

# EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATORS



# ECE<sup>®</sup>

UNLOCKING THE PROMISE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION<sup>®</sup>

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR ECE<sup>®</sup> AID, A PROGRAM OF ECE<sup>®</sup>



# 2022

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ECE®

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The year is starting off with a renewed sense of enthusiasm, gratitude, and purpose.

ECE staff, in Milwaukee and at remote work locations, cannot help but be excited about the continued success of ECE® Aid in assisting those in need. Despite the challenges we see all around us, this vital program is providing a productive path forward for people educated across borders. Whether their migration was forced or by choice, appropriate recognition of educational credentials is making a difference in many lives. Supported by ECE® Aid, we are seeing vulnerable and displaced recipients achieve incredible goals using education they received before crossing borders.

Our focus on flashpoints of need help individuals and our larger society. ECE® Aid launched initiatives in support of Afghanistan, Ukraine, and health care workers. Leveraging education completed and increasing access are specialized but significant components of the larger humanitarian efforts of so many to address global crises.

ECE allies in this important activity are the 87 participating institutions who identify individuals for ECE® Aid support. Together with these refugee placement agencies, higher education institutions, and other organizations, we ensure that qualified individuals obtain recognition of their credentials for purposes of further education, employment, and professional licensure. In 2022 we added 15 participating institutions to our program.

The success and importance of ECE® Aid has brought us to the decision to integrate this program into our regular operations. With the support of our Board of Directors, we are delighted to announce the full integration of ECE® Aid into the ECE identity. ECE® Aid will join our internationally recognized suite of services to those educated across borders. We will pause active fundraising as we chart a unified path forward for robust support for all ECE activities.

As we build a stronger and further reaching program to support populations in need, we are grateful to you for your ongoing support and interest. Please keep in touch, help those in need find our services, and spread the word to new participating institutions.

Best wishes for a very hopeful 2023,

Margit Schatzman, ECE® President



2023

# SIX YEARS, 700 FEE WAIVERS

ECE® Aid turned six years old in 2022, and we officially exceeded over 700 total ECE® Aid recipients since 2016.

The numbers increase every year as more and more displaced people from around the world seek opportunities for further education and meaningful employment in the U.S. and Canada.

In 2022 ECE® Aid recipients came from Afghanistan, Algeria, Burundi, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Hungary, India, Jordan, Kenya, Libya, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Syria, Tanzania, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Since 2016 ECE® Aid has provided fee waivers to recipients from **80** different countries.



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

# RECIPIENTS

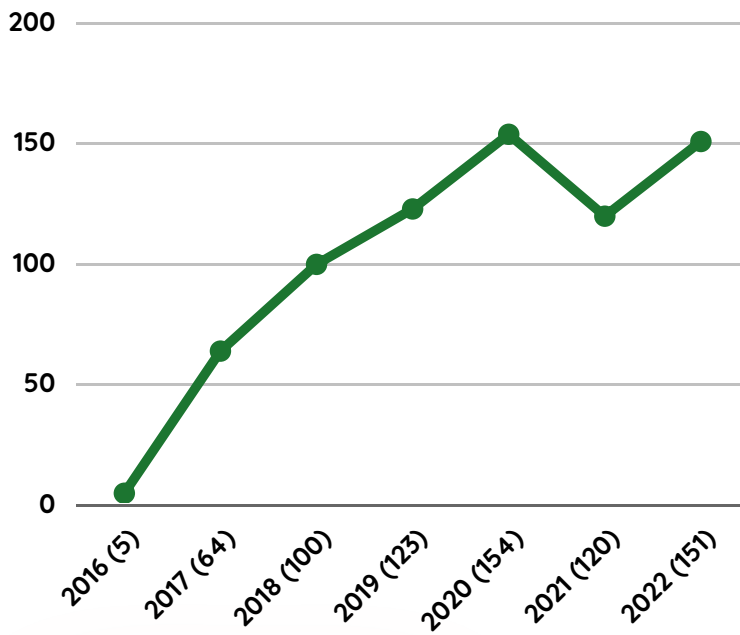
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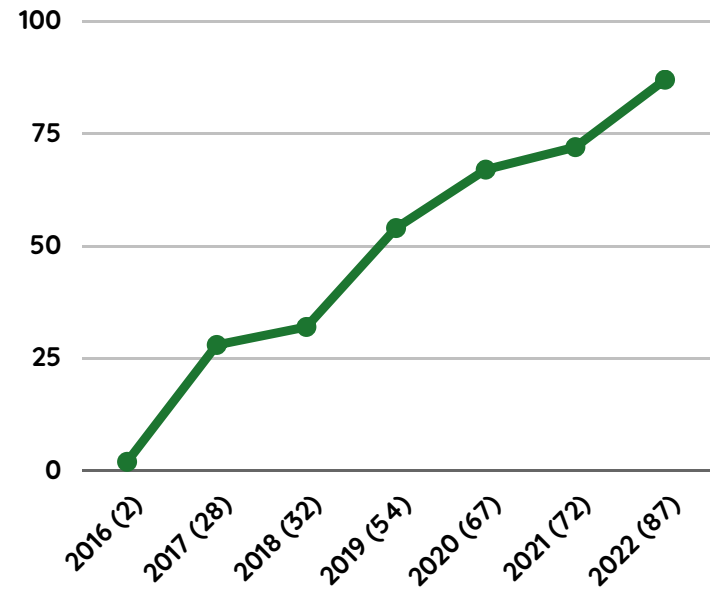
# 2022



## Completed ECE® Aid evaluations



## ECE® Aid participating institutions & organizations



Participating institutions and organizations increased to **87** in 2022.

# 717

By the end of 2022, the total number of fee waivers awarded reached 717.

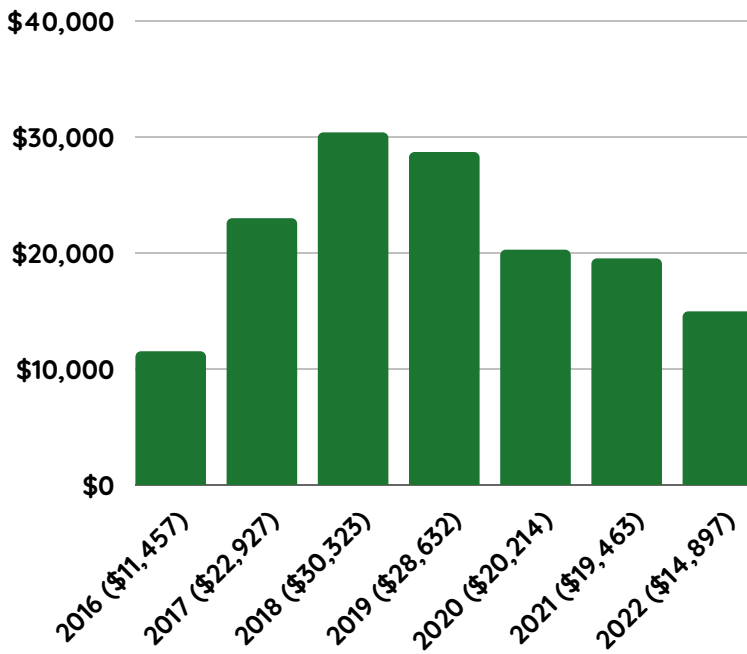
There were 151 individuals who received ECE® Aid fee waivers in 2022.

# BY THE NUMBERS

# 2022



## ECE® Aid funds raised



Donations in 2022 reached

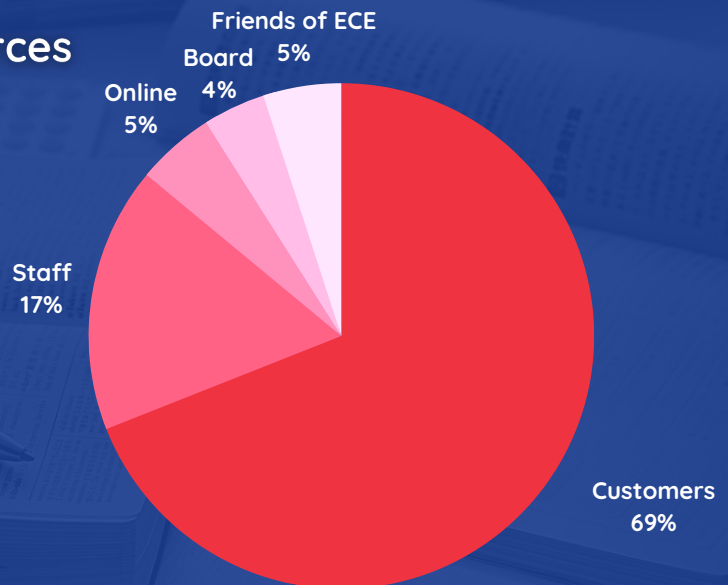
# \$14,897

By the end of 2022, the total amount of ECE® Aid donations reached

# \$147,913

## ECE® Aid donor sources

Past & present ECE® customers, staff, board of directors, & friends of ECE have been crucial donors to ECE® Aid.



# PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

# 2022

In addition to standard ECE® Aid fee waivers funded through donations, ECE donated from organization revenue a total of **84** free evaluation reports in response to global emergencies in 2022.

## UKRAINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE



**ECE® Aid** **Ukraine Emergency Response**

ECE will begin by donating 25 ECE-funded fee waivers through our ECE® Aid participants to newly displaced refugees from Ukraine. We are working with our international, national, regional, and community partners to find further solutions as the conflict continues in Ukraine.

In response to the outbreak of conflict in Ukraine in 2022, ECE began by donating 25 fee waivers through our ECE® Aid participants to newly displaced Ukrainian refugees.

These fee waivers were funded directly by ECE. We continue to make every effort to assist as many people of forced displacement as we can.

## NEW YEAR, NEW FUNDING

Our incredible finance team determined that ECE could start fully funding ECE® Aid fee waivers from our own revenue starting in 2023. This means that we no longer need to ask for donations to sustain the ECE® Aid initiative!

This provides the following advantages:

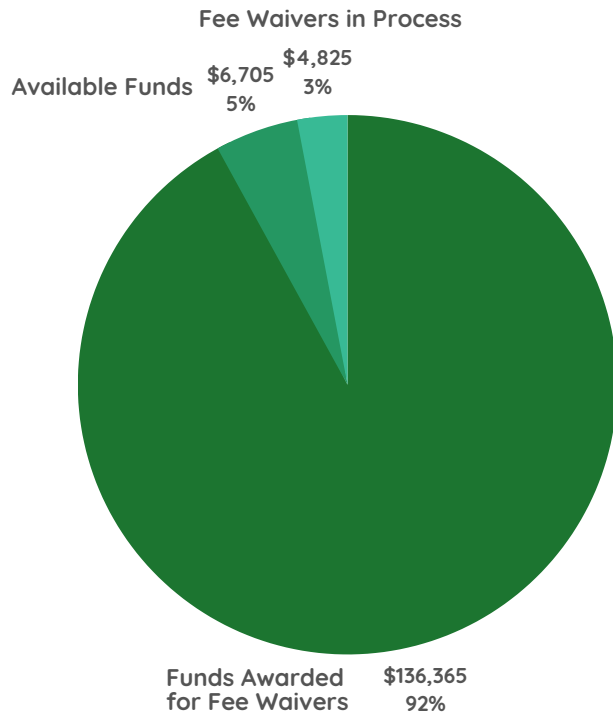
- Support people most in need without also relying on donations coming from those we serve.
- More effectively manage relationships with ECE® Aid participating organizations.
- Better control of the flow of ECE® Aid recipient applications going into our production process.
- Anticipated elimination of recipient waiting list, a necessity during the pandemic.
- Removal of daily administrative work in donation tracking and reporting.

The decision came down to streamlining the process to be more efficient and effective for all stakeholders. Ultimately, funding ECE® Aid through our own revenue will save both time and money while also allowing us to better serve ECE® Aid recipients and participants alike.

We're very happy about these upcoming changes and hope you are, too. We work with many amazing organizations that are dependent on donations. Please consider supporting our participants if you are looking for great organizations to donate to!

## \$14,897 in donations

Approximately 68 free evaluation reports!



Thanks to the generosity of paying customers, staff, board members, and outside donors, we raised **\$14,897** by year-end.

Out of total funds raised since 2016, **\$136,365** has been awarded for ECE® Aid fee waivers since its launch.

By the end of 2021, **\$6,705** of funds were available to those eligible for a fee waiver.

**\$4,825** has been earmarked for ECE® Aid fee waivers in process.

The average cost of an ECE® Aid evaluation report fee waiver is **\$215**.

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 101 W. Pleasant St., Suite 200, Milwaukee, WI 53212.



We are honored to work with **87** 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](https://ECE.org/ECE/ECE-Aid/Participating-Institutions).

**PARTICIPANTS**

**2022**



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