

****Tuition and fees may be added to or altered only by action of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to change the above fees at any time without prior notice.***

TUITION WAIVERS

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 10th 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. Each semester a buyback will be held toward the end of the semester. The buyback is a service provided by a third party and conducted through the bookstores (excluding Frontier). A proof of original purchase is required to participate in the buyback.

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.

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;
- Register with Selective Service, if required;
- Have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
- 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;
- Not have a federal drug conviction while receiving federal financial aid.

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 available on October 1st annually** for the