

A Giles County and New River Community College Partnership



Giles County is the first locality in the New River Valley to participate in the “Access to Community College Education” initiative. ACCE is a public/private partnership that makes college available tuition-free to current graduates from Giles County by covering the cost of tuition for two years at New River Community College. ACCE supports as many students as possible based on student need and funds available for the program. With your support, students will graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt.

The Facts:

- High School/Private School/Home School students who graduate in 2017 with a 2.5 GPA qualify.
- Students must be a resident of Giles County for one year prior to application to ACCE.
- Students must first apply for financial aid (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in order to participate.
 - * If a student qualifies for full financial aid and does not need ACCE funding, the student may choose to stay in the ACCE program for the following year by completing the community service project.
- Students must complete NRCC Placement Tests (or SAT/ACT) with no more than nine credits of development coursework needed.
- Student must maintain full-time enrollment of 12 credits in fall/spring semesters.
- Funds will not support more than 15 credits in fall/spring semesters.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA at NRCC
- Students must reimburse the ACCE program for any semester which their GPA drops below 2.5 and will no longer be eligible for ACCE
- Students must pay for their own textbooks and supplies
- Students must enroll in a degree or certificate program that meets federal financial aid requirements.
- Students must take and pass college success skills course during their first semester enrolled at NRCC.
- Students may not take online courses during the first semester, except “College Success Skills.”
- It is strongly recommended that students do not work the first semester to ensure greater academic success.
- Students and a guardian must attend a mandatory Financial Aid Workshop help at each high school.
- Students are required to complete 80 hours in a Giles County Community Service project each year.
- Students accepted into ACCE will be required to attend the Educational Foundation Bunch in Fall 2016.
- The program supports as many eligible students as possible based on financial need and funds available.

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