
The Today's Students Coalition Applauds Bicameral Efforts to Establish Emergency Grant Aid Programs

WASHINGTON (May 1, 2023) – Last week, Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) and Representative Joseph "Joe" Morelle (D-NY 25) introduced bicameral legislation (S. 1344 / H.R. 2967) to establish a permanent emergency grant aid program for post-secondary students.

Emergency grants served as vital lifelines before and after the pandemic for students struggling to navigate unforeseen financial obstacles that could disrupt their academic progress and success.

Julie Peller, executive director of Today's Students Coalition's (TSC) parent organization Higher Learning Advocates, made the following statement regarding the legislation:

"Too often, even a small expense, such as a car repair or grocery bill, can cause a student to have to choose between paying for that expense or staying in school. The Today's Student Coalition has been a longtime supporter of a permanent emergency aid grant and is thankful to Senator Smith and Representative Morelle for leading the way on this issue."

Establishing an emergency aid grant for students enrolled in post-secondary education is an important step forward in ensuring that today's students, especially those traditionally underrepresented in and underserved by our higher education systems, can stay in school.

We look forward to working with Congress to help move this bill forward.

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