

3. Written documentation of the final determination with the signatures of the party or parties who submitted the complaint and the representative(s) of the institution who made the final determination.

CHAPTER 4

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

EXPENSES FOR THE 2009-2010 REGULAR SESSION

(ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY)

	Dormitory Student	Day Student
FIRST SEMESTER		
Matriculation Fee	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Technology Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Room Fee	\$ 575.00	
Board (5 day meal plan)	\$ 740.00	
Board (7 day meal plan)	\$ 890.00	
Total First Semester (5 day plan)	\$2075.00	\$ 760.00
Total First Semester (7 day plan)	\$2225.00	\$ 760.00
SECOND SEMESTER		
Matriculation Fee	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Technology Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Room Fee	\$ 575.00	
Board (5 day meal plan)	\$ 740.00	
Board (7 day meal plan)	\$ 890.00	
Total Second Semester (5 day)	\$2075.00	\$ 760.00
Total Second Semester (7 day)	\$2225.00	\$ 760.00
Total for Year (5 day meal plan)	\$4150.00	\$ 1520.00
Total for Year (7 day meal plan)	\$4450.00	\$ 1520.00

Out of state and out of country students will pay a \$1,050 out of state fee each semester. For the out of state fee to be waived, the following criteria must be satisfied:

- a) The nonresident student was born in the State of Mississippi but subsequently relocated and resided outside the state as a minor under the care of the minor's father or mother, or both;
- b) The nonresident student is a veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States ; and
- c) The nonresident student is domiciled in Mississippi no later than six (6) months after the non-residents student's separation from service, as evidenced by a Report of Separation from Military Service or other military discharge document, for the purpose of enrolling in a state institution of higher learning or a community or junior college.

Cable TV and telephone are available for students who choose to pay the fee to receive these services. Representatives from Mediacom will be on campus during the first week of each semester to take orders for cable TV. Contact should be made directly to Mediacom at 1-800-824-8625 and/or Decatur Telephone Company at 635-2251. Each dormitory student is required to purchase a meal plan. Students who prefer the Deferred Payment Plan may pay their board in the following way:

<u>FIRST SEMESTER (5 day)</u>	<u>FIRST SEMESTER (7day)</u>
1. \$246.00	\$296.00- Upon entrance

2.	\$247.00	\$297.00- September 21, 2009
3.	\$247.00	\$297.00 - November 2, 2009
<u>SECOND SEMESTER (5 day)</u>		<u>SECOND SEMESTER (7 day)</u>
1.	\$246.00	\$296.00- Upon entrance
2.	\$247.00	\$297.00- February 15, 2010
3.	\$247.00	\$297.00- April 5, 2010

Cosmetology students see "12" under General Information. LPN students see "13" under General Information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. There is no special charge for music or business courses for full-time students. There is a \$15.00 fee for laboratory science courses and a \$15.00 fee for ceramic courses. There are also various fees for A.D.N., LPN, Surgical Technology, EMT, Healthcare Assistant, and Early Childhood Education Technology. There is also a \$20.00 fee for each online course in which a student is enrolled.
2. If the deferred payment plan is used and these payments are not met, there will be an additional charge of \$5.00 added to the account.
3. There is a \$3.00 ID Fee per school year.
4. There is a \$5.00 Parking Fee per school year.
5. There is a \$25.00 Technology Fee and a \$35.00 Registration Fee per semester. Both the Technology and Registration Fees are Non-Refundable.
6. All fees are payable in advance on the date due as indicated in the "Board Calendar."
7. All students who fail to clear their accounts with the college seven (7) school days prior to the starting date for examinations each semester will be dropped from school. A written notice will be mailed to the student when this action is taken.
8. For registration on dates other than those listed on the college calendar, there will be an additional charge of \$15.00 added to the account.
9. All students who expect to register for the fall semester as scheduled should complete admission requirements by August 1. Students who have not registered as scheduled in the bulletin will be assessed a late registration fee.
10. Part-time students are students taking less than 12 semester hours on the main campus. All part-time students will pay fees at the rate of \$75.00 per hour, a non-refundable \$2.00 per hour Technology Fee, and a non-refundable \$3.00 per hour Registration Fee at the time they register. Students taking classes via the Mississippi State Virtual Community College (MSVCC) will pay an additional \$20 per MSVCC class at the time they register.
11. East Central Community College reserves the right to change any charges published if it should become necessary.
12. Holds will be placed on transcripts and records for non-payment of fees, board, fines, etc.

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REFUND POLICY

Refunds for full-time students are made only when a student has officially withdrawn or officially dropped to part-time status, and are based on:

Part-time students will not be granted tuition refunds after the first class meeting.

Students who drop from full-time status to part-time status will be reassessed fees at the part-time rate through the eighth week of each semester and will be required to withdraw from the residence hall.

Meal plan refunds are pro-rated on the number of full weeks remaining for which a board payment has been made. There will be no refund of dormitory room rent.

The refund policy of East Central Community College for Veterans, Veterans' widows or War Orphans enrolled under Chapter 34 or 35 is on a prorated basis for the number of weeks remaining in the semester. The proper withdrawal procedure must be followed and the refund must be requested.

SUMMER SCHOOL EXPENSES

Expenses for the summer are different from those during the regular session. They are announced in a special bulletin, a copy of which may be obtained on request from the Director of Admissions, Records, and Research of the College.

THE COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

The campus bookstore is operated as a convenience to students and instructors in securing books when needed. Secondhand books, in good condition, are purchased from students at a fair price provided such books will be used again as textbooks. This exchange of textbooks reduces the total cost of books for each student.

Books will be purchased from students at the end of each semester during final examinations.

HOUSING AND BOARDING POLICIES

East Central Community College provides a comprehensive food service, seven resident halls, and an apartment building. The food service facilities and all residence halls are modern, air-conditioned facilities.

The apartments are designed to accommodate a married couple with one child. Prior written consent must be received from the College for additional occupants in a single apartment. The rent is \$200.00 plus utilities per month. Students interested in these accommodations should contact the Vice President for Business Operations. In special circumstances, these apartments may be used to house honor students. The Vice President for Student Services will make these recommendations.

Resident halls are provided on campus, and students are encouraged to live in the residence halls. All dormitory rooms are assigned based on the date of a \$60.00 deposit, which includes a \$10.00 key deposit and a completed housing application. However, room assignments are made only to students who have an application for admission on file in the Admissions Office. Students may send the room deposit with the application for admission. The housing application should also be included. Room deposits and housing applications should be sent to the Business Office when not accompanying an application.

Room deposits are refundable if a student chooses not to attend East Central, but the school must receive the request for the refund by August 1. After this date, the deposit is forfeited.

This deposit is also refundable when an attending student officially withdraws from the residence hall, provided that the student is not charged with room damage or loss of keys. The deposit is forfeited if the student does not officially withdraw within one week of the last day of school or earlier. To officially withdraw, a student must complete a Dormitory Withdrawal Form and turn in his key to the Director of Student Life.

If a student has preference for a particular room or roommate, this should accompany the payment of the room deposit and should be noted on the Housing Application. Roommates must have complete applications for housing on file before assignments can be made. East Central's dormitories are furnished, and the student will only need to provide bed linens.

Mabry Cafeteria offers wholesome but inexpensive meals for students. All residence hall students are required to purchase a meal plan, and they must present their ID cards each time they eat in the cafeteria. Students may not lend their ID card to other people. Also, food service is not available when the College is not in session on official holidays.

APPLICATION FOR HOUSING

The housing application can be found inside the back cover of this catalog. The housing application must be typed or printed in ink and may accompany the admissions application

if the applicant intends to live in campus housing. A \$60.00 room deposit must accompany the housing application in order for the housing reservation to be complete. If you have already sent an admissions application, or if you are a current student, please send the housing application along with your room deposit to the business office.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Payment of students' expenses may be made by cash, check or money order. Checks should be made out to EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for all checks returned as NSF or Stop Payment.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The following information is a summary of financial aid programs and policies at East Central Community College. For further information and application forms, contact:

Financial Aid Office
East Central Community College
P. O. Box 129 Decatur, Mississippi 39327
Telephone: (601) 635-2111, Ext. 218 or 326

SECTION I: FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Grants/Work-Study/Loans/Scholarships

FEDERAL PELL GRANT - Federal Pell Grants are awards to help undergraduates pay for their education after high school. For many students, these grants provide a foundation of financial aid, to which aid from other federal and non-federal sources may be added.

An undergraduate student who does not have a first Bachelor's Degree and who is enrolled in an eligible program may apply for a Pell Grant.

To determine a student's eligibility for the grant, the Department of Education uses a standard formula, revised and approved every year by Congress, to evaluate the information reported on the application for a Pell Grant. The formula calculates an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The Student Aid Report contains this number and will tell whether a student is eligible for a Pell Grant. Awards for the academic year will depend on program funding. How much a student actually gets will depend on the Expected Family Contribution, the cost of education at East Central, whether a student is a full-time or part-time student, and how long a student will be enrolled in the academic year.

Four to six weeks after submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a student will be sent the Student Aid Report (SAR) by the Central Processing System. Once the Student Aid Report is received either from the student or electronically, the Financial Aid Office will then be able to determine a student's eligibility and the amount of the Pell Grant.

A Pell Grant is classified as gift aid; therefore, it does not have to be repaid.

LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP (LEAP) - The State of Mississippi through a matching grant program with the Federal Government provides grants to eligible students. Full-time students who are Mississippi residents and who demonstrate need as determined by an approved need analysis are eligible. Limited funds are available under this program and award amounts as determined by an approved need analysis are eligible. Award amounts at East Central range from \$200 - \$600. Because this grant is classified as gift aid, it does not have to be repaid.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TUITION GRANTS - The State of Mississippi established the following grant programs in 1995 for eligible Mississippi residents: The Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) and the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG). Online applications which must be completed and submitted by September 15, or the deadline established each year by the Institutions of Higher Learning, are required to apply for these grants.