

Effective January 7 2023

Edward & Elizabeth Conner Foundation Scholarship Funding Policy

1. We fund students in full time (12+ units) degree programs at accredited institutions. This includes in person, hybrid, and online only programs.
2. We do not support students at for-profit or non-accredited institutions. Please refer to the Policy Appendix (pg 3) for more information on our reasons for denying funding and how to confirm if an institution is not for profit & accredited.
3. As standard policy we support up to 2 years at a community college, 4 years total of undergraduate education and 1 additional year towards a Teaching Credential.

If the student requires more time at either a community college or to complete their undergraduate degree, they may request funding for up to an additional year for a discretionary decision by the board on a case by case basis. The [Request Form](#) must be submitted by May 1 to be considered for the following Fall semester and by November 1 for the following Spring semester.

Examples of requests likely to be approved:

- Classes needed for major not available
- Changed a major

Examples of requests likely not to be approved:

- Time to complete a dual degree program
- Need for additional time due to failed classes that were not made up

4. For the extra year of funding for a teaching credential, it need not occur immediately after the last scholarship payment for the student's undergraduate education. A [Request for Scholarship For Teaching Credential](#) must be submitted by May 1 for fall funding or November 1 for spring funding within five years of the last semester the Foundation funded the student's scholarship and is discretionary based on available funding.
5. A student who plans to take a leave of absence can submit a [Request for a Pause](#) in funding that includes the reason for the leave and the expected date for returning to school. Generally, a request for a pause for one year of funding will be approved and two additional extensions of one year will also be granted.
6. Absent a request for a pause in funding, a student who fails to communicate with Foundation for a period of 12 months shall no longer be eligible for their scholarship without board discussion and approval based on serious extenuating circumstances and subject to available funding.

7. If a student fails more than 60% of their classes, they must submit a [Report Form](#) to provide a brief overview of the situation to keep the board informed of their situation. Continued funding after one semester of failing more than 60% of classes will be granted with no board approval required.

8. If a student has failed more than 60% of classes for more than one semester, whether consecutive or not, the following is required:
 - The student and a foundation director will have a conversation regarding their situation and move forward plan.
 - The student's request to continue funding will be brought to the full board for a decision.
 - The student must let us know within two weeks of the end of the term for us to have time to make a decision prior to the beginning of the next semester. If the student's notice is later than two weeks, we may not be able to give them a timely decision.

POLICY APPENDIX

For-Profit & Non-Accredited Institutions Additional Information

The Edward and Elizabeth Conner Foundation does not provide funding to students who choose to attend for-profit or non-accredited institutions. For-profit institutions leave students with higher debt and less marketable degrees (see the article from [Best Colleges](#) for more information). Non-accredited institutions can leave students ineligible for federal aid, unable to transfer credits to another institution, and/or unable to obtain licensure for a professional field.

A for-profit institution is a college that is privately owned and operated for the purposes of earning profits for an individual, corporation, and/or shareholders.

An accredited institution is a college that is determined by accrediting agencies recognized by the US Secretary of Education to be providing quality educational opportunities.

Use this tool to find not-for-profit, accredited institutions in the US: [College Navigator](#)

An example: After typing Connecticut College into the search bar on the left:



See the information below to determine if it is **accredited** and a **not-for/for-profit** institution:

Connecticut College
270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, Connecticut 06320-4196

General information: (860) 447-1911
Website: www.conncoll.edu/
Type: 4-year, Private not-for-profit
Awards offered: Bachelor's degree
Campus setting: City: Small
Campus housing: Yes
Student population: 1,829 (all undergraduate)
Student-to-faculty ratio: 9 to 1

IPEDS ID: 128902
OPE ID: 00137900

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ACCREDITOR	STATUS	NEXT REVIEW DATE
New England Commission of Higher Education	Accredited since (12/01/1932)	12/31/2028

For more detailed information on accreditation for this institution, including all actions and justification for actions, visit OPE's Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs: ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/institution-profile/108074.