

FREE TUITION

for community college

College is too important to be limited to those who can afford it. That's why the City of Boston has committed to pay for up to three years of college for eligible low-income students through its Tuition-Free Community College Plan.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE PLAN?

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a Boston resident
- Receive your high school credential (diploma, HiSET, or GED) within 18 months of starting the plan
- Have a GPA of at least 2.0*
- Require no more than three developmental courses by the start of the semester
- Be eligible for a Pell Grant, as determined by the FAFSA
- Have low to moderate household income, per HUD guidelines

ARE NON-US CITIZENS ELIGIBLE?

Even if they cannot apply for the Pell Grant, certain categories of non-US citizens – including DACA and TPS – remain eligible to receive financial support through the plan. Email TuitionFree@boston.gov to learn more.

WHICH COLLEGES DOES THE PLAN PAY FOR?

- Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT)
- Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC)
- Massasoit Community College
- MassBay Community College
- Roxbury Community College (RCC)
- Urban College of Boston (UCB)

WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED?

- Any remaining tuition or mandatory fees after the Pell Grant has been applied.
- \$250 each semester for up to three years of college-related expenses (such as books or transportation)

These benefits apply to all participating colleges, except BFIT. Students who attend BFIT must receive the full Pell Grant to have costs covered. For these students, BFIT will pay the remaining cost of tuition and mandatory fees, while the Plan will pay \$250/semester for up to three years for college-related expenses.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you plan to attend BHCC, Massasoit, MassBay, or RCC: Visit www.bit.do/tuition-free to fill out the application.

If you plan to attend BFIT: Contact the BFIT Office of Financial Aid at financialaid@bfit.edu or 617-588-1368 to apply.

If you plan to attend UCB: Contact the UCB Office of Financial Aid at 617-449-7428 to apply.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Visit www.bit.do/tuition-free for questions, email TuitionFree@boston.gov or call the city hotline, 3-1-1.

*Does not apply to HiSET/GED completers



THE BOSTON BRIDGE

to a four-year degree — tuition-free



The Boston Bridge, a collaboration between the city's Tuition-Free Community College Plan and the state's Commonwealth Commitment program, allows students to earn their **associate and bachelor's degrees, free of tuition and mandatory fees.**

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Opportunity to earn **BOTH associate and bachelor's degrees, free of tuition and mandatory fees**
- Money each semester to help with school-related expenses

WHAT COLLEGES CAN I ATTEND?

Start at:

- Bunker Hill Community College
- Massasoit Community College
- MassBay Community College
- Roxbury Community College

Then transfer to:

- University of Massachusetts (Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth or Lowell)
- Bridgewater State University
- Fitchburg State University
- Framingham State University
- Massachusetts College of Art & Design (MassArt)
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Salem State University
- Westfield State University
- Worcester State University

HOW DO I BECOME ELIGIBLE?

- Meet Tuition-Free Community College Plan requirements
- Have < 15 community college credits to start
- Finish your associate degree in 2.5 years
- Finish your bachelor's degree in 2 years
- Attend school continuously, full-time
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Commit to one of the many popular majors listed at www.mass.edu/MAComCom

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Go to www.bit.do/tuition-free
2. Fill out the Tuition-Free Community College Plan application.
3. When prompted, check the box that says, "I am interested in Boston Bridge."

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Visit www.bit.do/tuition-free or call the City hotline, 3-1-1.

Learn about other Boston-based college funding opportunities at bit.ly/BOSHigherEd



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