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Academic Counseling
* Career Counseling
* Personal Counseling
* Financial Aid Grants
* Orientation Programs
* Summer School Sessions
* Study Skills Workshops

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We are pleased to provide you with this information booklet about the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program at Middlesex County College. This program offers support services to financially and educationally disadvantaged students. EOF makes a special effort to recruit and retain minority students at Middlesex County College.

To assist you in the application process for the EOF Program at Middlesex County College, the following is included:

- EOF Application
- Overview of the EOF Program and Services
- Identification of Staff Members

How to Apply to the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form for 2015-2016.

2. Complete the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program application.

3. Obtain documentation to verify your parents’ or your 2014 income. (example: Tax return transcript, TANF, Social Security, Unemployment).

If you or your parents did not file an Income Tax form, a non-filing tax statement must be completed. You may obtain a non-filing tax statement from the EOF Office.

4. Make an appointment to see Luis Reyes. YOU MUST BRING the above documents (1, 2 & 3) with you.

ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) was established by the New Jersey legislature in 1968 to increase the enrollment of minority and disadvantaged students at New Jersey’s colleges and universities.

The nationwide activism in the mid-sixties, especially that in a number of New Jersey cities, forced educators to acknowledge that a one percent representation of minorities in New Jersey colleges was no longer tolerable. The EOF Program, beginning with 1,600 students and growing to more than 12,000 by 2011, has become the major access point for African-American and Hispanic students. Positive experiences with EOF students opened the door to regular college admissions of minority students.

Unlike most early access programs for disadvantaged students which assumed that financial aid would solve the problem, the EOF Program also provides funding for support services that address educational deficiencies. During its 47 year history, professionals on the campuses have implemented a comprehensive model that includes:

- intensive academic development
- orientation
- counseling
- tutoring
- summer programs at the pre-college and collegiate levels designed to meet student needs

Special Summer Programs are offered in the areas of:

- pre-law
- pre-medical/dental
- business
- mathematics
- computer science
- bio-medical studies

Most importantly, EOF students are being retained and graduated from college at rates comparable to regularly admitted students.
To the Applicant:

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To begin the process, you must:

1. Complete the MCC admissions application online - www.middlesexcc.edu/admissions. Submit high school transcript, G.E.D. and/or transcript from previous college attended to the Middlesex County College Admissions Office.

2. Complete on-line or mail the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

3. Complete the EOF application and submit it to the EOF office with proof of family income (including parents’ information), 2014 Federal Income Tax return transcripts or documentation supporting TANF, Social Security or Unemployment Benefits received during 2014. Verification documents should state total amount received during the year, not on a monthly basis.

Proof of family income must be submitted with application.

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of my information that I have used to complete this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of my U.S. Federal, State or local income tax return. If proof is not submitted, aid may be denied.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Date________________

1. Name ____________________________________________________________

2. Social Security No.______ /______ /______     ID#_______________________

3. Mailing Address ___________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________

4. Date of Birth_______________________

5. Are you a U.S. Citizen?  □ Yes  □ No

6. If not, give permanent resident I.D. No._________________________________________________________________________________

7. Number of years/months living in New Jersey: ________________________

8. Ethnic Background (optional, for report purposes)
   □ African-American  □ Asian  □ American Indian
   □ Puerto Rican  □ Caucasian
   □ Other Hispanic  □ Other __________________________________________

9. Sex:  □ Male  □ Female

INCOME: Please include ALL sources of income when answering question number 13.

10. Marital Status:  □ Single  □ Married  □ Separated  # of children_____

11. Did you live with your parents for more than six weeks (42 days) in_____2014______?  □ Yes  □ No

12. Did or will your parents claim you as a U.S. income tax exemption in_____2014______?  □ Yes  □ No

13. Total yearly income: Parents $______________ Student $ ________________

14. Income is from:  □ Earnings  □ Unemployment  □ Welfare
   □ Social Security  □ Other ________________________________________

15. How many persons are supported by this income?_____________________

Factors that determine eligibility include:

A. Performance on the College Placement Test (Accuplacer®) indicating potential and readiness to successfully complete ENG 010 - Writing Skills
   RDG 011 - Reading Skills
   MAT 010 - Basic Mathematics

B. Ability to complete degree in six semesters.

C. Full-time enrollment (at least 12 credits per semester).

D. Academic performance in high school (GPA).

E. One-year residency in New Jersey prior to applying.

F. Income level. (PROOF OF FAMILY INCOME MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION.)

G. Willingness to attend and participate in required activities.