

# Additional Resources

In addition to the grants and scholarships listed in this brochure, Massachusetts offers specific aid programs for:

- ▶ Aspiring teachers, school paraprofessionals
- ▶ IT, science and engineering students
- ▶ High school valedictorians
- ▶ Students who lost a parent/spouse in the line of public service duty
- ▶ Commonwealth residents affected by September 11
- ▶ Veterans
- ▶ Community college transfer students

Visit [www.osfa.mass.edu](http://www.osfa.mass.edu) to learn more.



“I encourage you to apply for aid and seek help in completing your applications—it’s worth it! A college education can lead to a better life and increased earning power. Your success also helps Massachusetts maintain its competitive edge in the global economy.”

*Richard M. Freeland  
Commissioner  
Massachusetts Dept.  
of Higher Education*

# The Massachusetts Public Higher Education System

## Massachusetts Community Colleges

### Berkshire Community College

Pittsfield | [www.berkshirecc.edu](http://www.berkshirecc.edu)

### Bristol Community College

Fall River and New Bedford | [www.bristolcc.edu](http://www.bristolcc.edu)

### Bunker Hill Community College

Charlestown | [www.bhcc.mass.edu](http://www.bhcc.mass.edu)

### Cape Cod Community College

West Barnstable | [www.capecod.edu](http://www.capecod.edu)

### Greenfield Community College

Greenfield | [www.gcc.mass.edu](http://www.gcc.mass.edu)

### Holyoke Community College

Holyoke | [www.hcc.edu](http://www.hcc.edu)

### MassBay Community College

Wellesley and Framingham | [www.massbay.edu](http://www.massbay.edu)

### Massasoit Community College

Brockton and Canton | [www.massasoit.mass.edu](http://www.massasoit.mass.edu)

### Middlesex Community College

Bedford and Lowell | [www.middlesex.mass.edu](http://www.middlesex.mass.edu)

### Mount Wachusett Community College

Gardner and Devens | [www.mwcc.edu](http://www.mwcc.edu)

### North Shore Community College

Danvers and Lynn | [www.northshore.edu](http://www.northshore.edu)

### Northern Essex Community College

Haverhill and Lawrence | [www.necc.mass.edu](http://www.necc.mass.edu)

### Quinsigamond Community College

Worcester and Southbridge | [www.qcc.edu](http://www.qcc.edu)

### Roxbury Community College

Roxbury | [www.rcc.mass.edu](http://www.rcc.mass.edu)

### Springfield Technical Community College

Springfield | [www.stcc.edu](http://www.stcc.edu)

## Massachusetts State Universities

### Bridgewater State University

Bridgewater | [www.bridgew.edu](http://www.bridgew.edu)

### Fitchburg State University

Fitchburg | [www.fitchburgstate.edu](http://www.fitchburgstate.edu)

### Framingham State University

Framingham | [www.framingham.edu](http://www.framingham.edu)

### Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Boston | [www.massart.edu](http://www.massart.edu)

### Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

North Adams | [www.mcla.edu](http://www.mcla.edu)

### Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Buzzards Bay | [www.maritime.edu](http://www.maritime.edu)

### Salem State University

Salem | [www.salemstate.edu](http://www.salemstate.edu)

### Westfield State University

Westfield | [www.wsc.ma.edu](http://www.wsc.ma.edu)

### Worcester State University

Worcester | [www.worcester.edu](http://www.worcester.edu)

## University of Massachusetts

### UMass Amherst

Amherst | [www.umass.edu](http://www.umass.edu)

### UMass Boston

Boston | [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu)

### UMass Dartmouth

Dartmouth | [www.umassd.edu](http://www.umassd.edu)

### UMass Lowell

Lowell | [www.uml.edu](http://www.uml.edu)

### UMass Medical School

Worcester | [www.umassmed.edu](http://www.umassmed.edu)

For more information about  
Massachusetts State Financial Aid,  
visit our website:

[www.mass.edu/osfa](http://www.mass.edu/osfa)

Or call us at:  
**(617) 391-6070**

FAFSA on the Web:  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)



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# Mass State Financial Aid



Your guide to  
Massachusetts’  
grant, scholarship  
and tuition waiver  
programs



MASSACHUSETTS  
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Higher Education

# You deserve it!

You’ve worked hard to further your dreams of a college education—and the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) wants to help you reach your goals. Paying for college isn’t easy, but the DHE’s Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has a variety of merit- and need-based grant, scholarship, no-interest loan and tuition waiver programs available for your use at:

- ▶ Massachusetts Public Higher Education Institutions
- ▶ Community Colleges
- ▶ State Universities
- ▶ UMass
- ▶ Private and/or Out-of-State Colleges, Universities, and Postsecondary Schools

## Questions?

How do I know if I qualify?  
How do I apply?  
What if I only attend part-time?

Check out this chart for information about some of our programs, including important deadlines, and visit [www.osfa.mass.edu](http://www.osfa.mass.edu) to learn more.



Program	Type of Aid		Who Is Eligible <i>Must be a permanent, legal Massachusetts resident, a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, pursuing undergraduate study, and...</i>				Other information	Amount of Award	How To Apply
	Need-Based	Merit-Based	Full-time Student	Part-Time Student	Public Higher Education Student	Private College/ University Student			
MASSGrant	✓		✓		✓	✓	Can be used at any state-approved postsecondary school in MA, NH, ME, VT, RI, CT, PA, and DC. Student cannot already have bachelor's degree.	\$300–\$1900 per year, depending on state's annual funding and student's financial need.	File the FAFSA between January 1 and <b>May 1</b> . Eligible students will be notified by the state.
Gilbert Matching Student Grant	✓		✓			✓	Can be used at any private, regionally accredited, non-profit postsecondary school or school of nursing in MA. Student cannot already have bachelor's degree.	\$200–\$2500 per year.	File the FAFSA after January 1. Contact your college's financial aid office for additional application requirements and deadlines.
Need-Based Tuition Waiver	✓		✓	✓	✓		Student cannot already have bachelor's degree.	Up to cost of tuition, not including fees.	
Categorical Tuition Waivers	Neither		✓	✓	✓		Student must be Native American, veteran, or senior citizen enrolled in undergraduate degree or certificate program.	Up to cost of tuition, not including fees.	
Cash Grant	✓		✓	✓	✓		Student cannot already have bachelor's degree.	Up to cost of tuition and fees.	
Part-Time Grant	✓			✓	✓	✓	Student cannot already have bachelor's degree.	\$200 or more per year.	
No Interest Loan	✓		✓		✓	✓	Can be used at any participating public or private postsecondary school issuing undergraduate degrees and/or certificates in MA.	\$1000–\$4000 per year.	
John and Abigail Adams Scholarship		✓	✓		✓		Student must have a combined Mathematics/ELA MCAS score in the top 25% in their school district.	Cost of tuition, not including fees.	Eligible students will be notified by the state in the fall of their senior year of high school.
Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Student must exhibit difficult personal circumstances, high financial need, and strong academic promise. Student must apply during 10th or 11th grade.	Up to \$15,000 per year, based on costs including tuition, fees, room, board, books, transportation.	Complete our application available at <a href="http://www.osfa.mass.edu">www.osfa.mass.edu</a> <b>by March 1</b> .
Foster Child Grant	✓		✓		✓	✓	Student must be in custody of Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) through Extended Care and Protection Petition and must not be over age 24.	Maximum of \$6000 per year.	File the FAFSA after January 1. DCF will certify eligibility.

Note: Programs may have additional eligibility requirements. Complete guidelines are available on our website at [www.osfa.mass.edu](http://www.osfa.mass.edu) along with information on more programs not listed here.