



# FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT

## Free college for union members and their families

Earn your degree for free online. The Free College Benefit helps union families continue their college education without piling on thousands of dollars in student debt.



– Chelsea T.  
Free College student

### 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, grandchildren, siblings and parents 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

Union 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!

#### Higher Education in Just 4 Steps

- 1 **APPLY** to Eastern Gateway. Go to [freecollege.unionplus.org](http://freecollege.unionplus.org) and select the Get Started Today button.
- 2 **COMPLETE** the FAFSA. Complete the form online at [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.**

**Enroll Today!**

**1-888-590-9009**  
**[freecollege.unionplus.org](http://freecollege.unionplus.org)**

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.

*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.*



# Bachelor's Degree Completion Program

A bachelor's degree at no cost for you and your family members

## Bachelor's degree completion program for union families

The program is available to current and retired union members, their spouses, domestic partners, children (including stepchildren and children-in-law), financial dependents and grandchildren. Family members do NOT need to be financial dependents or living with the member to be eligible. All courses are 100% online.

An Associate degree or 60 or more transferable college credits are required to enroll. Students who have not yet earned an Associate degree or are just getting started in higher education can begin with the Free College program at Eastern Gateway Community College and then transfer into the Bachelor's Degree Completion programs at CSU.

## Central State University is regionally accredited

Union Plus has partnered with Central State University (CSU), a regionally accredited public, non-profit university near Dayton, OH. Credits you earn can transfer to other schools.

## Zero out-of-pocket costs

Union members and their families can earn a Bachelor's degree online with no out-of-pocket costs.

Students must apply for federal financial aid and use any grants to pay the tuition. Students must also use any employer-sponsored tuition assistance. The Student Success Grant covers the difference between any federal grants and employer assistance and your tuition, fees and e-books at CSU.

*“CSU is flexible and fast paced. I'm able to complete my degree program from the comfort of my home, while educating my daughter. Thank you Union Plus and CSU for giving someone like myself a second chance.”*



— Janet W.  
Bachelor's Degree student

## Bachelor's degrees offered

- **Business Administration**
- **Teacher Education**  
Early Education (Pre-K – 5th Grade) and Intervention Specialist
- **Criminal Justice**
- **Interdisciplinary Studies - Humanities**
- **Additional degree programs coming soon!\***

Students may enroll part time, but continuous enrollment is required. Students must complete the FAFSA and any required verification.

\*For additional degree programs, there may be required fees.

## The Student Success Grant

Allows students to complete their bachelor's degree with no out-of-pocket costs for tuition, fees, or e-books.

**Enroll Now**

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