



Free College Proposals Matrix

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Any updates to this chart made after the initial publication on April 30, 2021 will appear in red text.

Item	<u>American Family Plan</u>	<u>America's College Promise Act</u>	<u>College For All Act</u>	<u>Debt-Free College Act</u>
Estimated Cost	\$290 billion est. (higher education related sections only)	N/A	\$700 billion (est.)	\$95.4 billion (est.)
Sponsors	President Joe Biden [D]	Sen. Tammy Baldwin [D-WI] Rep. Andy Levin [D-MI]	Sen. Bernie Sanders [I-VT] Rep. Pramila Jayapal [D-WA]	Sen. Brian Schatz [D-HI] Rep. Mark Pocan [D-WI]
Cosponsors	N/A	Senate: 9 Democrats House: 3 Democrats	Senate: 8 Democrats House: 34 Democrats	Senate: 8 Democrats House: 17 Democrats
Funding Model	Federal-State/Federal-Indian Tribe Partnership (details forthcoming)	Federal-State/Federal-Indian Tribe Partnership Federal Share=75% State/Indian Tribe Share=25% of the average cost of tuition and fees nationwide 2-Year Tribal colleges responsible for a maximum of 5% of the amount necessary to eliminate tuition and fees at those institutions; would receive a minimum federal grant equal to 95% of that amount.	Federal-State/Federal-Indian Tribe Partnership Federal Share=75% State/Indian Tribe Share=25% of the cost to eliminate tuition and fees and the state or Indian Tribal colleges with majority low-income student populations would only be responsible for 5% of the amount necessary to eliminate tuition and fees at those institutions.	Federal-State Partnership with grants that would match state higher education appropriations
Eligible Institutions	Community Colleges Historically Black College & Universities (HBCU), Tribal Colleges (TC), Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)	Community Colleges & 2-Year Tribal Colleges HBCUs, Tribal Colleges, MSIs	Community Colleges 4-Year Public Non-Profits 2 & 4-Year Tribal Colleges	All public institutions Partnership meant to cover the unmet financial need for all students (COA-EFC+Federal, State Grant Aid)

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Eligible Students	<p>Community College: All students, no income restrictions, DREAMer students included</p> <p>HBCU, Tribal Colleges, MSIs AGI <\$125k</p>	<p>Community College: no income restrictions, must be enrolled in an eligible program at least half-time and eligible for in-state tuition</p> <p>HBCUs, TCU, MSIs: financially eligible for Pell Grants (regardless of whether students meet other Pell eligibility criteria)</p> <p>Undocumented students eligible for both</p>	<p>4-Year Public: AGI < \$125k</p> <p>Community & Tribal Colleges: no income restrictions</p>	<p>Must complete a FAFSA or demonstrate eligibility for Pell</p> <p>Enrolled at an eligible institution in the state they reside</p> <p>Demonstrates satisfactory academic progress (SAP)</p>
Federal Pell Grant	<p>\$80 billion investment in Pell Grants</p> <p>DREAMer students would be eligible for Pell Grants</p>	N/A	<p>Would double the maximum Pell Grant to \$12,990</p> <p>100% Mandatory Pell funding</p> <p>Extends length of eligibility to 15 semesters</p> <p>DREAMer students would be eligible for Pell Grants</p> <p>For-profit institutions and their students are not eligible for the increased Pell amount</p>	DREAMer students would be eligible for Pell Grants
Misc.	Creates a grant program to improve completion and retention activities	Creates an additional grant program for private, non-profit HBCU & MSI institutions to encourage students to enroll in and complete a bachelor's degree; provide incentives to community college students to transfer to 4-year institutions to complete a bachelor's; and support institutions to improve student retention and outcomes	Creates an additional grant program for private, non-profit HBCU & MSI institutions to eliminate tuition for eligible students (must have AGI <\$125k)	Creates an office within ED which will be responsible for administering the program and developing metrics
Loan Forgiveness	No	No	No	No

