

DEBT FREE FUTURE ACT

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Student debt has grown faster in Massachusetts than in 49 other states since 2001. Massachusetts public college tuition and fees have skyrocketed and are now among the highest in the country. Today, the average UMass student graduates with over \$30,000 in student debt, and the average state university graduate leaves with over \$25,000 in student debt.



The Debt Free Future Act:

- **Guarantees free public higher education** as a right for all residents of Massachusetts through a universal grant program.
- To be eligible, students must:
 - (a) be a Massachusetts resident or have attained a high school diploma or its equivalent in the commonwealth;
 - (b) be admitted to and enrolled full-time or part-time in a Mass. public college, university, or other public vocational program;
 - (c) maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.

Sponsors: Sen. Jamie Eldridge, Rep. Natalie Higgins, and 60+ State House colleagues



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