QLess allows students to virtually join a line without having to physically wait in line so a student can now get other things done while awaiting to be called for service.

#### How does QLess work?

After virtually joining the line, QLess will provide a student with:

1. an approximate wait time to receive service
2. alert you when you are 10 minutes away from your turn.
3. allow you to ask for more time if it does not fit your schedule
4. gives you text updates every 30 minutes if you opt for the notifications
5. Informs you when you are next for service, you will receive a text asking you to return to the Office of Financial Aid

#### How can I join (queue) a virtual line?

QLess is simple and easy to use. Students can join a virtual line in three different ways.

##### 1. Scanning the QLess QR Codes



##### 2. Using the QLess App

- Download the QLESS app for your smartphone
- The QLESS Mobile App is available for both Apple® and Android™ devices
- This will allow you to see organizations that are using QLESS
- Enter "07102" in the location search box
- Choose "Essex County College Financial Aid" queue
- Enter student name, cell phone number and email address (to receive alerts)
- Join a virtual line
- Receive wait time updates
- Manage your spot in line
- Get notified when it's your turn

##### 3. Text

- You can join a line by texting the following characters to (973)318-3466
- Text "ECC Financial Aid" to join the line
- You will receive notifications and text alerts, which will keep you informed about your approximate wait time for you to reach the front of the line
- You can also request additional time or remove yourself from the line