

# FREE TUITION

## for community college

Mayor Walsh knows that college is too important to be limited to those who can afford it. That's why the City of Boston has committed to pay for up to three years of community college for eligible low-income students through its Tuition-Free Community College Plan.

### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE PLAN?

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a Boston resident
- Graduate from a high school in Boston, graduate from high school as a METCO student, or earn your HiSET or GED
- Receive your high school credential within 12 months of starting the plan
- Have a GPA of at least 2.0\*
- Be accepted to Roxbury Community College, Bunker Hill Community College, or MassBay Community College
- Require no more than three developmental courses by the start of the semester
- Be eligible for a Pell Grant, as determined by the FAFSA
- Have low to moderate household income, per HUD guidelines

### ARE NON-US CITIZENS ELIGIBLE?

Even if they cannot apply for the Pell Grant, certain categories of non-US citizens – including DACA and TPS – remain eligible to receive financial support through the plan. Email [TuitionFreeCollege@boston.gov](mailto:TuitionFreeCollege@boston.gov) to learn more.

### WHICH COLLEGES ARE COVERED?

- Bunker Hill Community College
- MassBay Community College
- Roxbury Community College

### WHAT COSTS DOES THE PLAN PAY FOR?

After the Pell Grant is applied, the Tuition-Free Community College Plan pays for **up to three years of remaining tuition and mandatory fees**. Students whose tuition and fees are already fully covered by the Pell Grant may be able to receive up to \$1,000 over three years for college-related expenses instead.\*\* Check the application website below for updates.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit [bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college](http://bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college) to apply.

### HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

The Tuition-Free Community College Plan web portal, [www.bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college), includes details on eligibility and coverage as well as tips for preparing for college. (The portal can be found under the "Students & Families" menu on the BPS website.) For questions, email [TuitionFreeCollege@boston.gov](mailto:TuitionFreeCollege@boston.gov) or call the city hotline, BOS:311, at 3-1-1.

\* Does not apply to HiSET/GED completers

\*\* Based on available annual funding



# THE BOSTON BRIDGE

to a four-year degree – tuition-free



Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Martin Walsh are teaming up to make college more affordable than ever before for Boston students. The Boston Bridge, a collaboration between the city's Tuition-Free Community College Plan and the state's Commonwealth Commitment program, allows students to earn their **associate and bachelor's degrees, free of tuition and mandatory fees**. The Boston Bridge is a pilot program – meaning it may be a limited-time offer – so take advantage while you can!

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Opportunity to **earn BOTH associate and bachelor's degrees, free of tuition and mandatory fees**
- Money each semester to help with school-related

## WHAT COLLEGES CAN I ATTEND?

Start at:

- Bunker Hill Community College
- MassBay Community College
- Roxbury Community College

Then transfer to:

- University of Massachusetts (Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth or Lowell)
- Bridgewater State University
- Fitchburg State University
- Framingham State University
- Massachusetts College of Art & Design (MassArt)
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Salem State University
- Westfield State University
- Worcester State University

## HOW DO I BECOME ELIGIBLE?

- Meet Tuition-Free Community College Plan requirements
- Have < 15 community college credits to start
- Finish your associate degree in 2.5 years
- Finish your bachelor's degree in 2 years
- Attend school continuously, full-time
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Commit to one of the many popular majors listed at [www.bostonpublicschools.org/BostonBridge](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/BostonBridge)

## HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Go to [bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college](http://bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college)
2. Click on "How Do I Apply for the Tuition-Free Community College Plan?" button.
3. Click "Fill out the online application."
4. When prompted, check the box that says, "I am interested in Boston Bridge." A representative will contact you to guide you through the application process.

## HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Visit [www.bostonpublicschools.org/BostonBridge](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/BostonBridge) or call LaKeisha Franklin at 617-918-5285.

