Student Aid at the Federal Level is in DANGER!
The House has approved cutting billions of dollars from the student aid programs, putting added pressure on low-income students and the colleges that serve them.

the contest
Create, develop, and post on YouTube a video asking Congress and the President not to cut student aid. The group that receives the most hits wins the contest.

Once your video is on YouTube, please enter the contest by sending the following information to sstitely@vermont-icolleges.org:

- College Name:
- Name of Group:
- Contact Person:
- Date of Posting:

Contestants are encouraged to use the words Pell Grant, SEOG and LEAP in their submissions.

THE PRIZE
Private colleges across the State of Vermont are contributing prize money for a scholarship to be distributed to a Pell eligible student on the winning campus.

All entries should be posted by March 21, 2011.

- The House passed H.R. 1, cutting Pell Grants by $845 as of July 1. This makes the maximum grant $4,705 instead of $5,500.
  Kicks 1.7 million students out of the program, and drastically reduces grant aid for 7.5 million students.
- The bill eliminates SEOG. **1.3 million students lose an average grant of $736.** The poorest students lose up to $4,000 in additional grant aid.
- The bill eliminates LEAP which provides the seed money for more than $1 billion in state student aid funding.
- Now the Senate will write its version of the bill. **Student aid programs are still on the table for possible cuts.**
- President Obama’s proposed budget continues to fund Pell and level funds SEOG, but eliminates LEAP and the new year-round Pell Grant program.
- The Federal Pell Grant and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) are awards given to students most in need of financial help.