



Elgin
Community
College



International Student APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO ECC TODAY.



WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?

WHATEVER IT IS, WE HAVE THE PROGRAM FOR YOU!

Career and Technical Education

Does your dream career require hands-on training? ECC has advisory boards that include area business leaders who tell us the skills they're looking for when they hire.

Our career and technical education programs lead to the Associate of Applied Science degree and short-term certificate options. People with an AAS degree can earn almost double what a high school graduate earns.

BUSINESS

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Management
- Marketing and Retail Management
- Office Administration Technology
 - Administrative Office Professional
 - Information Processing Professional
 - Legal Office Professional
 - Medical Office Professional
 - Virtual Office Assistant
- Paralegal

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES

- Computer-Aided Design
- Computer and Information Sciences
 - Web Technician
 - Microcomputer Specialist
 - Digital Forensics
- Communication Design
 - Computerized Graphic Design
 - Internet Design
 - Videography and Motion Graphics
- Music Production
- Office Technology Applications

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

- Clinical Laboratory Technology
 - Clinical Laboratory Assistant
 - Phlebotomy
- Dental Assisting
- Emergency Medical Technology—Paramedic
- Group Fitness Professional
- Health and Wellness Management
- Histotechnology
- Massage Therapy
- Medical Imaging
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Surgical Technology

CULINARY ARTS AND HOSPITALITY

- Culinary Arts
- Pastry Arts
- Restaurant Management

HUMAN SERVICE PROFESSIONS

- Early Childhood Education
- Family Violence Counseling
- Human Services Generalist
- Substance Abuse Counseling

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES

- Energy Management
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration
- Industrial Manufacturing Technology
- Integrated Systems Technology
- Machine Tool Technology
- Renewable Energy
- Welding

PUBLIC SERVICE PROFESSIONS

- Criminal Justice
- Fire Science and Safety
- Public Safety Communications (911)

TRANSPORTATION

- Automotive
- Truck Driving

University-Transfer Degrees

Dream of transferring to a university? Complete freshman- and sophomore-level courses that meet nationwide general education requirements at ECC—and save thousands of dollars in the process! Meet with an academic advisor to find out how we can guarantee your courses will transfer.

Check out all the college majors offered at other universities for which ECC has the required foundation courses:

- Accounting
- Art
- Architecture
- Behavioral Sciences
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication Design
- Communications and Languages
- Computer Sciences
- Education
- Engineering and Technology
- English
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health Professions
- History

- Hospitality and Leisure
- Journalism
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy and Humanities
- Physical Education and Recreation
- Physics
- Political Science
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Med
- Psychology
- Public Service Professions
- Sciences
- Sociology
- Theatre
- And many more

DEGREES IN THE UNIVERSITY-TRANSFER PROGRAM

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Engineering Science
- Associate in Fine Arts (Art or Music)
- Associate in Liberal Studies
- Associate in Science

2 + **2** = **4**
YEARS **YEARS** **YEARS**
COMMUNITY **UNIVERSITY** **BACHELOR'S**
COLLEGE **DEGREE**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR F-1 STUDENTS

Please refer to this checklist as you gather documents to apply for admission to ECC. You are responsible for submitting all required documents to allow ample time for visa processing. Upon receipt of all required documents, an I-20 will be issued, which authorizes you to apply for an F-1 student visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country. The following documents are required for international admission to ECC:

The following checklist items are MANDATORY:

International Student Application

Complete all required fields and sign the last page. Include the address, if known, where you will reside while attending ECC. If you are participating in the International Student Homestay Program, leave the address blank.

International Student Financial Agreement

Non-Refundable \$50 Processing Fee

Submit cash or a check/money order payable to Elgin Community College or pay online via peerTransfer at peertransfer.com.

Evidence of Financial Support

All prospective F-1 students must submit financial documentation certifying access to funding for the duration of their studies pursuant to 8 CFR § 214.2. Students must submit an English language, official bank statement or letter on bank letterhead certifying the account holder's name, type of account, current balance, and date of statement. Certification must show available funds for first-year expenses at ECC, exclusive of travel expenses. (See website at elgin.edu to apply for current amount.) Certification of funds must be dated within six months of issuing the I-20. Financial documentation may be submitted electronically. Tuition may increase annually.

Affidavit of Sponsorship

All sponsors contributing financially to your education must complete an Affidavit of Sponsorship. Please reference the International Student Financial Requirements for complete details.

Certified Transcripts from High School/Secondary Education

Students must submit official, English-translated copies of high school/secondary education academic transcripts. Notarized copies are acceptable and may be submitted electronically. Translation or evaluation services may require an additional fee to be paid by the student to an outside credential evaluation service.

Students who have not completed high school/secondary education but meet the following requirements may apply for admission to Elgin Community College:

- Age 17 years or older by intended start date at ECC
- Submission of high school/secondary transcript showing completion of at least 11 years of secondary education (equivalent to junior level standing in high school)

Students who apply to ECC without completing high school/secondary education should note that ECC does not grant high school diplomas as part of the associate degree program.

Photocopy of Passport

Submit a copy of your passport that verifies the applicant's name, date of birth, and photo. If you are currently in the U.S., please include a copy (front and back) of your hard copy I-94 card or a printout of your electronic I-94 record (available at cbp.gov/I94) and current visa or visa stamp.

Students must show proof of age in the form of a valid birth date on their passport or official government-issued identification.

Transfer Release Form (if applicable)

If you are transferring from another U.S. school, you must have your school complete the transfer release form.

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The following checklist items are **OPTIONAL AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**:

English Language Proficiency

English proficiency is not a requirement to be accepted to Elgin Community College. No TOEFL or IELTS is required for admission to the college. Students not yet proficient in English will be tested upon arrival and placed into the appropriate level in the Intensive English Program.

Students who believe they satisfy the English language proficiency requirement must present proof of such proficiency. Acceptable forms of English language proficiency can be found at elgin.edu/apply.

Additionally, all students are required to complete ECC's placement tests upon admission. The tests determine placement into proper academic courses. Regardless of a qualifying test score, all students will still need to take the Elgin Community College English essay placement exam and placement exams in Reading and Math for enrollment in academic program courses.

Certified Transcripts from All Postsecondary Institutions

Students who completed postsecondary courses (university, college, etc.) are strongly encouraged to submit official, English-translated copies of transcripts. Notarized copies are acceptable and may be submitted electronically. Translation or evaluation services may require additional fees to be paid by the student to an outside credential evaluation service.

Credit earned for academic courses completed at an institution in a country outside the United States may be accepted for use toward program requirements at Elgin Community College. Students with post-secondary-, college-, or university-level foreign credentials must have an evaluation completed by one of the following credential evaluation services: Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE), Educational Perspectives, or World Education Services (WES). Evaluations completed by other credential evaluation services will be considered on a case-by-case basis. No evaluations will be accepted unless evaluated by a NACES accredited service. Visit NACES.org for listing.

Special Note: Students who are transferring to Elgin Community College from another U.S. institution are required to submit a copy of their transcripts from the institution from which they transfer.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FOR F-1 STUDENTS

Date:

New F1 Visa Student

Transfer

Change of status

Returning Student

Reinstatement

Biographical Information

Name:

(Family)

(First)

(Middle)

(Other)

Former Name(s):

Date of Birth:

/

/

(Month)

(Day)

(Year)

Country of Birth:

City of Birth:

Country of Citizenship:

Passport Number:

Gender:

Female

Male

Marital Status:

Single

Married

Permanent Foreign Address:

Number and Street

City or Town

Province/Territory

Postal Code

Country

Phone

Email

Please indicate where you would like your I-20 and acceptance package mailed.

Number and Street

City or Town

Province/Territory

Postal Code

Country

Phone

Email

Federal immigration regulations require Form I-20 to be sent directly to the student, or if the student is a minor, to the parent or guardian. Please include the student's street address, city, state/province, country, and postal code.

Educational Agency Information

Are you applying through an educational agency?

Yes No If yes, please provide your agency name::

Agency Contact Person:

Agency Email:

Housing Preference:

ECC provides international students with the option of living with an American family in a homestay. Please indicate your housing preference:

I would like to request a homestay to fully experience American culture.

Note: If you choose this option, please submit an application for the International Student Homestay Program.

Applications and further information are available at elgin.edu/homestay.

I will make my own housing arrangements.

If you will be making your own housing arrangements or living with a local relative or friend, please indicate the address where you will reside while attending classes at ECC (do not use the college's address):

Number and Street

City or Town

State

ZIP Code (9 digits)

Phone

Email

Emergency Contact: In the event you have an emergency on campus or there is a need to contact someone on your behalf, who would you like the college to contact?

Name:

(Family)

(First)

(Middle)

(Other)

Phone

Email

Gender: Male Female Relationship to Applicant:

Visa Information

Are you currently in the United States on a visa—nonresident alien?

No I am not in the United States on a visa.

Yes I am in the United States on a visa.

Country of Origin:

Visa Type:

When does your current immigration status expire?

(Month)

/

(Day)

/

(Year)

Note: If you are currently in the U.S., please note that USCIS processing for change of status and reinstatement requests can take several months.

Financial Sponsorship Information

Who will be your primary sponsor?

Name:

(Family)

(First)

(Middle)

(Other)

Phone

Email

Dependent Information

Do you intend to bring any dependents with you to the U.S. (e.g., spouse/children)? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information for all dependents. You must also submit a copy of each dependent’s passport and, if applicable, I-94 card or number. You must also certify that you have \$3,500 available per dependent per academic year; these funds are in addition to the amount for a sole applicant for an I-20. All dependents will be issued their own I-20 to apply for the F-2 visa.

Dependent Number 1:

Name: (Family) (First) (Middle) (Other)

Date of Birth: / / (Month) (Day) (Year)

City of Birth:

Country of Birth:

Country of Citizenship: Passport Number:

Gender: Female Male

Dependent Number 2:

Name: (Family) (First) (Middle) (Other)

Date of Birth: / / (Month) (Day) (Year)

City of Birth:

Country of Birth:

Country of Citizenship: Passport Number:

Gender: Female Male

Ethnicity/Race

Are you Hispanic or Latino? (OR are you of Spanish origin?)

Yes, of Hispanic or Latino origin

Not of Hispanic or Latino origin

Choose not to respond

Select all racial ethnic groups that apply.

American Indian or Alaska Native

Hispanic or Latino

Choose not to respond

Asian

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Black or African-American

White

Please identify your primary racial/ethnic group.

(Select one.)

American Indian or Alaska Native

Hispanic or Latino

Choose not to respond

Asian

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Black or African-American

White

Please identify your primary racial/ethnic group.

How did you learn about ECC?

Mailing to your home/business

Newspaper

Radio/TV

Word of mouth (friend, relative, employer, etc.)

ECC website

Other (please describe)

Term Applying for (check one and enter year)

Fall (August-December)

Enter year

Spring (January-May)

Enter year

Summer (May-August)

Enter year

If entering the Intensive English Program, indicate which month.

August

February

September

March

October

June

January

Academic Program Information

Planned Program of Study at Elgin Community College:

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Associate in Arts Degree

Associate in Science Degree

Associate in Fine Arts Degree

Associate in Engineering Science Degree

Associate in Liberal Studies Degree

Intensive English Program Only

Certificate

(Check this only if you will not be pursuing an associate degree.)

My intended major is:

My intended secondary major (if any) is:

If you are transferring from another U.S. institution (name of institution):

Enrollment Information

What is the primary language spoken in your home?

Reason for enrollment—which of the following best indicates why you are enrolling at ECC?

Prepare for transfer; please list college(s) you are considering transfer to:

High Quality Reputation

Affordable

Academic Programs Offered

Location

Other

Final High School Information

High School Name:

City:

Province/State/Territory:

Country:

Graduation Date:

/

(Month)

(Year)

Have you already graduated from high school or passed a DEG/HSE exam?

Yes

No

Colleges/Universities Attended

College/University:

City:

Province/State/Territory:

Postal Code:

Country:

From (year)

to (year)

Graduation Date:

/

(Month)

(Year)

Highest Educational Level Completed at Time of Application at ECC (select one):

Other

Did Either of Your Parents Attend College?

Choose not to respond

Through your association with Elgin Community College, you are likely to participate in events that are recorded on behalf of the college. By submitting this application, you authorize Elgin Community College and those acting on its behalf to copyright, publish, and use audio, photographs, video, and other recordings or representations of you for promotional and educational purposes. You release and discharge the Elgin Community College Board of Trustees, its assigns, and those acting on its behalf from any liability arising from such use. Please advise us if, for any extraordinary reason, your privacy must be protected after the submission of this document.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information furnished is true and complete. I understand that if it is found to be otherwise, it is sufficient cause for rejection or dismissal. Furthermore, I agree to comply with any necessary regulations that govern my stay in the United States as a non-immigrant.

(Year)

(Year)

Elgin Community College, Center for International Education and Programs, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123-7193;
phone: +1-847-214-7809; fax: +1-847-931-4897; online: elgin.edu/f1apply

Document retention: All documents submitted to ECC for admission purposes become the property of the college. Documents will not be released to students nor will they be forwarded to other educational institutions or agencies. Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer/Educator.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please read this information carefully. Failure to follow instructions will result in a delay in processing your immigration document.

U.S. federal regulations require you to submit documentation to Elgin Community College certifying your ability to meet all educational and living expenses for your first year of intended study before a Form I-20 can be issued to you. International students on an F-1 visa are not eligible for financial assistance from U.S. governmental agencies (e.g. FAFSA). Financial documentation MUST include a bank letter or statement meeting the requirements set forth below and submission of the International Student Financial Agreement (below) and Affidavit of Sponsorship (if applicable).

Acceptable proof of financial documentation includes:

- An English-language, official, and signed bank letter on bank letterhead OR official bank statement (all pages) certifying the availability of first year expenses in a checking or savings account. Bank letters/statements may be from a U.S. or non-U.S. based bank. For dependents traveling with you to the U.S. on an F-2 visa, you must certify an additional \$3,500USD per dependent.
- The bank letter or bank statement must include the account holder's name, the type of account, the current balance and the date of statement.
- All supporting documentation must be dated within six months of issuing the I-20.
- Financial documentation may be submitted electronically.
- Financial support may come from any of the following (or combination of the following) means:

Your own personal funds

Provide a bank letter/statement in your name, meeting the requirements stated above.

Family/individual sponsor funds

Each individual contributing financially to your educational and/or living expenses must sign the Affidavit of Sponsorship below and provide a bank letter/statement in their name, meeting the requirements stated above. In the case of jointly held accounts, each individual holder must sign the Affidavit of Sponsorship.

Government/employer funds

- An English-language, official, original and signed letter from the government/employer sponsor certifying the exact dollar amount being provided (in U.S. funds), your name, intended program and institution, the length of sponsorship, details of which services are being funded, and sponsor contact details.
- Third-party businesses or companies by which you are not employed that will sponsor your education must submit documentation according to the "Family/Individual Sponsor" specifications.

The following documents are NOT acceptable for financial certification:

- Employment and/or salary verification letters.
- Property or personal assets, including land, real estate, jewelry, and/or inheritances.
- Insurance policies.
- Income tax returns.
- Sponsor-only attestations, regardless of content or notarization.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

I am applying for admission to Elgin Community College as an F-1 international student and certify that I clearly understand the following:

- F-1 international student tuition is assessed at an out-of-state rate and is subject to change without notice. Check elgin.edu/tuition for current rate.
- Federal and state financial assistance is not available to F-1 students. Financial arrangements have been made to pay my expenses while at ECC.
- Employment on-campus is limited and should not be viewed as a significant source of income.
- My tuition and fees must be paid according to the rules set forth by the Student Accounts office.
- I understand I may be dropped for non-payment of my classes if I default on a payment plan or fail to pay my tuition and fees in full.
- The financial amount required by ECC to issue an I-20 is an estimate of minimum expenses and is subject to change.
- Health insurance is required during the duration of my studies at ECC and is strongly encouraged. for any of my dependents accompanying me to the United States.
- I am required to show an additional \$3,500USD per dependent if any dependents (spouse, children) will accompany me to the United States.
- I understand that the submission of any fraudulent or falsified financial documentation may result in my suspension from ECC and reporting of actions to the appropriate federal authorities.

I agree to abide by all regulations governing my F-1 visa during my stay in the U.S.

Applicant Signature

(Month) / (Day) / (Year)

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18)

(Month) / (Day) / (Year)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFIDAVIT OF SPONSORSHIP

To verify that the amount of support listed is approved, each sponsor is required to indicate their sponsorship and support of your education by completing the section below. If you have multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit a separate Affidavit of Sponsorship. Self-funded students are not required to complete this section. This form may be submitted by email or fax; original copies are not required.

I hereby certify that I am willing and able to commit the amount listed per year payable in U.S. dollars for the educational expenses at Elgin Community College of:

Student's Name

Sponsor's Relationship to Student

Documentation of my financial resources meeting the requirements as outlined in the International Student Application for Admission is attached to this Affidavit of Sponsorship.

Name of sponsor (printed, in Roman characters)

Occupation

Signature of Sponsor

(Month)

(Day)

(Year)

Please submit this form with your original bank letter/statement.

Return to:

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Email: internationaladmissions@elgin.edu
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSFER RELEASE AND VERIFICATION

Instructions:

- Complete Section 1 of this form.
- Contact the designated school official (DSO)/international student advisor at your current school and determine an appropriate Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) release date for your transfer. The transfer release date must be:
 - o After you have completed all coursework and employment at your current school; and
 - o No later than 60 days after completion of studies or optional practical training (OPT) at your current school; and
 - o Prior to your orientation and/or course registration date at Elgin Community College.
 - o Note: you must begin your program at ECC within 5 months of completing your program at your current school.
- Have a DSO at your current school complete Section 2 of this form and send to International Education & Programs, Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123 USA.

Elgin Community College SEVIS School Code: CHI214F12510000

Section 1 (To be completed by the STUDENT)

1. Name:

Family

First

Middle

Other

2. ECC Student ID Number:

3. Date of Birth:

/

/

Month

Day

Year

4. Email:

5. Term of admission at ECC: Fall (August) Spring (January) Summer (May/June) Year:

6. I verify that the above information is correct, and authorize my current school to provide the information requested.

Student's signature

Month

Day

Year

Section 2 (To be completed by DSO at transfer-out school)

Note to DSO: Please do not transfer student's SEVIS record until student's admission to ECC is confirmed.

To the best of my knowledge, this student is in valid F-1 status and is eligible for transfer. Yes No

Has the student been authorized for a reduced course load in SEVIS? Yes No

If yes: Academic Medical: How many semesters:

Has the student been authorized for practical training?: Yes No

If yes: CPT OPT Dates:

What is the student's last date of enrollment (or OPT) at your school?

Month

Day

Year

Student's SEVIS ID Number:

Transfer Release Date:

Month

Day

Year

The student is out of status and has been advised to discuss reinstatement with ECC. Yes No

Name of DSO

Title of DSO

School's Name:

School's Address:

Email:

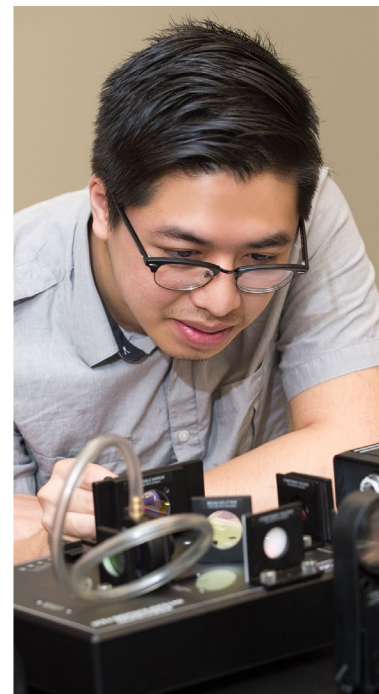
Phone:

DSO Signature

Month

Day

Year



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