

# Early College Newaygo County 2023-2024 Application



Thank you for your interest in the Early College Newaygo County (ECNC) program. ECNC allows students to extend high school by one year in order to earn both their diploma and associate degree (up to 62 college credits) from Muskegon Community College (MCC) at no cost to the student. Students receive wrap around support to assist their academic performance as they complete both high school and college coursework and secure their future education and career-related goals.

## Early College Requirements and Application Checklist

Eligible student applicants for the Early College Newaygo County (ECNC) program must have:

- A high school GPA of 2.2 or higher.
- Completed all Michigan Merit graduation requirements by the end of their junior year (except for final requirements in the subjects: English Language Arts, math, and online learning experience).
- Completed and submitted all ECNC application forms to their local high school counselor by **March 3, 2023**. Refer to checklist below and please **submit all items together**:
  - Application Form
  - Application Essay
  - Two (2) Recommendation Forms (*Counselor will attach*)
  - Academic Progress Worksheet (*Counselor will complete and attach*)

## Muskegon Community College Requirements, Application and Testing

In addition to the application for the ECNC program, students must fill out a free online application to Muskegon Community College. The application can be found at [www.muskegoncc.edu](http://www.muskegoncc.edu). For directions to access the MCC application, please refer to helpful snapshot screens in this packet. If students have any questions or problems filling out the application, please consult with the counselor, college adviser or career specialist at your high school or the MCC office located at NC RESA ESC Building, 4747 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Fremont.

**Students may be required to complete additional placement testing after application materials have been submitted.** Placement testing is a computer-based system which is used to support students in matching their current levels of academic readiness for the Early College Newaygo County Program.

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## Application Form

*(To be completed by the student and parent/legal guardian)*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name /Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Preferably not a school email)

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

High school attending: \_\_\_\_\_  Public  Home School  Private

Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) with whom the student resides:

Parent/Guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 3, 2023**

*Application Form Continued →*

# Early College Newaygo County 2023-2024 Application



## Application Form

*(To be completed by the student and parent/legal guardian)*

We, the parents/guardians of the applying student, understand that participation in my child’s education will help determine their likelihood of success in the program. Therefore, we will:

- Voluntarily be involved in the Early College Newaygo County program to promote parent support, shared decisions, special enrichment, and recreational activities.
- Be accessible and readily available to the program to discuss my child’s progress and development.
- Understand that acceptance into the ECNC program requires a commitment through the thirteenth year.
- Understand that if my child does not earn credit in a Muskegon Community College course, we might be responsible for reimbursing my District depending on District Policy.
- Understand that attendance and full participation in all program activities is vital to my child’s success. These activities will include the ECNC College Success Seminar, cohort meetings, and summer orientation sessions.
- Understand that acceptance into the college is a privilege and my child must adhere to the Campus Standards set by Muskegon Community College to remain enrolled. Failure to meet those standards may result in their dismissal from ECNC.
- Authorize Early College Newaygo County to access my child’s Educational Development Plan (EDP) as well as other pertinent high school records.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 3, 2023**

**Application Essay**  
*(To be completed by the student)*

As part of the application process, students must write and submit a one-page essay attached to their application.

Please address the following questions for our evaluation committee:

- Why do you feel that the ECNC program would be a good fit for you?
- How are you prepared for college-level work and expectations?
- How committed are you to the ECNC program?
- What challenges do you think you will face as a participant in the ECNC program?

In addition to the specific questions above, this writing assignment will be evaluated on:

- How well it is written (organization, language, style, grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.).
- Your passion for entering both the ECNC program and pursuing your career.

**Student and Family Interview**  
*(To be scheduled at a later date)*

After the application is reviewed, students meeting the ECNC program criteria will be scheduled for an interview comprised of the ECNC Team, and advisory members. After the interview, students will be notified by mail if they are accepted into the program. Interview questions will comprise the following:

**Student Interview Component**

- General information about themselves
- Goals and aspirations
- Previous educational experiences and extracurricular activities
- Perceived college readiness

**Family Interview Component**

- How do you plan to support your student in the ECNC program? (i.e. transportation, encouragement, success support, etc.)
- Why is the Early College program a good fit for your student?

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## Muskegon Community College Application Directions

1. Go to [www.muskegoncc.edu](http://www.muskegoncc.edu) and click on Apply Now



2. Click on
  - [\*\*\*Dual Enrolled/Direct Credit/Early College Student Application\*\*\*](#) —

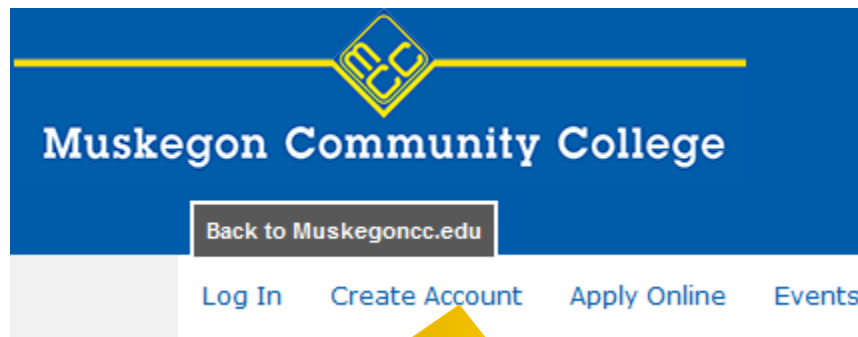
If you plan to attend Muskegon Community College at the same time as high school, please complete the application that applies to your situation (ie: Dual Enrolled, Early College, Direct Credit) in addition to the following forms:

[Direct Credit](#)

[Dual Enrollment](#)

[Early College](#)

3. Click on Create Account



4. Please fill out every section of information needed that has a \*. This information is required.

5. Under [High School 1](#)
  - a. Country
    - i. United States is the first country listed

## Muskegon Community College Application Directions

### Enrollment Information

6. Under Enrollment Information
  - a. The start term required is Fall 2023.
    - i. Your start term will be next fall.
  - b. The Admit Type is Dual Enrolled/Direct Credit/Early College
  - c. The Academic/Career Interest is Early College Program
  - d. The Academic program of Interest is Degree in Associate in Science and Art (ASA).

### Enrollment Information

Start Term \*

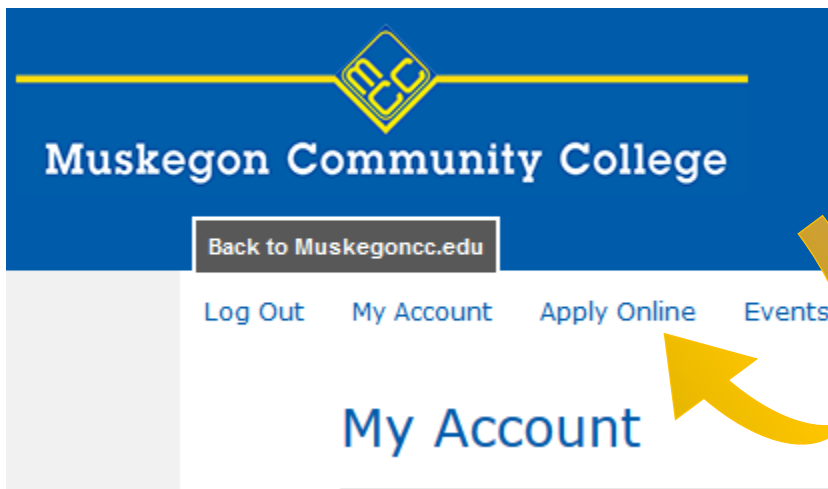
Admit Type \*

Academic/Career Interest \*

Academic Program of Interest \*

Create Account

7. After you have completed entering your account information, please select [Create Account](#)
8. You now have an account with Muskegon Community College but **have not applied**.
9. On the My Account page, select Apply Online.



Muskegon Community College

Back to Muskegoncc.edu

Log Out My Account **Apply Online** Events

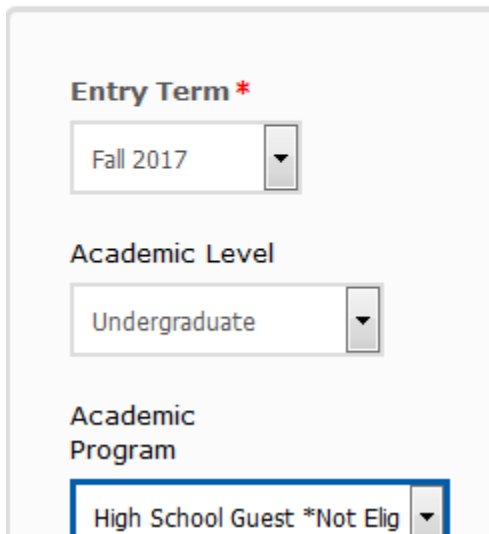
My Account

## Muskegon Community College Application Directions

- a. Your entry term will be Fall 2023.
- b. Your Academic Level is undergraduate
- c. Your Academic Program is High School Guest

## Online Application

Select an area of interest



The screenshot shows a form with three dropdown menus. The first is labeled "Entry Term \*" and has "Fall 2017" selected. The second is labeled "Academic Level" and has "Undergraduate" selected. The third is labeled "Academic Program" and has "High School Guest \*Not Elig" selected. The "Academic Program" dropdown is highlighted with a blue border.

10. Select Submit

11. You will now fill in any missing information on your application.

- a. Certain fields will be preloaded with previous information from creating your account.

12. On the Academics Page (page 3)

- a. Your Admit Type is Dual Enrolled/Direct Credit/Early College
- b. Your MCC Goal is blank
- c. Academic/Career Interest is Early College
- d. Academic Program is Degree in Associate in Science and Arts (ASA)
- e. Your entry term will be Fall 2023.

**Muskegon Community College  
Application Directions**

**Academic Plans**

*If you completed a previous program at MCC, please select a different program.*

Admit Type

Dual Enrolled/Direct Credit/E

MCC Goal

**Academic/Career Interest \***

Early College Program

**Academic Program \***

Degree in Associate in Scien

**Start Term \***

Fall 2017

Student Load Intent

**13. Your application has been submitted! You will be contacted via email and mail about your acceptance information.**



# Early College Newaygo County 2023-2024 Application



## Recommendation Form 1 (Page 1 of 2)

**To be completed by student:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete a recommendation form for a prospective Early College Newaygo County (ECNC) student. ECNC allows students to delay graduation by one year by retaining a math credit their senior year, which allows them to graduate with both a high school diploma and associate degree (62 credits) from Muskegon Community College. Please put this form in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal OR scan and email directly to the high school counselor at the email address above. The application is due **March 3, 2023**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization or company where affiliation occurs

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the recommendation form on the backside of this page.**

*Recommendation Form Continued →*

**Recommendation Form 1**  
*(Page 2 of 2)*

Please briefly describe your interactions with the student and how you think they will respond to a community college education environment. Also, please describe any characteristics which set them apart from other high school students.

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Please rate the student in terms of the following attributes:

	<i>No Basis for Evaluation</i>	<i>Below Average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Above Average</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>
Academic capability to succeed in MCC courses.					
Levels of personal commitment to academic achievement, perseverance and effort.					
Self-discipline and initiative, willing to take responsibility for one's own behavior/learning.					

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on my experience with the applicant, my overall recommendation for this student is as follows:

- Highest recommendation
- Recommend
- Recommend with reservation
- Do not recommend

**THANK YOU!**

# Early College Newaygo County 2023-2024 Application



## Recommendation Form 2 (Page 1 of 2)

**To be completed by student:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization or company where affiliation occurs

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the recommendation form on the backside of this page.**

*Recommendation Form Continued →*

**Recommendation Form 2**  
*(Page 2 of 2)*

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**THANK YOU!**

**Academic Progress Worksheet**  
(To be completed by Counselor)

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor name: \_\_\_\_\_

High school name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current school year's Academic Progress Report is attached for ECNC panel review.

**High School Graduation Progress** (courses and credits earned)

<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Final Grade</i>		<i>Final Grade</i>
Algebra I		Geometry	
Algebra II		Final Year Math Course*	
<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Final Grade</i>		<i>Final Grade</i>
ELA Grade 9		ELA Grade 11	
ELA Grade 10		ELA Grade 12*	
<i>Science</i>	<i>Final Grade</i>		<i>Final Grade</i>
Biology		One additional Science credit	
Physics or Chemistry			
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Final Grade</i>		<i>Final Grade</i>
.5 Credit in Civics		.5 Credit in Economics	
U.S. History and Geography		World History and Geography	
<i>Other</i>	<i>Final Grade</i>		<i>Final Grade</i>
Physical Education & Health -1 credit		Visual, Performing and Applied Arts-1 credit	
Online Learning Experience*		Language other than English-1 credit	
<b>Cumulative GPA</b>			

*\*Indicates that the course does not need to be completed by the end of the student's junior year.*

Are there any additional classes this student has taken in high school? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What extra-curricular or volunteer activities is this student involved in? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does the student have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Progress Worksheet**  
*(To be completed by Counselor)*

<i>TEST</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing/English</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Composite</i>
ACT						
SAT						
PSAT						
MSTEP						

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|---|---|
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