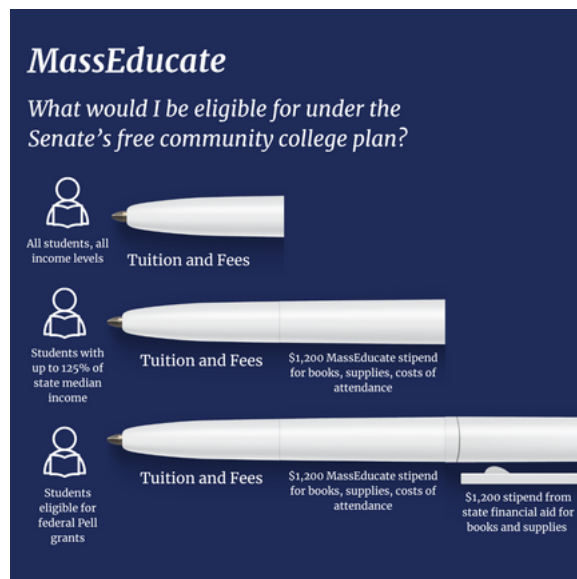


As part of the FY25 budget, the legislature passed the Senate's MassEducate Program to make community college free for all first-time degree earners in the state. **Following signage by the Governor Healey, MassEducate went into effect Fall 2024.**

Highlights

- 1 75.5 million in new spending to cover tuition and fees for all residents.
- 2 \$1,200 stipend for books, supplies, and other costs for eligible students.
- 3 Continued investment in free community college for nursing students and students over 25.
- 4 \$2.5 million Student Persistence Fund to help colleges support low income students facing barriers to continuing their education like transportation and childcare.



- 5 \$14.7 million investment in the SUCCESS Program: Support Urgent Community College Equity through Student Services.

We have seen the state's transformative investments at work through MassReconnect. MassEducate—universally free community college—builds on the program's successes and will allow more Massachusetts residents to access the promise and power of a higher education degree

—Senator Jo Comerford (D-Northampton)

