



Project HOPE Scholarship Program Information Sheet

What is Project HOPE?

The Project HOPE (Help One Person Excel) Scholarship Program awards a limited number of academic scholarships for students who meet certain eligibility criteria to complete their Associates of Arts or Associates of Science degree from Edison State College.

What does the scholarship pay for?

The scholarship supplements any federal aid students receive to cover in-state tuition, fees and textbooks up to 30 credit hours per academic year for the fall and spring semester. Project HOPE Scholars also receive a \$1000 stipend each semester for the Fall and Spring semesters if they fulfill all requirements each semester. The scholarship will NOT pay for multiple attempts in any class.

What are the eligibility criteria to participate in the Project HOPE Scholarship?

- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior this academic year (2011-2012), receiving a standard high school diploma.
- Applicants must complete an Edison State College Admissions Application and Residency Affidavit.
- Applicants must be US Citizens or must meet the requirements of an eligible non-citizen as defined by the Federal Financial Aid Program.
- Applicants must have a personal situation placing them "at-risk" for attending college due to their family's financial situation and/or other reasons.
- Applicants must complete the Free Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA). If chosen for an interview, confirmation must be provided which includes the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).

Is there any additional information that is taken in to consideration?

Applicants who are considered to be a first generation college student (neither of their parents graduated from a four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree).

Is this a minority scholarship?

No, this is not a minority scholarship. All students who meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply.

What requirements do Project HOPE Scholars have to sustain?

- Scholars must maintain a 12 credit hour course load in the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Scholars must maintain a 2.5 GPA on all college course work completed to be eligible for the full amount of the scholarship.
- Scholars are required to enroll in the College Success Skills Class for the Summer B semester before their first fall term and earn a "C" or better.
- Scholars must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year by March 1st.
- Scholars are required to attend regular Project HOPE meetings and to participate in campus social, educational and/or community service projects.
- Scholars are required to complete service learning hours each semester.

When is the application due?

A date for the 2011/2012 application cycle has yet to be decided. The application will be made available once a date has been selected. Applications will then be distributed to high school counselors and posted on www.edison.edu.

For further information please contact the appropriate Project HOPE Scholarship Office:

Charlotte Campus
941-637-5651
afritsch@edison.edu

Collier Campus
239-732-3791
cmaldonado@edison.edu

Hendry/Glades Campus
863-674-0408
broughgarden@edison.edu

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239-489-9338
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Project HOPE Scholarship Program
Application Instructions

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 3, 2012

- Complete the Project HOPE Scholarship Application. The application must be typed or legibly written.
- Attach a 1000 word personal statement. This should be personally composed by the applicant and written clearly. If we suspect the applicant did not write the statement at any point in the application process, points will be deducted. The statement should be double spaced and written in a 12-point standard font (Times New Roman or Calibri). The statement should address each of the following:
 - a. Why you should be selected for the scholarship?
 - b. Discuss your academic strengths and weaknesses.
 - c. What are your career goals? Tell us about the education or certifications required to do this job, challenges of performing this job and expected working conditions. Also, tell us about any volunteer experience, work experience and/or education you have already completed in this field.
 - d. What extenuating circumstances might prevent you from entering college?
 - e. Please explain any work experience, community service, leadership and school activities in which you participate.
 - f. Briefly discuss a time when you were under pressure or stress. Tell us how you coped with the issue at hand and the outcome of the situation.
- Attach a minimum of one recommendation completed by a guidance counselor, school administrator or teacher. We encourage applicants to submit more than one recommendation. Letters are welcomed. Recommendations should be sealed.
- Attach a copy of your high school transcript.
- Complete an Edison State College Admissions Application. If you complete an online application please attach a copy of the confirmation page. OR you can attach a paper application.
- Attach a completed Edison State College Residency Affidavit with copies of all required documentation.
- Submit the completed application and any additional materials to:

Patricia Newell
Dean, Student Services
Edison State College
8099 College Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed.

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Project HOPE Scholarship Program Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: Middle Name: Last Name:

Birthday: Gender: Male Female Country of Birth:

Street Address:

City: State: FL Zip Code:

Telephone Number: Alternate Number:

Please answer the questions below by checking the appropriate box:

Are you a US Citizen or do you meet the requirements of an eligible non-citizen as defined by the Federal Financial Aid Programs? (information can be found at: www.fafsa.ed.gov)

INCOME INFORMATION

Estimated annual household income: \$ How many people live in your household?

If you have completed the 2012/2013 FAFSA please indicate the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC):

Please answer the questions below by checking the appropriate box:

Are you eligible for free or reduced lunch?

Does your personal situation place you "at-risk" for attending college due to your family's financial situation or other reasons?

EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School Attended:

High School Counselor:

High School GPA (Weighted): ACT Score: SAT Score:

Please check whether you completed any of the following types of courses:

Early Admissions Dual Enrollment (DE) Advanced Placement (AP) Honors

Campus you plan to attend (Check only one): Lee Collier Charlotte Hendry/Glades

Intended College Major:

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FIRST GENERATION INFORMATION

Please answer the questions below by checking the appropriate box:

Yes No Are you a first generation college student? (Neither of your parents graduated from a four-year college or university)

Yes No Have any of your siblings graduated from a four-year or two-year college or university?

What is the highest level of education completed by your parent(s):

Mother: Elementary Middle School High School Some College 2-Year Degree (AA/AS) 4-Years or more

Father: Elementary Middle School High School Some College 2-Year Degree (AA/AS) 4-Years or more

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School Activities:

Community Activities:

Work Experience:

My signature indicates that I understand the Project HOPE Scholarship Program requirements and the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I also affirm that the attached essay was composed by me.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010
Submit the completed application and additional materials to:
Patricia Newell
District Dean, Academic Success Programs
Edison State College
8099 College Pkwy, S262
Fort Myers, FL 33919

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**Project HOPE Scholarship Program
Recommendation Form**

One recommendation form completed by the applicant’s high school principal, assistant principal, dean, guidance counselor or teacher is mandatory to apply for the scholarship. Additional recommendations are encouraged. Letters are welcomed. Recommendations should be sealed.

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Applicants Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Name of person completing this form: _____

Capacity in which you know the applicant: _____

Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below using the following numeric scale:
5 – Excellent 4 – Good 3 – Average 2 – Fair 1 – Poor

	Academic Promise		Career Goals		Attitude		Self-Discipline
	Initiative		Responsibility		Respect		Perseverance

Comments are crucial in our decision making process. Please provide further information on the applicant as it pertains to the areas listed above. Additionally, please provide information as to why you are recommending this applicant and their strengths and weaknesses. If the comment section is left blank, points will be deducted.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Title: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____

Email: _____

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