

# 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\*
- 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 DOES THE PLAN PAY FOR?

- Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC)
- MassBay Community College
- Roxbury Community College (RCC)
- Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT)

### WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES?

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

### WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED AT BFIT?

Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT) will cover up to three years of remaining tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students who are fully covered by the Pell Grant. These students may also receive up to \$1,000 over three semesters for college-related expenses.\*\*

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit [bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college](http://bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college) to apply. (Students interested in BFIT can apply for the Plan directly through the BFIT Office of Financial Aid. Contact [financialaid@bfit.edu](mailto:financialaid@bfit.edu) or 617-588-1368.)

### WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

- August 15 for the Fall semester
- January 5 for the Spring semester

### HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Visit [www.bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/tuition-free-college) for more information. 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 expenses

### 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 617-918-5248.

Learn about other Boston-based college funding opportunities at [bit.ly/BOSHIGHERED](http://bit.ly/BOSHIGHERED)

