

Exciting News! MassReconnect Launching This Fall - Free Community College for Adult Learners

Dear Community Partner,

Bristol Community College is very excited to announce that, with the passing of the 2023/2024 state budget and subject to state appropriation, MassReconnect will officially launch for the Fall 2023 semester.

MassReconnect will cover the cost of community college for Massachusetts residents 25 or older without a previous college degree and bring college within reach for so many adult learners in our region. The program is available to new and current students enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program.

Please help us spread the word about this life-changing opportunity. For further details about eligibility requirements, visit www.BristolCC.edu/MassReconnect.

To take advantage of MassReconnect for the Fall semester, there are some steps students should take as soon as possible.

- 1. Apply to Bristol Community College.
 - Visit <u>www.BristolCC.edu/Apply</u> to complete our free admissions application online. Students should include any other college attended so we can better process their eligibility for this program.
- 2. Complete the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible. August is the peak processing time for enrollment, so it is important to get the FAFSA in now to ensure that plans are solidified in time for the start of classes. Bristol's Financial Aid staff is here to assist students and their families every step of the way, whether it's through walkin sessions or scheduled appointments.

The idea of going back to college or starting college <u>can seem overwhelming</u>, especially for adult learners. And, while Bristol has so much to offer this population – with specialized resources to help them learn, grow and succeed – students still often face financial struggles. MassReconnect will relieve the financial burden of college expenses, so our students can make college possible.

We are incredibly excited about the transformative potential of MassReconnect and the positive impact it can have on adult learners.

If you know anyone who may be able to take advantage of this incredible opportunity, please encourage them to apply.