



FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT

Free College for you and your family members! A life-changing opportunity from your union to earn your Associate Degree

Free Associate Degree for You and Your Family

AFSCME Free College offers working families a debt-free and convenient higher education opportunity. Current members, active retirees, their spouses, domestic partners, children (including stepchildren and children-in-law), siblings, parents, financial dependents and grandchildren can all take advantage of this exciting opportunity! Family members do NOT need to be financial dependents or living with the member to be eligible.

Zero Out-of-Pocket Costs

Members and their families can earn an Associate Degree online, with no out-of-pocket costs. A last-dollar scholarship covers the difference between any federal grants and your tuition, fees and e-books at Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC).

Eastern Gateway Credits are Transferable

Eastern Gateway Community College is a public, non-profit school in the University System of Ohio and is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Credits you earn can transfer to other schools, saving you as much as \$15,000 on your education!

Degree Programs

- Business Management
- Criminal Justice
- Teacher Education
- Healthcare Administration
- Accounting
- Associate of Arts

Many more certificates and degree options are available. For a complete listing, visit freecollege.afscme.org

For You and Your Family

Family includes children (or step children), grandchildren (or step grandchildren), parents, siblings, spouses, domestic partners, and financial dependents. Family members do not have to live with you and there is no age limit.

Easy Steps to Enroll!

1. Complete the inquiry form at: freecollege.afscme.org.
2. Apply to EGCC and submit proof of high school or GED completion.
3. Complete FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov (school code 007275) and authorize any available federal or state grants to be used toward your tuition, fees and e-books at EGCC. As long as your file is complete, the AFSCME Free College benefit will cover the rest. And even if you don't qualify for any grants, we've still got you covered.



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The AFSCME Free College benefit covers the cost of tuition, fees and e-books after any PELL or other federal grant, or employer reimbursement is applied. The remaining amount will be cleared with the Free College scholarship. As long as your financial aid file is complete, there is no cost to the student and students are never asked to take out any loans.



FREE BACHELOR'S DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

Free bachelor's degree for you and your family members!
A life-changing opportunity from your union.

Free Bachelor's Degree Completion:

AFSCME has partnered with Central State University (CSU), a regionally accredited public, non-profit university, to provide members and their families the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degree - FOR FREE. And, to meet growing demand, we've now added Franklin University. This accredited non-profit university is a leader in helping busy adult learners finish their degrees.

CSU's program is for students who have already earned an Associate Degree or 60 credit hours with a 2.2 GPA. Students who have not met that threshold may begin with the AFSCME Free College program at EGCC, then transfer into the Bachelor's Degree Completion program. **Franklin University's programs are for students who do not yet have a Bachelor's Degree, but who have earned an Associate Degree in the subject area.**

Zero Out-of-Pocket Costs

Members and eligible family members can earn a degree online, with no out-of-pocket costs. A last-dollar scholarship covers the difference between any federal grants and your tuition, fees and e-books.



Bachelor's Degree Completion Options:

CSU:

- Business Administration
- Teacher Education
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Criminal Justice

Franklin University:

- Business Management and Leadership
- Social Science
- Criminal Justice

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Highlights



Free to You and Members of Your Family

Thanks to AFSCME Free College Benefit



A Flexible Schedule to Meet Your Needs

Online classes so you can work on them when you have time



Open the Door to More Opportunity

Credits you earn at EGCC, CSU and Franklin are transferable



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