

Financial Aid

Federal Pell Grant

Must complete the FAFSA and submit any required documentation

Eligibility primarily based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the Student Aid Report generated by FAFSA

Federal Pell Grant is awarded to eligible undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree and have not completed 600% Lifetime Eligibility Units.

A minimum of 12 credit hours each semester is required for full award; pro-rated awards will be awarded to students in less than 12 credit hours

2021-2022

EFC Must be 5846 or less

Maximum award \$6495 (with 12 credit hours)

FSEOG

Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant

Must complete the FAFSA and submit any required documentation

For undergraduate Federal Pell Grant recipients with exceptional financial need.

Awards generally for \$400

Eligible students will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds have been exhausted. In order to be eligible all required documentation must be received.

Federal Work Study

Provides part-time jobs for undergraduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay educational expenses. Eligible students who have been awarded other aid and wish to be considered for FWS are advised to contact the college.

State Programs

Priority is given to students who do not possess a bachelor's or professional degree and have met the college's priority deadline.

Eligible students will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds have been exhausted. In order to be eligible all required documentation must be received.

COMA (Commonwealth Grant)

Students receiving COMA must be domiciled in Virginia, show financial need, and be enrolled on at least a half-time basis. Funding is provided solely by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Individual awards vary dependent upon need and funding level.

Awards range from \$1,000 - \$2,100 and can be used for tuition, fees and books.

VGAP

(Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program)

Students must have achieved a 2.5 GPA, have exceptional financial need, and maintain full-time enrollment as a dependent student.

Awards vary from \$1,100 - \$2,200 for tuition, fees and books.

Renewal students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and continuous full time enrollment. Renewal awards vary from \$1,200 - \$2,300.

PTAP

(Part-Time Tuition Assistance Program)

VCCS funded grant provides tuition assistance (no fees) to students in a degree or certificate program who enroll for at least 1 but less than 8 credits.

Students must show need.

Eligibility Requirements for Federal, State, and VCCS Programs

Eligibility is based on financial need and several other factors. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed at www.fafsa.gov. Basic eligibility requirements for students to:

Demonstrate financial need, have a valid high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) certificate, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working towards a degree or certificate in an eligible program, be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, have a valid Social Security Number, register with Selective Service (if male and if required), maintain satisfactory academic progress once in school, certify that they are not default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant, certify they will use financial aid only for educational purposes.

For more information or specific questions, email MECC Financial Aid Office at fa@mecc.edu