



## EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOR FREE!

*MCO's free college program expanded to include four bachelor's degree paths*



As you know, MCO members and their families can take community college classes [completely free online](#).

**We are proud to announce that now MCO members and families can earn a bachelor's degree online completely free – you don't pay for tuition, fees, or books!**

The free bachelor's program is offered through Central State University in Ohio. You can earn a bachelor's in Education, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, or Interdisciplinary Studies. [Read more on the bachelor's degrees you can earn for free](#). Additional majors may be added in the future.

MCO does not pay for the free college programs. They are offered by Central State University (CSU) and Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC).

Here's how the EGCC and CSU free college programs work:

The colleges will pay for any remaining tuition, fees, and e-books for certain degree paths after you receive federal or state student aid.

To get started, you must create an account with [SEIU Member Benefits](#). You must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), submit any documentation the FAFSA requires, and claim any award offered.

More detailed info is on the [SEIU](#)

[Member Benefits website](#) and this [FAQ page](#).

Other important info:

- MCO does not pay for this benefit. The benefit works as a "last-dollar scholarship," or grant, through CSU, that is intended to fill the gap between any federal, state or employer education grants you receive and the cost of tuition, fees and e-books for certain online degree programs at CSU.

- CSU is a fully-accredited college. Any credits you earn are eligible for transfer. Any college you later transfer to will make a final determination as to whether they will accept the credits.

- To enroll at CSU, you must have a high school diploma (or GED) and an associate's degree or 60 credit hours with a GPA of 2.2. (Don't have an associate's or the credits? Start with [free online community college](#).)

- This benefit is available to dues-paying MCO members and their immediate family members (spouse, children, step-children, grandchildren, and financial dependents). It is also available to [retiree members and their families](#). **Under no circumstances will free tuition be extended to union drop outs or other non-members.** (Keep in mind that [you must reauthorize your union membership](#) before October to continue to be an MCO member in good standing.)

A strong union can help members and their families with the things that matter most, as this free program illustrates. Thank you, members, for your commitment to MCO.

## IN MEMORIAM: FSA CHRIS MOORE



Forensic Security Assistant Chris Moore passed away April 16.

Moore had worked at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry for more than 20 years. Outside of work, he enjoyed hunting, cooking, and spending time with his children.

Visitation and funeral service information is [available here](#). Rest in peace, FSA Moore.

## Pistons ticket specials available now

Calling all Detroit Pistons fans! As an MCO member, you can get discount tickets to [games in April and May](#).

If you'd like to get tickets, please contact Member Support Specialist [Mikaela Bliven](#) for the discount code. Your membership status will be verified; only dues-paying members will be given codes for this or any MCO discount.

Check out all of our discounts on [our website](#).

Enjoy!



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