

My name is Jennifer Brubacher and I am one of thousands of students that has benefited from the Pell Grant in order to go to school! I attend Gateway Community College in New Haven, CT and will hopefully continue to go to Southern CT State University next year.

When I heard of the cuts to the Pell Grant, I have to admit that this doesn't make much sense to me. We are trying to strengthen the workforce and create jobs, so why then would we shoot ourselves in the foot by making it harder and impossible for some to attend and finish school in order to contribute to our communities more successfully?

Being a recipient of the Pell Grant made it possible for me to begin school as we were really struggling as a family. I am 34, married and have 2 children and even though we are doing better now financially, our income wouldn't be able to support my going to school full-time without the continued support and help from the Pell Grant.

There must be another way to cut costs in this difficult time with our economy, but in looking to the future, we cannot make a quick decision about the present that will make the future even more impossible. This is "the people" talking, please hear our voice.

Please do not cut the Pell Grant!!!

With Hope,
Jennifer Brubacher