

Your Generosity Still Matters



The Carroll Community College Foundation extended an additional **\$250,000** of financial support for students through our own donor-funded Carroll Promise Scholarship Fund and other unrestricted funds available.

You may have recently heard one or more of the following:

- Governor Hogan signed landmark community college “promise” scholarship legislation that more than doubles need-based tuition aid.
- President Biden has proposed community colleges are going to be free to attend.
- Community colleges received significant state and federal assistance in response to COVID.

Donors may then ask:

Why does Carroll Community College still need my philanthropic support?



Maryland Promise Scholarship

Gov. Hogan proposed his Maryland Community College Promise program with the best of intentions, but the reality is only a very small number of our students were awarded this aid. Additionally, a large majority of our students are not eligible to apply, as they do not meet the requirements for applying:

MUST APPLY BY MARCH 1 PRECEDING THE ACADEMIC YEAR THAT THEY WILL ATTEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Roughly half of our new students apply to Carroll after that cut-off date, disqualifying them from the scholarship.

MUST ATTEND FULL-TIME

Nearly 70% of Carroll’s students attend part-time.

MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION

As a county bordering Pennsylvania, 2.4% of our students are not eligible for in-state tuition.

In 2020-21, the Maryland Higher Education Commission had qualified 96 of Carroll students for the Maryland Promise Scholarship, yet funded only 40 in the final awards process. Furthermore, the award notices were not sent until the 7th week of the Fall semester, forcing those 56 students who were not funded for the scholarship—but were already attending classes past the course withdrawal date—to establish a payment plan or take out a loan.

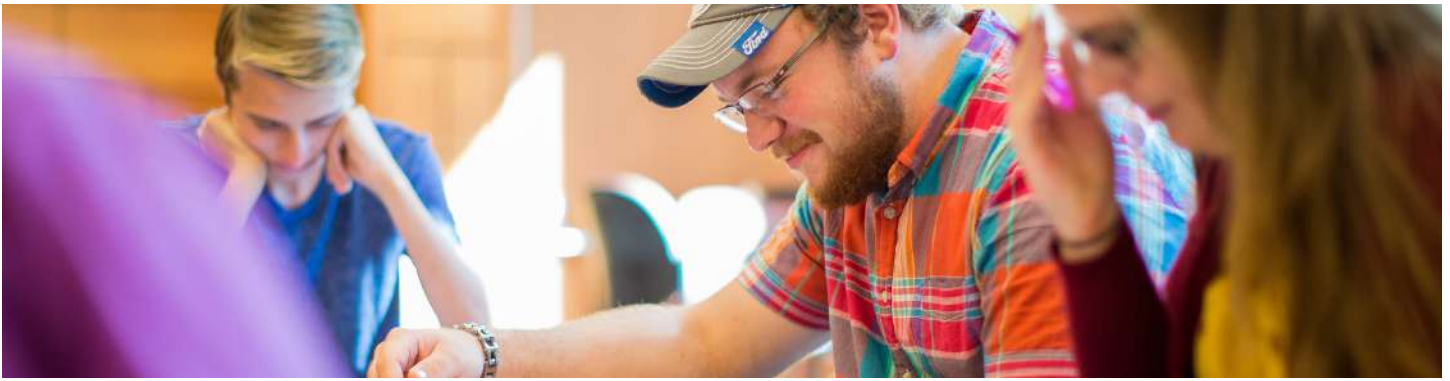
Free Community College?

Initiatives proposed for free community college in Congress’ America’s College Promise Act of 2021 would allow approximately 5.5 million students to pay \$0 in tuition and fees.

- \$14.3 billion in mandatory budget authority is requested to support free community college.
- Program would operate as a first-dollar program in order to allow students to use Pell Grants and other federal, state, and institutional aid to help them cover expenses beyond tuition and fees.
- Students can use the benefit over three years and, if circumstances warrant, up to four years, recognizing full-time enrollment is difficult for many students.

However, it is still unknown what the guidelines for the program will be, or how effective it would be. (For example, it’s not clear if free community college covers all programs, including workforce training certificate programs that may or may not be offered as a credit course.) As a community college, our overarching goal is to ensure that the full range of student, worker, and employer needs are met.





Even if community colleges were made tuition-free —once again, an unlikely scenario in the near future*— there remain many other funding needs:

Investing in **new and enhanced** programs to remain competitive

Updating/replacing learning technologies, such as laptops for all students, faculty, and staff

Support for other **essential** student expenses (e.g. textbooks, childcare, etc.)

Higher Education for Everyone

Our transforming economy necessitates that we provide every student the opportunity to obtain a postsecondary degree or certificate. The number of jobs requiring some level of higher education is expected to grow more rapidly over the next decade than those that do not.

As such, Carroll is focusing on ongoing sustainability for the future. We will always have a need to reshape the educational environment for our students, and private philanthropy goes a long way in making this happen, whereas other state and federal funding programs fall way short.

We still need your help by investing in our students' and our community's future. We appreciate your continued and vital support.



“Luckily, financial aid and scholarships have been awarded to me this year. Without the extra help, I do not believe I would be able to cover the cost of college books and classes.”

—Kamryn Cregger,
Carroll STEM Scholar

**A recent communication indicated America's College Promise Act has been removed from consideration in current congressional legislation.*

For more information on how to invest in the brilliant futures of Carroll's students, please contact the Carroll Community College Foundation at **410-386-8150** or visit www.carrollcc.edu/about/give



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