



## **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Frequently Asked Questions for 2018-19**

Thank you for your interest in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College. Please review the following frequently asked questions to learn more.

### **1. What is EITC?**

Corporations receive tax credits for donating to organizations that provide scholarships and access to innovative educational programming. Funding through the EITC can only be used to support programs that offer high school students educational opportunities not offered by public high schools.

### **2. Who is eligible to receive EITC funds from HACC?**

The funds that HACC receives are awarded to high school students participating in Free and Reduced Lunch programs who are taking approved courses through HACC's [College in the High School](#) (CHS). The funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Students can receive both high school and college credit for taking the approved courses.

### **3. How does a student apply for EITC funds?**

When completing HACC's application for admission, students should indicate their participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch program. When you apply to the College, you will also be required to complete an EITC application as part of the general application package.

### **4. Is there a limit to the number of credits that the funds will support? If so, why is the number of credits limited?**

Eligible students enrolled in CHS may receive EITC funding of up to \$225 per term (three CHS credits at \$75 per credit). The number of credits that may be covered by EITC is limited, because there is limited funding available each year. Students who wish to take more than three CHS credits will pay the regular rate for the additional credits.

### **5. How are the EITC funds awarded to students enrolled in CHS?**

EITC funds are applied directly to students' accounts by the College on a first-come, first-served basis. Until funds are applied, a balance will appear on the students' account records.



**6. When are the funds applied to students' accounts?**

Funds are applied to the students' accounts after the students are deemed eligible. Typically, this occurs within three weeks of the term's start date.

**7. What are the steps that a high school has to take for its students to be eligible for EITC funding?**

Each spring, HACC emails each regional school district requesting letters of commitment to show their support for HACC's EITC program. These letters of commitment are due in April of each year and are required for the school districts' students to be eligible for EITC funding **TWO** academic years ahead.

For example, letters of support submitted in April 2017 will indicate eligibility for students enrolled in CHS programming in the 2018-19 academic year, and letters of support submitted in April 2018 will indicate eligibility for students enrolled in CHS programming in the 2019-20 academic year.

**8. Are students guaranteed to receive EITC funding every year?**

The HACC Foundation's EITC fund is dependent on annual corporate donations. As such, EITC funding cannot be guaranteed. EITC funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible students. Once EITC funds are depleted, no additional students will receive EITC funding.

**9. Are homeschooled students and those attending private schools eligible for EITC funding?**

Each year, the HACC Foundation is required to spend 80 percent of its donated EITC funds to support students in eligible public school districts. If funding is still available once the 80 percent is spent, the HACC Foundation may allocate remaining funds to students who do not attend eligible school districts.

For student, parent and high school staff questions related to HACC's EITC funding, please contact HACC at [start@hacc.edu](mailto:start@hacc.edu).

For businesses interested in receiving EITC tax credits, please contact the HACC Foundation at [foundation@hacc.edu](mailto:foundation@hacc.edu).