

EECU Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the grant just for high school seniors?

No. The grant is open to anyone pursuing education beyond high school (undergraduate, graduate, Ph.D. etc.).

2. Do all applicants have to provide ACT/SAT scores?

No. As stated in the Grant Requirements section, only home-schooled applicants or those who attended a non-accredited private school must submit copies of ACT and/or SAT scores. If that doesn't apply to you, you don't have to provide the test scores.

3. Do you have to be an EECU member to apply for the grant?

You must be a primary member, a joint member, or a joint owner on an account for six months prior to the application close date, and the account open date must be on or before June 9, 2016. If you are a joint owner on an account and you are selected to receive a grant, you will be required to open an account as a primary member before the grant funds may be awarded.

4. Can the letter of recommendation be submitted on letterhead instead of the form provided in the application?

Yes, as long as the recommendation letter addresses the questions that are listed on the form. The letter must be submitted to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

5. Can I drop my application off at an EECU branch?

No. The application must be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the Grant Application Checklist page. Applications mailed or delivered to a branch will be ineligible.

6. Can the application be postmarked by the deadline or does it have to be received by the deadline?

If you mail the application it must be postmarked by midnight December 9, 2016. If you deliver the application in person, it must be received at the address shown on the Grant Application Checklist page by 5 p.m. December 9, 2016.

7. Is this grant strictly based on financial need or GPA?

No. The reading committee considers financial need, GPA, information from the personal statement, letters of recommendation, transcript(s), and ACT/SAT scores to determine who will receive a grant.

8. If I'm in my first year of college and I do not have a college transcript, what should I submit?

You should submit your high school transcript.

9. How many transcripts should I submit?

Official transcripts are required from the educational institutions you have attended. You are strongly encouraged to submit more than one official transcript to provide the selection committee with your complete academic history.

10. What are the biggest reasons an application is ineligible for consideration?

The applicant didn't follow the directions in the checklist. It is very important to follow the instructions and submit the application according to the requirements. For example, if the letters of recommendation are not submitted in sealed envelopes the entire grant application is ineligible. Bottom line – follow the instructions in the checklist to ensure that your application is eligible for consideration.

11. What other suggestions do you have that will help me as I prepare my application?

If possible, type your application; handwritten applications may be hard to read.

We strongly recommend that you have a parent, teacher, counselor, or other academic professional review your application to ensure that it is complete. Ask them to review your personal statement and offer constructive feedback and helpful tips, and double-check that you have answered all of the bulleted items.

It is very important that your letters of recommendation are written by someone who knows you well and can write about your strengths and characteristics. It is also recommended that the letters be typed and not handwritten. You may provide the individual with our web site address so that they can access the online version of the application. Recommendation letters should be current.

12. Can I deliver my application in person?

Yes, you may deliver your application in person prior to the deadline. The address is 2222 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711. Our office is located on Shaw Avenue between West Avenue and Van Ness Extension. It's the two-story gray building on the northwest corner of Shaw and Forkner.

13. Do you call the applicants to let them know you received their application?

Due to the volume of applications received, we do not call to confirm receipt; however, you may call to inquire about your application. We will send an email confirmation of receipt by early January.