Why ECC?

Free tuition and general fees are two great reasons, but there are more.

East Central College is committed to high-quality, affordable educational programs and services for residents of the District and the college service area. These educational programs and services include:

- The first two years of baccalaureate education leading to the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Fine Arts, and Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees.
- Associate of Applied Science degrees and certificate programs in career-technical fields.
- Comprehensive student services and learning resources to assist students in planning, organizing, and succeeding in their academic study.
- Developmental education to prepare students for college-level study.
- Community services that support civic, cultural, and economic development in east central Missouri.
- Diverse student activity opportunities to enhance the educational process.

For More Information Contact:

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ECC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action College

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION – East Central College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, disability, or veteran status. Inquiries/concerns regarding civil rights compliance as it relates to student programs and services may be directed to the Vice President of Student Development, 131 Buescher Hall, 1964 Prairie Dell Road, Union, Missouri 63084, 636-584-6565 or stnotice@eastcentral.edu.

- If you are a person with special needs and require assistance or services, please contact Counseling Services and a representative will discuss your needs.
- If you are a person with a hearing impairment, East Central’s TDD number is (636) 583-4851.
What is required before A+ funding can be applied to my tuition and common fees?

+ Complete the FAFSA - [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
+ Request Official High School Transcript with A+ seal
+ Request Official College Transcripts from all colleges you have attended
+ Sign ECC’s A+ Form
+ Declare an Academic Program
+ Enroll in at least 12 hours in a fall or spring semester
+ Enroll in at least 6 hours if attending during a summer session

What if I used my A+ at another college?

If you are not attending ECC right out of high school, we require you to fill out a Break In Enrollment Form. This form helps us track the colleges you have attended.

If I start my schooling at a four-year institution, can I transfer to ECC and use my A+ funding?

You will need to transfer with a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Can I use A+ funding in the summer if I am at a four-year institution in the fall and spring?

No – you must be enrolled as a degree seeking student at ECC to qualify for A+ funding.

If I complete a one or two-year certificate can I transfer into an A.A., A.A.S., A.A.T., A.F.A., or A.S. program?

Yes, but you must move to an associate’s degree in the same or related field. If you enter into a completely different field, A+ funding will not cover your associate degree.

Will the A+ program cover me if I have a learning disability?

Yes – your learning disability must be documented by your high school and reported to the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE). You must obtain a written note from the access counselor at ECC stating consideration as a full-time student, with a limited course load.

What expenses does the A+ program cover?

A+ will cover the cost of tuition, support service fees, technology fees, and activity fees at ECC. Special fees, such as, professional licensing fees, lab fees, field trip fees, tools, etc. – ARE NOT covered by the A+ program. At this time, A+ WILL NOT cover books and supplies, nor will it cover courses a student repeats or from which a student withdraws.

If I graduate high school in December of my senior year, am I eligible to use A+ funding at ECC for the spring semester?

Yes, but your high school must report that you are an early graduate to DESE and send an official high school transcript with A+ seal to ECC.

How do I keep my A+?

You must enroll as a full-time student and maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Can I be reimbursed for dual credit classes I took in high school?

No - a student’s eligibility becomes effective following high school graduation.

How long does A+ funding last?

+ 48 months from high school graduation
+ Upon receipt of an associate degree, or
+ Upon completion of 105% of the credit hours required for the program in which you are currently enrolled.