



DEBT-FREE COLLEGE

WHAT IS IT?

A system that allows higher education to be affordable and accessible to everyone, regardless of socio-economic background. There are many different ways to make education more affordable, such as increasing funding for Pell Grants, debt free financing for low-income students, lowering interest rates on student loans, and free community college and more public scholarships.

WHO HAS IT?

Currently, lawmakers from 10 states have proposed legislation to make public university more affordable in their state, none have passed yet. Many other developed, democratic countries have public education systems that provide free or low-cost tuition for their students. For example, Germany, France, and Sweden offer free university education.

FOR MILLENNIALS, THE AVERAGE SALARY FOR SOMEONE WITH A COLLEGE DEGREE IS \$45,500, WHILE THE AVERAGE FOR SOMEONE WITH ONLY A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IS \$28,000.

(Pew Research Center)

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Research demonstrates that obtaining a college degree has a profound effect on a person's income and upward mobility. Having an educated workforce is critical to our Nation's competitiveness globally. The economic gap between those with a college degree and those without one has never been larger in US history. The gap is even larger for people of color.

(Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis)

**TAKE
ACTION:**

1. Visit www.fairshot.com and **join our movement** by connecting with our **social media**, attending our events, and volunteering in your community.
2. Spread the word about Debt-Free College to your friends and coworkers. Ask politicians and businesses to make it a priority and adopt a policy.
3. **Hold meetings** with community members to discuss PFL and take action.
4. Use your social media to **share your story** and advocate for Debt-Free College. Write an op-ed for your local paper or for a blog.