

FREE & LOW-COST COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAMS



MEMBERSHIP
BENEFITS PROGRAM

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Save Money on Your College Education

The PEF Membership Benefits Program, in partnership with Eastern Gateway Community College, Central State University, and Franklin University, provides all active, dues-paying PEF members, PEF retirees, and their families, the opportunity to save money on an associate degree, certificate degree program, and a bachelor's degree. The degree programs are delivered online, providing convenience in terms of accessibility, flexibility, and balancing home, family, and work commitments.



ELIGIBILITY

This benefit is available to all active, dues-paying PEF members, PEF retirees, and family members including children (or step-children), grandchildren (or step-grandchildren), spouses, domestic partners, financial dependents, children-in-law, siblings, and parents. Potential students' association to a PEF member, will be verified by the PEF Membership Benefits Program. Individuals must apply to determine eligibility.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE

Earn an online associate degree or Certificate at Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC), with no out-of-pocket costs. A last-dollar scholarship covers the difference between any Federal grants and tuition, fees, and e-books—resulting in cost savings of thousands of dollars.

DISCOUNTED ONLINE ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE (CONTENT FEES APPLY)

To take advantage of this discounted educational opportunity (course is offered at no cost, but content fees for e-books, etc., may apply), you must determine if you are eligible. The process requires the investment of your time to complete the application process and submit the necessary supporting documents.

LOW-COST, ONLINE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Earn a low-cost, online bachelor's degree available through accredited colleges, Central State University and Franklin University. If eligible, students receive a Student Success Grant that will reduce their out-of-pocket cost to no more than \$4,500 per year, for full-time students (\$4,000 for in-state students).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS

Visit FreeCollege.PEFMBP.org to learn more about this exciting opportunity for you and your family members, including:

- FAQs about the benefit, step-by-step process, and class starts.
- Using the “Get Started” link (specific to each program) to get you started with this great education opportunity. You will need to have your PEF Membership Identification Number (MIN) handy to access the “Get Started” information and process.
- How to register or sign in to apply.
- For the associate degree or certificate, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit any required verification. Any grant award must be applied to tuition, fees, and e-book charges.
 - › Agree to use any employer-provided educational assistance.
 - › Verify high school or GED completion by having official transcripts sent to Eastern Gateway Community College.
- For the bachelor’s degree, applicants who have earned an associate degree or have earned 60 or more credits in the chosen field of study can apply to participate in online courses available through Central State University and Franklin University. All required documents must be submitted to be considered.

ABOUT THE PARTNERING COLLEGES

Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC): One of the fastest growing community colleges in the country. It is a public, open-access college and part of the University System 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.

Central State University (CSU): Located in Wilberforce, OH, is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, an institution accrediting agency recognized by the the U.S. Dept. of Education. This federally recognized body provides assurance to students, parents, and all stakeholders that CSU meets clear quality standards for educational and financial performance. CSU’s Business Program is also accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation, and the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs recognizes CSU’s Business Management Program.

Franklin University: Founded in 1902 in Columbus, OH, Franklin University has become a leader in helping busy adult learners earn a college degree conveniently. Franklin University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is part of the University System of Ohio.

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