



COMMUNITY COLLEGE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Encourage quality innovations in higher education, including competency-based education, dual enrollment, guided pathways, new credentials, and other educational advancements.
- Uphold certain student protections such as the "90/10" rule, which requires that for-profit institutions derive at least 10% of their overall funding from non-Title IV sources.

Access to Basic Needs Services for Low-Income Students

- Enact policies that allow severely financially disadvantaged community college students with unmet need to access programs providing food, housing, medical care, including mental health services, and other basic needs. Due in large part to a lack of information and work requirements for non-parenting students, less than half of food-insecure students receive help from SNAP.

Workforce Development, Adult Basic Education and Career and Technical Education

- Increase funding for the Strengthening Community College Training Grants program.
- Increase funding for state grants under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTE), the occupational and adult basic education programs in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program at the National Science Foundation, and include community colleges in efforts to bolster America's competitiveness in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.
- Foster rural economic development by providing adequate federal resources for essential programs addressing rural education, rural health care, renewable energy, and rural workforce development.
- Ensure that community colleges and their students, can access technology equipment, including high-speed broadband internet services.

Higher Education Tax Benefits for Low-Income Students

- Improve the Lifetime Learning Credit for community college students by covering 100% of the first \$2,000 of expenses for technical education programs.
- Enhance the targeting of the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) on students with the greatest financial need and increase the refundable portion of the credit.

- Ensure that community college Pell Grant recipients fully qualify for the AOTC by making Pell Grants non-taxable.

Veterans

- Fund new and existing programs to help institutions better serve the needs of veteran students.
- Ensure that active duty personnel and their dependents can fully participate in community college educational programs.
- Enact reforms that help veterans choose the educational program best suited to their needs and to prevent their exploitation.

DREAM Act and Immigration Policy

- Enact legislation that would establish a path to citizenship for qualifying undocumented students who entered the U.S. as minors.
- Eliminate federal restrictions on states that offer in-state tuition to undocumented students.
- Make DREAM Act students eligible for federal student financial aid.
- Ensure that Title IV student aid is not included in the "public charge" test applied to individuals seeking admission into the U.S. or seeking to change their current immigration status.

International Education Programs

- Increase opportunities for community college students to study abroad and encourage international students to enroll in community colleges.
- Increase funding for the HEA Title VI and Fulbright Hays undergraduate international education programs, which are vital to national security and economic productivity.
- Improve the F1 student visa approval process to ensure all international students have the opportunity to access U.S. education and training programs.

Infrastructure

- Ensure that a portion of any federal infrastructure package is dedicated to community college facilities and workforce training programs to expand the number of skilled workers necessary to upgrade our nation's infrastructure.