Press Release

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**Columbia College “Free for Me” Campaign**

**Offers Every Student a Free Spring Semester**

SONORA, CALIFORNIA (December 2021) – Columbia College is waiving tuition and fees for all students for the spring 2022 semester and giving students who meet specific criteria up to $500 in cash and bookstore credits.

The *Free for Me* campaign promises free classes and zero fees for every student registered during the spring semester at Columbia College. The college is also giving $250 cash and $250 in bookstore credit to students who submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination and who take at least six units.

More information is on the college website: <https://www.gocolumbia.edu/free/>

All students who enroll for the spring semester are eligible for free tuition, regardless of citizenship or residency and even if they have not attended Columbia College recently or are taking just a few units during the spring 2022 semester.

College leaders hope the *Free for Me* campaign will reverse the negative enrollment and academic achievement trends brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and aims to reduce barriers and increase access to education for the community.

Students who wish to participate should apply for admission to Columbia College, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), California Dream Act Application (CADAA) or the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) and register for spring 2022 classes. There are no maximum or minimum units for a student to be eligible for this program.

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