

## TUITION WAIVERS (500.14)

**Senior Citizens** – Tuition is waived for residents of the District who are 60 years or older. Non-credit course fees are not waived.

**By Employment** – Students who live outside of the district or are not residents of Illinois are eligible for the in-district rate when: employed within the district for at least 35 hours per week or are enrolled in a course that is being provided under the terms of a contract for services between the employer and the district.

**CAREER Agreement** – Students who live outside of the district are eligible for the in-district tuition rate when they are attending IECC under an approved CAREER Agreement. For more information, see CAREER Agreements in the Academic section.

**IECC Employees** – Refer to Policy and Procedure 500.14 for current tuition waiver information. This tuition waiver does not apply to work-study students.

**Discretionary** – Other types of tuition waivers may be granted at the recommendation of the president of the college with approval of the chancellor (or designee).

## IECC MEAL PLAN

IECC offers four levels of Dining Dollar Meal Plans for students to purchase from colleges that offer Food Services. Meal Plan purchases are considered “allowable charges” and Pell eligible. For more information and to view the plans, see the Student Services section.

## REFUND POLICY

A refund of 100% of the tuition and fees will be made to a student who withdraws during the first 10 days of a 16-week class period. No refunds will be given after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the semester for regular 16-week courses.

For courses which are offered outside the regular 16-week schedule, contact the Records Office to determine the refund period. All students registered for a 24, 32, or 40-hour Workforce Education New Hire Mining class must cancel 48 hours prior to the start date of the class to receive a refund.

## TEXTBOOK RETURNS AND REFUNDS

Refunds will only be issued for the texts that are not defaced in any way, and only if the text is returned within the first ten days of the spring/fall terms. Refunds for the Summer and Intersession texts will be at the bookstores’ discretion. Proper proof of the original purchase will need to be provided for a full refund to be issued.

## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges believes that the talents, hopes, and ambitions of our students are among the most valuable resources this nation possesses. While

financing a college education is the primary responsibility of the student and his/her family, the fundamental purpose of the financial aid program is to make it possible for students, who would normally be deprived a college education because of inadequate finances, to attend college. With this thought in mind, IECC continues to promote college financing opportunities with gift and optional aid for its qualified and deserving students who must find funds to attend college.

For complete financial aid information, please go to [www.iecc.edu/financial](http://www.iecc.edu/financial).

## ELIGIBILITY

In general, to be eligible for the federal and state aid administered by IECC, students must:

- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the financial aid office;
- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen with a valid social security number;
- Have a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and/or are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the State of Illinois;
- Complete and submit FAFSA;
- Submit required documents to the financial aid office;
- Be admitted to an IECC college in an eligible program leading to an approved certificate or degree;
- Be enrolled at least half-time (six credit hours) for all programs except Federal Pell Grant and IL State MAP Grant (est)
- Meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards of IECC;
- Not have already received a bachelor’s degree (applicable to Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG and MAP);
- Not be in default on any federal student loan;
- Not owe a repayment of a federal grant or ISAC gift aid to any postsecondary institution;

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is administered by the Department of Education and used to apply for financial assistance by analyzing financial need. The FAFSA is typically available on October 1<sup>st</sup> annually for the upcoming aid year. Visit <http://studentaid.gov> to create an account and apply for aid.

When IECC receives this application, student eligibility for the following programs is considered:

### Gift Aid (No repayment required)

- ❖ **Federal Pell Grant** is an entitlement fund awarded to undergraduate students based on the Student Aid Index, Eligibility Criteria, IECC Cost of Attendance, Enrollment Intensity, and Length of Enrollment.
- ❖ **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)** provides additional assistance to low-