

Overall Position: Public college in the United States should be free.

Label	College Is Unaffordable	College Improves the U.S. Economy
Argumentative Claim	College is currently unaffordable for many Americans, which is undemocratic.	Producing more college graduates improves the American economy.
Evidence A (Summary or Quotation of Facts, Research, Expert View, etc.)	According to the Higher Education Chronicle (May, 2015), the average cost of a public university is \$30,000 per year. College costs are rising at 10X the rate of inflation.	The U. S. Department of Education produced a report in 2014 that shows "college graduates earn more than five times what non college graduates earn, on average."
Reasoning (Analyzing How this Evidence Proves the Argumentative Claim)	This data clearly shows that many students cannot afford college. Further, minority and low-income students are more likely to be kept out.	The much higher incomes that college graduates earn help grow the economy since these people have so much more to spend on other businesses.
Evidence B (Summary or Quotation of Facts, Research, Expert View, etc.)	According to Sandra Getlaf of Education Week (June, 2016), "86% of college counselors agree that the vast majority of well-paying jobs in the U.S. require a college degree."	A college education is the single most effective way to enhance innovation and inventiveness in the economy is to increase the percentage of American workers with a college degree (Inside Higher Education, 2013).
Reasoning (Analyzing How this Evidence Proves the Argumentative Claim)	Since most professional and higher-paying and important jobs require a college degree, there is no equal opportunity in America without equal access to college.	College education helps students think critically and creatively by introducing students to many new fields of study and by having students read and study in depth in their concentration. This learning helps people come up with new ways of doing things and new technologies later in life.