

Funding For Our Schools

The government and students should pay for college. It is only fair because if the government had to pay for each individual there would be a tremendous amount of debt plus the student wouldn't care and put less effort into their work. But if the student paid then they would pay at their cost and have more motivation to keep their grades high.

The government should help with some kind of incentive for colleges. At CSU Stanislaus there was a public forum talking about four different subjects and four different speakers. Kristen Olsen was one of the speakers and she is a representative for the 25th Assembly District. According to Kristen Olsen, "Government and individuals should pay for college tuition..." (Olsen). Olsen makes a great point because there should be a balance between government and student spending. There are other ways to pay for college for example, parents' money, scholarships, your own money and loans but not everybody can afford that. The middle class today is suffering tremendously because they cannot receive copious amounts of financial aid because their parents make too much money. That is where the government comes in and takes over to help pay for the students' college tuition. Students will become more confident

and hardworking if the government comes in and helps, but without their help students would care less about what they are doing and eventually drop out of college.

According to an article about supporting for higher education, "The amount the state spends on higher education (about \$10 billion in 2009-10) is higher than any other state" ("How"). The state budget on higher education is greater than any other state.

Without government help students will be discouraged of going to school because they will be stressed out trying to pay for the tuition. The government can provide grants, FAFSA, and work study which will help students no matter what. Basile, a writer, states that, "...the federal work-study program provides jobs to students, allowing them to earn money that they can use to pay educational expenses" (Basile). The work study method, which is a way for students to get jobs at their college, is a great way to get students active and responsible for their actions. The only problem is that students who need financial aid can get the jobs. Unfortunately anyone out of that range cannot receive work study.

Tuition in colleges has been increasing every semester which makes it harder for students. In the article "Squeezed from all sides", "about 80% of all students say it is harder to meet expenses today than two years ago" ("Squeezed"). They are constantly stressed out because students are not sure if they will be able to pay for their classes again. Since college tuition is increasing, students are not able to study and work because they are constantly thinking about how they should pay for their expenses. The cause of the increase is due to Jerry Brown's proposal which cut "...\$500 million

dollars each at UC and CSU colleges systems while \$400 million came out of community colleges..." (Rosenhall). Brown's proposal is cutting more from the CSU system and less from community colleges which is not fair because those colleges need that money.

Some argue that students should pay out of their pockets and not worry about the government stepping in. Unfortunately not everyone can contribute to these standards. People who can pay straight out of their pockets are the ones who are super rich, have jobs, and have other financial support. It is unfair to not have any financial support because students would not come to school anymore. Students will feel discouraged to come to school because they don't have any help from anybody and would stick with a high school education. Which is why they government should provide more money for those who can't afford it.

Even though America is in a recession there needs to be a balance in college expenses. The Government needs to have more money to give to scholarships that apply to everyone especially the middle class. The middle class is a larger group that is struggling more than the poor and the rich. The poor have the opportunity to receive more money than the middle class because their family's income is lower than the middle class. But of course students need to keep some part of the bargain and help the other half. The government cannot do everything by themselves, there needs to be a balance between the two.