

FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT



MEMBERSHIP
BENEFITS PROGRAM

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PEF members, retirees, and their families can earn an online Associate Degree or Certificate with NO out-of-pocket cost.

FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

The PEF Membership Benefits Program Free College Benefit offers working families an accessible, debt-free and convenient higher education opportunity. You, your spouse, children, financial dependents and grandchildren, can all take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

ZERO OUT-OF-POCKET COST

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

ABOUT EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Gateway Community College is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the country. It is a public, open-access college and part of the University of Ohio, governed by the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the accreditor of most public and private institutions in the Midwest. EGCC is a national Achieving the Dream College, an American Association of Community Colleges School of Excellence, and is recognized nationally for its efforts to prepare a diverse student population for career services. EGCC is committed to innovation and increasing quality educational opportunities for students all across the country. They are also transfer-friendly, which means they strive to accept previous college credits students may have earned elsewhere, and credits earned at EGCC can transfer to other schools, potentially saving you thousands of dollars.

ONLINE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Business Management
- Paralegal
- Accounting
- Individualized Study
- Criminal Justice
- Certificate Programs --
- Associates of Arts
- Business Management
- Early Childhood Education
- Patient Navigator

To learn more about the free college benefit, visit Pefmbp.com.

Higher Education In Just 4 Steps

1 APPLY TO EASTERN GATEWAY

Go to FreeCollege.PEFMBP.org, select the Get Started button and complete the request form with your contact and union information.

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. If it's determined that you are not eligible for federal or state financial aid, 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 Dept. of Education. Compliance is required to receive the scholarship. Your enrollment advisor can help you with the process.

3 SUBMIT YOUR TRANSCRIPTS

Submit your high school transcript or GED test score as proof of high school completion. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the school to:

Email: online@egcc.edu (Subject: Union)

Mail: EGCC Admissions

Attn: Union

101 Federal Plaza East

Youngstown, OH 44503

Fax: 330-480-0817 (Attn: Union)

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

4 ENOLL IN CLASSES

Work with an enrollment advisor to enroll in classes.

(888) 590-9009

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The Higher Education 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.