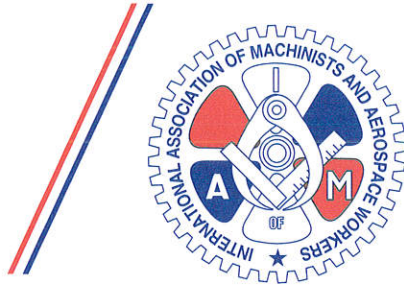


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To All Grand Lodge Representatives, Special Representatives, Grand Lodge Auditors, Organizers, Business Representatives, Airline and Railroad General Chairmen, District Lodge Secretary-Treasurers, Local Lodge Recording Secretaries, State and Provincial Councils and Territorial Education and Communications Representatives, TCU/IAM Executive Council, Carmen Division Officers, National Representatives, Assistant National Representatives and Local Lodge Officers

Brothers and Sisters:

Many of you have probably heard about the free college benefit that the IAM now offers to all of our members and their families (spouse, children, grandchildren, in laws and siblings) in partnership with Eastern Gateway Community College. The program allows our members and their family members to earn a two-year associate degree free of charge (including the costs of course material).

Free college is a members-only benefit. It is not available to non-members, agency fee payers, or others that do not wish to join our union. The college looks to the union to determine who is and who is not eligible to participate in the program. Specifically, the college collects the IAM membership card numbers that it requires applicants to provide as part of the enrollment process. The IAM checks to ensure that enrollees are connected to an IAM member. Anyone not connected to an IAM member will be charged by the college.

All members in good standing (along with their family members) are eligible for the free college benefit. This includes members who are actively employed, members who have obtained retirement, exemption or life membership cards, members who are receiving unemployment stamps, and associate members. Family members of IAM members who die while an active member will remain eligible to participate in the program for a period equal to the deceased member's length of IAM membership, but not to exceed five years.

Please help spread the word about this exciting and valuable program. If our members or their families would like to learn more about this program, or apply to participate in it, they should contact the enrollment center at **(888)590-9009**, or apply through the website <https://freecollege.goiam.org/>.

Fraternally yours

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