

SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION FOR RACC THROUGH AN EITC CONTRIBUTION

What is EITC?

The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. Tax credits of up to 90 percent of the contribution amount can be awarded to businesses that make contributions to the Foundation for RACC's educational improvement programs that will increase the college readiness of our local high school students while assisting them with managing the costs of their higher education.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, RACC's **Dual Enrollment Pathway Program** initiative served over 950 students through a variety of opportunities designed to meet high school students where they learn. For example, the college's Dual Enrollment Program comprises partnerships with 15 public schools to offer college classes in the high schools. Through this program, one of the partnering high schools offers an associate degree and numerous other districts are redesigning their curriculum into career pathways in order to better prepare students for the workforce or to move on to post-secondary education. At both Berks County career and technology centers, students can participate in RACC's Technical and Teacher Academies, dual enrollment and career pathways programs, enabling students to earn up to 27 credits in Business, Mechatronics Engineering, Web Development, Computer Information Systems, Computer Programming, and Early Childhood Teaching before graduating from high school. These programs increase access to college credit as well as, in the case of the Technical and Teacher Academies, enable students to earn nearly a full year of credits for their associate degree program before graduating from high school.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) is available to businesses authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that are subject to the following taxes:

- Personal Income Tax
- Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax
- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Bank Shares Tax
- Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax
- Insurance Premiums Tax (excluding unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine)
- Mutual Thrift Tax
- Malt Beverage Tax or Surplus Lines Tax

Businesses can apply to receive a tax credit of 75% of their contributions, up to \$750,000. If a firm makes a two-year funding commitment, for the same amount in both years, the tax credit can be increased to 90%. Applications are processed on a first-come-first-served basis once submissions open on **July 1**. More information about specific eligibility can be found at <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc/>

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