



# Common FAQs

You've got questions...we've got answers

Here are some of the answers to some common questions about EPIC Commission....

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### Who is eligible for EPIC Commission?

- High school graduates or those who have obtained a GED
- Anyone between the ages of 18-24
- Anyone who has the desire to be trained and equipped for life, ministry, or the marketplace. There must be a willingness to be changed to the very core of their being.
- Those who have a financial plan for paying their tuition in full by the final payment date.

### Is EPIC Commission only for those going into full time ministry?

Absolutely not! EPIC Commission is for EVERY 18-24 year old high school graduate who desires a deeper relationship with God and to do something BIG with their life for God.

### Am I allowed to work while in EPIC Commission?

Yes, students are allowed to work while in EPIC Commission. However, the amount of hours recommended varies depending on which track the student is in. College track students should work no more than 10 hours a week due to their college, EPIC Commission, and EPIC Bible class responsibilities. The discipleship track students should work no more than 30-35 hours a week so they are not overwhelmed with responsibility either.

### What are students required to provide?

Each student must provide proof of health insurance upon arrival. EPIC Commission is not responsible for a student's hospitalization, doctor's fees, or health related costs. A vehicle, although not required, is highly recommended as each student is responsible for their own transportation.

### Where do students live?

One of the defining features of EPIC Commission is that students live in an condominium community together with other EPIC Commission students of the same sex in either a two or three bedroom condominium. "Doing life together" is a phrase that summarizes the EPIC Commission experience. From daily prayer, Bible classes, and intern experiences, to hanging at the house at night, students get to "do life together" with a bunch of crazy, fun-loving college students just like them who are passionate about pursuing God and making the most of their life.

### Is financial aid available?

Yes, every student must fill out a FASFA form to qualify for financial aid from the local universities, and 42% of KVCC students receive some kind of financial aid. Sometimes student's grants or loans supersede the cost of college tuition and those students are able to use money from their loan/grant to pay for a portion of EPIC Commission. Additionally, students can apply for the numerous scholarships available to college-age students - school counselors can help with this. Also, since EC includes ministry training, many EC students send out support letters to help raise money.

### **When will EPIC Commission Begin and End?**

- Registration | end of August
- EPIC Commission Orientation | last week of August, first week of September
- EPIC Commission Graduation | second or third Friday of May

### **How do I apply to a local college?**

The best way to apply to KVCC or WMU is to go to their website and apply online. We encourage students to start the application process as soon as possible. If students plan on attending KVCC, they will usually receive an acceptance letter within a week of applying. KVCC classes fill up very quickly, so we encourage students to apply, go through orientation, and register for classes as soon as possible.

### **When can EC students take college classes?**

EPIC Commission students should be able to fit most, preferably ALL of their college classes on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8am - 4pm. If for some reason they are not able to fit all their classes in that time slot, students can also take a night class on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night after 4:30pm. EC students in the college track are encouraged to take 12 credit hours per semester, but not required to.

### **How do I apply to EPIC Commission?**

Students can mail their application to EC Admission, 2500 Vincent Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49024 OR they can drop it off at the VFC front desk during weekday business hours. A \$25 application fee (if you apply after May 1), Pastoral Reference, Friend/Relative Reference, and photo must accompany all completed applications. Acceptance is based on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Does EPIC Commission take a mission trip over Spring Break?**

Yes, every spring break EPIC Commission students participate in a Beach Reach Mission Trip in Panama City Beach, FL. EC students team up with 900 other Christian college students nation wide who serve and minister to their peers over spring break by giving free van rides and witnessing on the streets at night and serving free pancakes every morning. This is a life-changing trip that will rocks students' world, increases their passion for the lost, and challenges their boldness. The cost of this trip is not included in the EC tuition. Students are expected to either send out support requests or raise money - the trip usually costs around \$670.

### **Are there boundaries with guy/girl relationships in EC?**

Yes, since the first year of EPIC Commission is only 9 months of your life to focus solely on the plan of God for your life, there are guidelines for guy/girl relationships. During the first year (9 months) of EPIC Commission, students are not allowed to be in a dating relationship. There are also restrictions on communication between the sexes. All of these guidelines are to limit as many emotional distractions as possible while students are in EPIC Commission.

