



# FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT

*“The Union Plus Free College Program is an extremely valuable benefit. I really appreciate my union membership giving me access to this opportunity.”*

– Lorraine L., Free College student



## 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

Union Plus Free College offers working families a debt-free and convenient higher education opportunity. Current and retired union members, their spouses, domestic partners, children (including stepchildren and children-in-law), 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!

The Free College benefit covers the cost of tuition, fees and 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.

## Higher Education

## IN JUST 4 STEPS

- 1 APPLY to Eastern Gateway**  
Go to [unionplusfreecollege.org](http://unionplusfreecollege.org) and select the Get Started Today button.
- 2 COMPLETE the FAFSA**  
Complete the form online:  
[FAFSA.ed.gov](http://FAFSA.ed.gov) (school code: 007275)
- 3 SUBMIT proof of high school graduation or GED completion**
- 4 ENROLL in classes**  
Work with an enrollment advisor to register for classes.

**Enroll anytime. Classes start every 8 weeks.**



**1-888-590-9009**  
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