

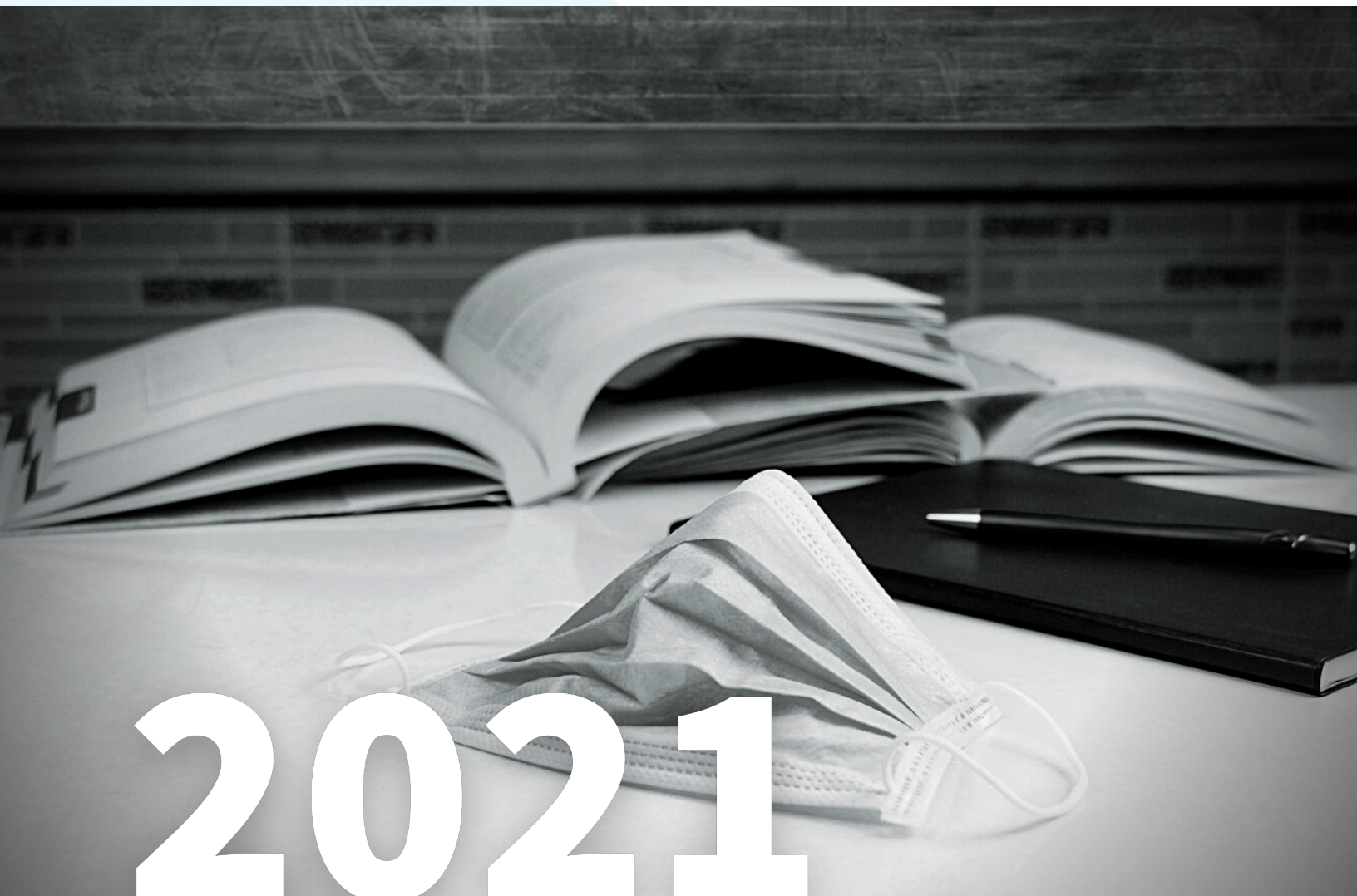
EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATORS



ECE[®]

UNLOCKING THE PROMISE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION[®]

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ECE[®] AID, A PROGRAM OF ECE[®]



2021

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ECE®

Dear Friends,

Are you a little tired? How about just plain exhausted? That is what I am hearing from people who are growing weary listening to the news cycle and living through a second year of pandemic fatigue. Feelings of helplessness and lack of agency are one of the results of the times in which we live.

How do we harness these natural human reactions and transform them into something positive and productive? One way is to look at what you do best and then unleash that to address a problem.

We were fortunate enough to do that twice last year. We asked ourselves how ECE could productively respond to the COVID pandemic. An obvious choice was to support foreign-educated healthcare workers as they sought employment and professional licensure. As a result, we launched the ECE® Aid Healthcare Response. ECE set up a special program and contributed funds to assist healthcare workers seeking evaluation reports through ECE® Aid.

Similarly, as the humanitarian crisis was reaching a critical point in Afghanistan, we launched the Afghanistan Emergency Response. In addition to providing funds for ECE® Aid reports for Afghanistan refugees, we are joining forces with other refugee advocates to highlight the importance of appropriate recognition of earned educational qualifications in the successful placement of refugees in their new homes.

After five years of providing free evaluation reports for foreign-educated people in need through ECE® Aid, we know that appropriate recognition of educational achievement is making a difference.

We share our energy and our hope with you.

Thank you for supporting ECE® Aid through your interest and actions.

Margit Schatzman, ECE® President



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FIVE YEARS, 500 FEE WAIVERS



ECE® Aid turned five years old in August 2021. We are so grateful to all those who continue to support ECE® Aid and help us assist as many people in need as we can.

We were also thrilled to announce in 2021 that we officially reached over 500 total ECE® Aid recipients since 2016. This achievement signifies the continuing importance of supporting refugees and other displaced people in their pursuit of further education and meaningful employment in the U.S.

Think about the positive results achieved through ECE® Aid that cannot be measured. Access to education and better jobs in the U.S. do not just affect the individual. By providing free credential evaluation reports to displaced people, ECE® Aid recipients can better provide for their families and their communities at home and abroad. In turn, the positive ripple effects could end up transforming generations of family members and ultimately, society itself.

Since 2016 ECE® Aid has provided fee waivers to recipients from **74** different countries.



VICTOR

Since 2004, hundreds of Nigerian students have entered the Opportunity Funds Program through EducationUSA. Like those before him, recent Nigerian high school graduate Victor was also looking for an opportunity to study in the U.S. After contacting EducationUSA offices in Lagos, Victor was able to work with an advisor who reached out to ECE® Aid for assistance in preparing an evaluation report.

“I am an aspiring U.S. undergraduate student currently residing in Nigeria, and the experience of using ECE was a great one. An understanding evaluation company who are ready to help people globally to ensure their [academic credential] conversion is done.”

Victor was able to experience first-hand the care and flexibility ECE provides in working one-on-one with prospective students.

“I had a delay in getting my secondary examination results and I couldn’t meet the deadline for submission to ECE. However, after the results got to me, ECE was ready to assist me. All thanks to ECE, I had a free ECE® Aid evaluation of my secondary examination results.”

We wish Victor the very best of luck with his undergraduate studies in the U.S.



In 2021 ECE® Aid recipients studied and came from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Iraq, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Rwanda, Senegal, Spain, Syria, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Visit [ECE.org/ECE/ECE-Aid/EceAid-Stories](https://www.ece.org/ECE/ECE-Aid/EceAid-Stories) to read more about the positive impact ECE® Aid has made throughout the world.

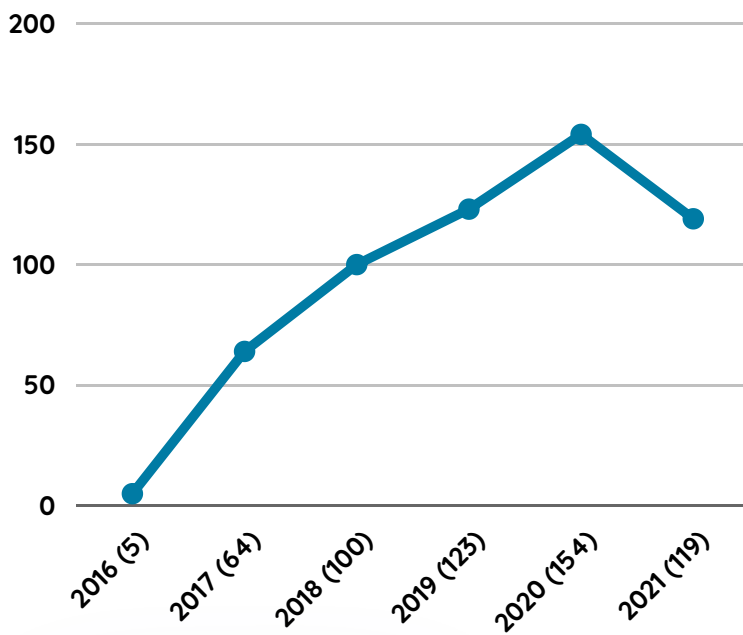


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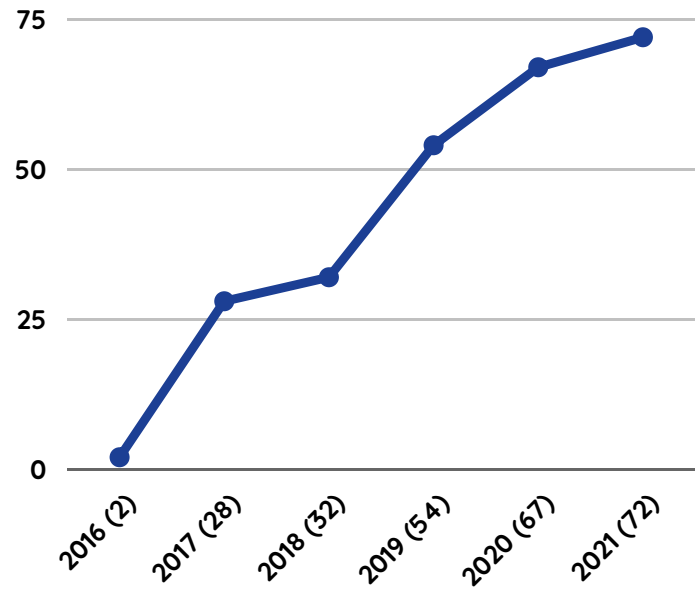
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Completed ECE® Aid evaluations



ECE® Aid participating institutions & organizations



Participating institutions and organizations increased to **72** in 2021.

565

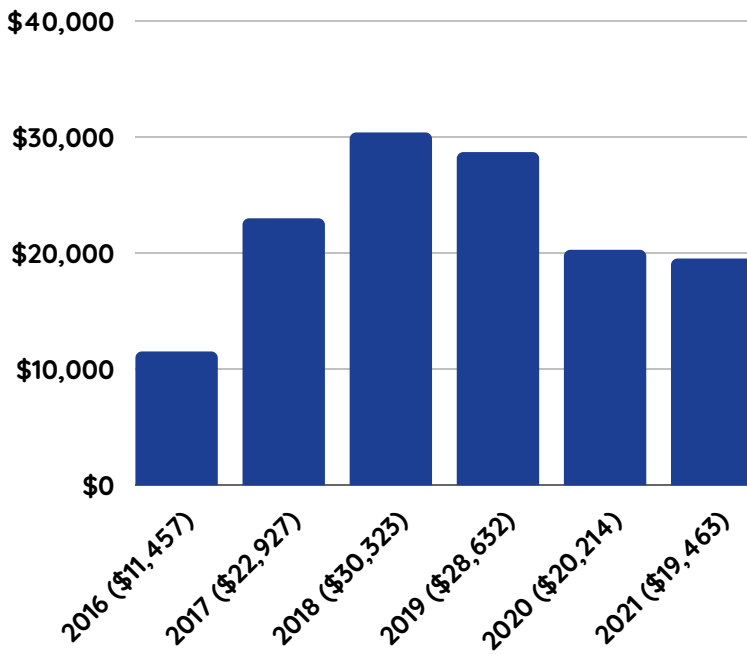
The total number of fee waivers awarded as of the end of 2021 stands at 565.

There were 119 individuals who received ECE® Aid fee waivers in 2021.

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ECE® Aid funds raised



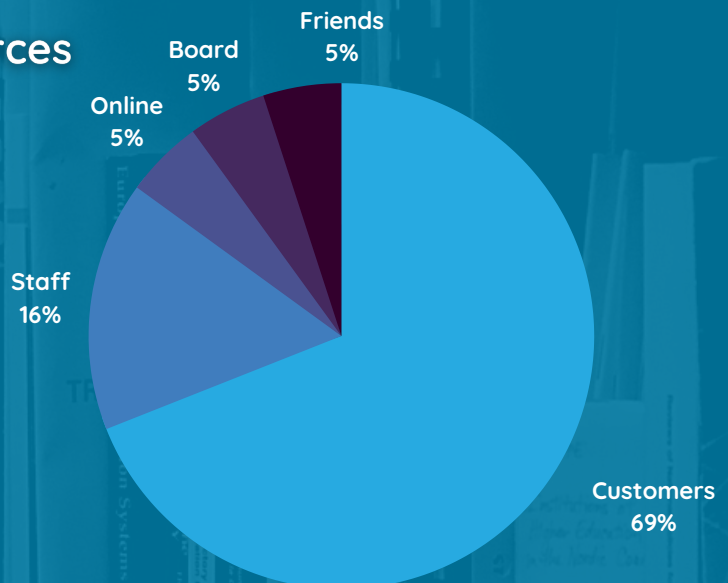
Donations in 2021 reached **\$19,463**

By the end of 2021, the total amount of ECE® Aid donations reached

\$133,016

ECE® Aid donor sources

Past & present ECE® customers, staff, board of directors, & friends of ECE continue to keep ECE® Aid in a sound financial position.



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

2021

In addition to standard ECE® Aid fee waivers funded through donations, ECE donated from organization revenue a total of **80** free evaluation reports in response to global emergencies in 2021.



HEALTHCARE RESPONSE

At the beginning of 2021, we all saw how fragile a country's healthcare system can be in a crisis. From New York City to India, we asked ourselves at ECE, "What can we do to help?"

As an organization, ECE decided we could use our expertise to help more people enter the healthcare field by donating our services through ECE® Aid.

Working with our existing ECE® Aid Participating Institutions, ECE funded the donation of 25 fee waivers for refugees and immigrants with overseas education that will help them enter the U.S. healthcare sector.

AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In response to the instability of what happened in Afghanistan in 2021, ECE began by donating 25 fee waivers through our ECE® Aid participants to newly displaced Afghan refugees. In late 2021 we offered an additional 30 fee waivers to those being resettled from military bases in the U.S.

These fee waivers were also funded directly by ECE. As the situation continues to unfold in Afghanistan, and as more people are resettled in the U.S., we continue to make every effort to assist as many people of forced displacement as we can.

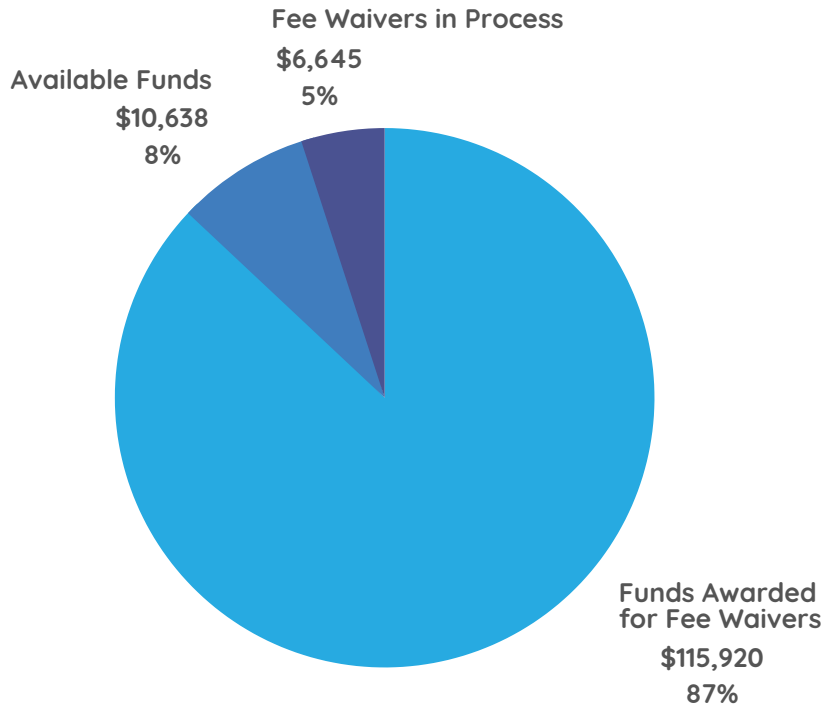


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2021

\$19,463 in donations

Approximately 99 free evaluation reports!



Thanks to the generosity of paying customers, staff, board members, and outside donors, we raised **\$19,463** by year-end.

Out of total funds raised since 2016, **\$115,920** has been awarded for ECE® Aid fee waivers since its launch.

By the end of 2021, **\$10,638** of funds were available to those eligible for a fee waiver.

\$6,645 has been earmarked for ECE® Aid fee waivers in process.

The average cost of an ECE® Aid evaluation report fee waiver is **\$213**.

No donations received are directed to the general operating fund.

A copy of the current ECE® Form 990 is available upon request by contacting Educational Credential Evaluators at PO Box 514070, Milwaukee, WI 53203.



We are honored to work with **72** participating institutions and organizations committed to promoting a diverse global community through the ECE® Aid initiative.

For more information on becoming an ECE® Aid participant, please visit [ECE.org/ECE/ECE-Aid/ Participating-Institutions](http://ECE.org/ECE/ECE-Aid/Participating-Institutions).

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