



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.