

FREE COLLEGE - HOW IT WORKS

1 Have A High School Diploma

(or equivalent) from 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025.



2 Enroll

Pursue a degree or certificate program at least part time during the following time frames:

2022 grads: No later than Fall 2024, Spring 2025, or Summer 2025

2023 grads: No later than Fall 2025, Spring 2026, or Summer 2026

2024 grads: No later than Fall 2026, Spring 2027, or Summer 2027

2025 grads: No later than Fall 2027, Spring 2028, or Summer 2028



3 File the FAFSA

File online at studentaid.gov/FAFSA.

Please note: If you aren't eligible or can't complete the FAFSA, contact the colleges' Financial Aid Office. All federal and state aid is applied before the Free College Scholarship.



4 Live in Maine

while enrolled



5 Complete Your Certificate or Degree

You can access the scholarship for up to 200% of the program completion time. (i.e. if your program takes two years, you have up to four years to complete it.)

New this year: Part time is okay!



Please note:

- You cannot earn more than one associate degree under the Free College Scholarship.
- You can use the Free College Scholarship to get two stacked, one-year certificates or a certificate and an associate degree in the following scenarios:
 1. If the two certificates are stackable. (Ex. Heating certificate, Plumbing certificate)
 2. If the certificate leads to the associate degree. (Ex. Automotive Chassis certificate + Automotive Technology degree)
 3. If the two certificates are directly related. (Ex. Construction Technology certificate and Electrician Technology certificate)

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