

New River Community College

ACCE – ACCESS to COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

ACCE is an economic development public/private partnership, which makes college available debt-free to current year high school, home-schooled, and private school graduates who reside in Giles County, Pulaski County, Montgomery County, Floyd County and Radford City. ACCE will support our youth by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students will graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt. ACCE supports as many students as possible **based on available funding**.

Students must:

- Have at least a 2.5 GPA to qualify and must maintain a 2.5 GPA while in the program.
- Complete and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and all FAFSA generated documents to NRCC.
- Qualify for Virginia in-state tuition and reside in the County/City at least one year prior to ACCE application date.
- Complete at least 80 hours of community service annually (Giles County 100 hours)
- Maintain full-time enrollment of 12 credits minimum, **15 maximum** (Radford City 12 credit maximum).
- Pay tuition and fees for credits over 15 (funds will support up to 15 credits during fall and spring semesters, Radford City 12 credits).
- Purchase their own textbooks and ebooks.
- Enroll in degree/certificate program that meets FAFSA requirements (ACCE will only pay for courses in student's program of study).
- Take a College Success Skills course during their first NRCC semester.
- Not take online courses during the first semester, except College Success Skills.
- Reimburse the program for any ACCE-sponsored course in which the student is unsuccessful.
- Complete both English and math placement tests (unless exempt – see your high school Career Counselor for more information).
- Students must register for NRCC fall semester classes by June 1 in order to receive ACCE funding.
- Participate in New Student Orientation the summer prior to attending NRCC.
- Upon graduation, participate in NRCC's graduation ceremony.
- Meet all ACCE deadlines.

October 1, 2022	FAFSA Application opens - fafsa.gov ACCE Application opens - nr.edu/acce If not a Dual Enrollment student, complete the NRCC application – nr.edu/admissions
10/5 11/17 12/1	Attend, with guardian, a Financial Aid Workshop at your high school 4:30 to 6:30 (all FAFSA workshops will be at Giles County Technology Center)
9/14 GHS 9/21 NHS	Attend, with guardian, an ACCE informational session at your high school. Both meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
Feb 1, 2023	ACCE Application closes (NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED)
Feb 15, 2023	FAFSA Deadline for ACCE applicants - NRCC code MUST be listed (financial aid information is only communicated through the NRCC student message center in SIS – see your high school Career Coach or Career Counselor if you need help accessing your NRCC account). The NRCC Financial Aid office MUST receive your FAFSA.
March 15	FAFSA To-Do List Deadline for ACCE applicants (all items must be completed and received by NRCC). Proof of Residency (coordinated by Foundation and County/City Schools).
April 1	ACCE Award Notifications sent via emails provided in the ACCE application.
April 10	ACCE Student Acceptance Deadline – Only respond from one email. Acceptance is contingent upon end of year grades.
Mid-May	Community Service meetings at each high school - Community Service must be served at a non-profit approved location as assigned by the County/City's ACCE Community Service Coordinator.
June 1	ACCE Students must register for fall semester classes in order to receive ACCE funding. All communication will be through NRCC email from this date forward.
June 15	Submit final high school transcripts to NRCC's Financial Aid Office.
Aug 15, 2023	Deadline to complete minimum of 40 hours (Giles County 50) of community service. <i>It is HIGHLY recommended students complete all 80/100 hours of service prior to mid-August. This allows students the time to concentrate on fall semester courses.</i>
Jan 15, 2024	Deadline to complete all 80 hours (Giles County 100) of community service.

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