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FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT

In partnership with AFSCME

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

Free college for you and your family

The Union Plus Free College Benefit offers working families a debt-free and convenient higher education opportunity. Current and retired members, their spouses, domestic partners, children (including stepchildren and children-in-law), financial dependents and grandchildren, can all take advantage of this exciting opportunity! There are no age limits and family members do not have to live with you.

Zero out-of-pocket cost

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!



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Free College is possible thanks to the early support and enthusiasm of AFSCME, who entered into a collaboration with Eastern Gateway Community College in 2016.



UNIONPLUS

Higher Education IN JUST 4 STEPS



1

APPLY to Easter Gateway

Go to unionplusfreecollege.org, select the “Get Started” button and complete the request information form with your contact and union information (for membership verification).

2

COMPLETE the free FAFSA

Complete the form online: FAFSA.ed.gov
Eastern Gateway Community College school code: **007275** The FAFSA application is a requirement. Even if it's determined that you are not eligible for federal grants, a “last-dollar” scholarship will be applied to your remaining balance for tuition, fees and e-books.

Your FAFSA may be chosen for additional verification by the Department of Education. Your enrollment advisor can help you with the process as compliance is required.

3

SUBMIT proof of graduation or GED completion

Acceptable proof includes official or unofficial High School/GED transcripts, or a copy of your diploma or official college transcript showing Associate Degree or higher. Send to:

Email: transcripts@egcc.edu
(Subject: Union Plus)

Mail: EGCC Admissions
Attn: UnionPlus
110 John Scott Highway
Steubenville, OH 43952

Fax: 740-266-9928 (Attn: Union Plus)

If you have completed any college coursework, have the transcript sent to EGCC. Applicable college credits will be transferred to the new program.

4

ENROLL in classes

Work with an enrollment advisor to register for classes.

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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.