

Policy: **Early College Scholars**

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Responsible for Policy: Academic and Student Affairs

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This policy replaces all policies relating to the 311 Program and Early Admission Policy for Full-Time Study.

Policy Statement

Early College Scholars provides a framework for individuals 18 years of age or under who are enrolled in an approved secondary curriculum (home school or high school) who seek to enroll in coursework at Finger Lakes Community College. Students may participate in the Early College Scholars initiative to achieve different educational goals. Students may be used to satisfy home school or high school graduation requirements but that is not a condition of the program. In any case, Early College Scholars provides an opportunity for a high school or home school student to get a head start on their college career.

Early College Scholars are permitted to enroll as non-matriculated students only (i.e. non-degree seeking student).

High school students enrolled in a concurrent enrollment program and/or articulation agreements between FLCC and area high schools are exempt from this policy.

Additionally

Students participating in the Early College Scholars program may apply for scholarship funds to help off-set the cost of tuition.

Reason for Policy

This policy has been implemented to establish certain guidelines for students 18 years of age or under who wish to get a head start on their college career and take classes at Finger Lakes Community College.

Applicability of the Policy

All College employees, particularly the Office of Concurrent Enrollment, Admissions, Student Records, and One Stop personnel, should be familiar with this policy.

Definitions

None

Related Documents

- FLCC Procedures for Services to Students with Disabilities

Procedures

Finger Lakes Community College offers the Early College Scholars program to assist young scholars in completing college courses on our campus. Individuals 18 years of age or under who are enrolled in an approved secondary curriculum (home school or high school) may enroll in coursework at Finger Lakes Community College through the Early College Scholars program and if eligible, apply for a scholarship to help off-set the cost of tuition.

Participation

Students may participate in the Early College Scholars initiative to achieve different educational goals:

1. FLCC may offer course sections dedicated to home school students. These course sections allow students to get acclimated to a campus setting by participating in courses with their academic peers. Home school students are also welcome to participate in other non-dedicated course sections.
2. High school students may participate in the program to supplement their high school programming or, based on an agreement with the school district, satisfy high school graduation requirements.
3. High school students may also be part of a coordinated time-shortened degree program where students are participating in FLCC courses in the high school in addition to on-campus courses.

Participation in the Early College Scholars program may be subject to additional enrollment documentation or requirements which may include but not limited to:

- The student must meet all course prerequisites. If applicable, the student may be required to take FLCC's placement exam.
- The student must provide other documentation, such as registration form, payment of tuition and fees, certificate of residency form, and proof of immunization, if applicable.)
- Students a learning or physical disability, appropriate documentation as outlined in the Procedures for Services to Students with Disabilities guide should accompany any requests for special testing accommodations. The above mentioned guide can be obtained on the FLCC website.
- Students under the age of 16 at the start of the semester must meet with a staff member from the Office of Concurrent Enrollment and complete additional paperwork prior to registering for courses. See Policy C-15 "Students Under Age Sixteen" for details.

Scholarship availability and student eligibility

Early College Scholars may apply for scholarship funding to off-set the tuition expenses. The scholarship award is based on FLCC's part-time tuition rate for the academic year. The scholarship funds up to 50% of the student's tuition for up to 7 credits each semester at any FLCC campus.

To be eligible for the scholarship applicants must:

- Be 18 years of age or under and enrolled in an approved secondary curriculum (home school or high school)
- Reside in New York State for one year
- Maintain an overall 2.5 FLCC GPA
- Satisfy FLCC course prerequisites and placement testing requirements

Scholarship Details

- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but students are encouraged to apply early to ensure course enrollment.
- Scholarship funding is limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis
- Scholarship funds cannot be used for online (U sections) courses.
- Scholarship funds will be dispersed directly to the recipient's FLCC student account. Scholarships are not automatically renewable but students may apply for the scholarship in subsequent semesters.
- Scholarship funds cannot be applied towards books or fees.
- All FLCC courses are subject to meeting minimum enrollment levels in order to run.

Appendix

None