Reach your educational goals.

Promoting Academic Achievement
Leadership Development
Successful Transfer
Career Planning
College Completion
Responsible Citizenship
Do you want a college degree, but need help paying for it? Are you interested in personalized services that can help you reach your goals – educational, career, and personal?

Brookdale’s EOF program is dedicated to the successful completion of the certificate or associate degree program you want.

Our program supports the full-time enrollment of a diverse population of highly-motivated students of all ages. Many are the first in their families to attend college and they have varying levels of academic and financial need. Their success is promoted by program services which foster student learning and development, and minimize the financial burden of college attendance in preparation for four-year college transfer, college completion, and responsible citizenship.

Contact the EOF Office at 732-224-2510 for an EOF Admissions Application or visit the EOF website: www.brookdalecc.edu eof
Establishing Program Eligibility

Individuals interested in enrolling in the EOF program must:

A. Be a US citizen or hold permanent resident alien status
B. Be able to enroll on a full-time basis (12 or more credits per term)
C. Be a resident of New Jersey for at least one year prior to enrollment at the college
D. Be a high school graduate, GED recipient, have earned a high school equivalency diploma, or be a current Brookdale student with less than 40 degree credits earned
E. Submit an EOF admission application
F. Submit a high school transcript, or GED diploma/transcript, or college transcript
G. Participate, if required, in an interview process
H. Submit financial documents on family income establishing award eligibility for an EOF state grant
**Why EOF at Brookdale?**

**We’re accessible.**
Brookdale offers day, evening, and weekend classes at our main campus in Lincroft, and at our Regional Locations in Neptune, Freehold, Long Branch, Hazlet, and Wall Township. You can mix and match locations, and increase your opportunity to stay closer to home while attending Brookdale. EOF assists with paying for your education and many program services. These include educational counseling, tutoring, career development, transfer guidance, and more.

**You can afford to attend college.**
Our tuition and fees are about 50% less than a public four-year college and just a fraction of the cost of a private four-year college. Brookdale's low costs, coupled with the financial assistance of the EOF program, makes pursuing a college degree that much more achievable. Students participating in the EOF program have graduated without needing loans to pay for their college education.

**Study here. Go far.**
Start your associate degree at Brookdale and transfer courses when your academic records are strong enough for admission to a bachelor’s degree institution. Or, complete your associate degree at Brookdale and then transfer. Brookdale has transfer agreements with a number of New Jersey colleges and universities. And, in many instances, EOF status is transferable, as other EOF programs are more likely to provide you services when you are a EOF student at Brookdale.
The EOF Advantage

Receive financial support.
A $1,050 EOF State Grant is awarded each year based on full-time enrollment and continued financial eligibility. When coupled with other available state and federal grants, you may be able to attend college debt-free! Through special requests, EOF grants for part-time study are available to students with a record of prior enrollment at Brookdale.

Work with a team of professionals.
Our Student Development staff are dedicated to promoting your success, and will assist you with educational planning and address your needs throughout your enrollment in the EOF program.

Excel in your studies.
Participating in the program’s tutoring and learning-strategy workshops helps you master course content and enhance study skills.
**Exercise your leadership.**

Through membership to our EOF Student Alliance, a college-recognized organization committed to working together to make a difference in the civic life of our communities, leadership opportunities are available to participate in community service, public education, and direct action projects.

**Chart out your career path.**

Use our resources to help you explore your occupational interests, select a major, prepare for a job, or transfer to a four-year college.

**Join our National Academic Honor Society.**

As a member of Chi Alpha Epsilon, Delta Alpha Chapter, you can serve as a role model for new students by demonstrating academic integrity and high academic standards.

**Be part of Special Educational Enrichment programs.**

Our College Preparatory Summer Institute is only available to students who have never attended college before and are applying for fall admission. Students can strengthen their basic skills in reading, writing, or math and retest into higher level courses – often college level! In addition, the career exploration and planning process is started and a financial literacy focus takes place – with an emphasis on college financing. Different program schedules are available. Based on eligibility, for future summers we provide financial assistance to pay for summer courses and partially cover study abroad expenses.
6 Steps to apply for EOF

EOF seeks to enroll highly-motivated students who, with the support of the program’s services, can be successful at Brookdale. Your academic promise and potential, as well as eligibility to qualify for an EOF state grant, are key to determining eligibility for admission. Several steps are needed to complete the admission and enrollment process.

STEP #1:
Submit a Brookdale Admission Application Packet

A Brookdale Application Packet and a high school transcript (if currently in high school or a high school graduate) and immunization record form needs to be submitted to the Admissions Office. Have official copies of your transcript forwarded if you completed course work at any college or obtained a GED.

The college application fee may be deferred by submitting an Admission Fee Deferment Form to the Admissions Office. The EOF Program can give you this form which gives the College permission to use future financial aid awarded to cover the cost of the application fee.
STEP #2: Submit an EOF Admission Application
If you are a new student, or have never attended college before, it is important to consider applying for admission before June 1 for the fall term. You risk not being given the chance to enroll in our College Preparatory Summer Institute if you apply later. Space is limited for either term, so apply early.

STEP #3: Arrange for an Admission Interview, if required
Be prepared to discuss your educational background, intended major and occupational/career interests, employment history, extracurricular activities, and any responsibilities impacting your educational plans. Admission decisions are based on a personal interview and the review of the EOF admission application, academic records, and income/asset information. In some cases, interviews are not needed. Refer to the EOF Admission application for details.
Step #4: File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

THIS IMPORTANT DEADLINE IS JUNE 1.

File on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Processing takes two weeks. Income documents/information must be referred to in completing the FAFSA. Brookdale must be listed on the FAFSA as first college choice; our federal school code is 008404.

Step #5: Brookdale’s Basic Skills Test

You must take the Placement Test if you are a new student who has never attended college before. Your reading, writing, and math skills are assessed to determine readiness for college-level work. This test should be taken prior to June 1 if seeking to attend the College Preparatory Summer Program. Students who have appropriate SAT scores may send these to Brookdale to waive the basic skills test. If basic skill testing was done at another college, send your scores to the Admissions and Registration Office.

Step #6: Submit Proof of Income

Income verification documents are submitted to the EOF program and include tax returns or W-2s, Social Security statements, public assistance statements, or court/state records verifying status as ward of state or orphan. Only EOF transfer students with prior enrollment in an EOF program are exempt from providing proof of income documents for the purpose of receiving the EOF state grant.
1. Yearly EOF state grant of $1,050 based on full-time enrollment, and upon approval, availability of EOF grants for part-time study.

2. Assistance with securing other state and federal aid, and when coupled with the EOF state grant, can cover all college costs.

3. Availability of funding, based on eligibility, to participate in study abroad opportunities, and to cover honor society membership fees, admission entrance exams, and selective leadership and career development activities.

4. A cost-free summer bridge program for first-time college students entering Brookdale.

5. Availability of skill/motivational assessments to promote self-awareness and college success.

6. Provision of academic advisement and personal counseling designed to help students realize their educational, career, and personal goals.

7. Learning assistance to help manage one’s academic studies successfully.

8. Preparation for transfer to four-year colleges.

9. Career preparation and life skill management programs/activities.

10. Community and leadership development activities and based on eligibility induction into Chi Alpha Epsilon – a national academic honor society, and membership to our EOF Rising Leaders Academy.
Brookdale Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

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