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# FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT

brings a  
college degree  
within your  
reach.



OPEIU and Eastern Gateway Community College are offering you the chance to **earn an online degree from an accredited school with no out-of-pocket expense.** A college degree can be your pathway to new opportunities, greater responsibility, and more earning power.

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In Partnership With  
**EASTERN GATEWAY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
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# 4 steps to FREE COLLEGE

OPEIU members and their spouses, children, grandchildren and dependents can complete two years of college with **ZERO** dollars out of pocket.



The OPEIU Free College Benefit is a last dollar scholarship that fills the gap between the cost of tuition, fees and e-books at Eastern Gateway Community College and any federal, state or employer education grants for which you are eligible. It is a type of financial aid so students must comply with federal, state, and college academic and financial aid policies, which can be found on the EGCC website. In order to determine the amount of your scholarship, students first apply for and use any federal student aid awarded through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Even if it's determined that you are not eligible for any grants, OPEIU's last dollar scholarship has you covered. It will still be applied to your remaining balance for tuition, fees, and e-books. For step-by-step instructions on how to apply, visit [FreeCollege.OPEIU.org](http://FreeCollege.OPEIU.org)

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## APPLY TO EASTERN GATEWAY

Go to [FreeCollege.OPEIU.org](http://FreeCollege.OPEIU.org) and select the "Apply Now" button.

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## COMPLETE THE FREE FAFSA

Complete the form online: [FAFSA.ed.gov](http://FAFSA.ed.gov)  
Eastern Gateway Community College school code: **007275**  
The FAFSA application is required. Even if you don't qualify for financial aid, the OPEIU "last dollar scholarship" will be applied to your balance for tuition, fees and e-books. Note that some applicants are chosen by the US Dept. Ed for further verification and compliance is required. Your enrollment specialist can help you with the process.

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## 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:

*E-mail:* [online@egcc.edu](mailto:online@egcc.edu) (Subject: OPEIU)

*Mail:* EGCC Admissions, Attn: OPEIU, 101 Federal Plaza East, Youngstown, OH 44503

*Fax:* 330-480-0817 (Attn: OPEIU)

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

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## ENROLL IN CLASSES

Work with an enrollment specialist to enroll in classes

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 by the Higher Education Benefit. **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.**

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