

# YOUTUBE MUSIC VIDEO CONTEST

MAKE AN IMPACT! Save Student Funding

## 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.

### 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.

*Once your video is on YouTube, please enter the contest by sending the following information to [ssitely@vermont-colleges.org](mailto:ssitely@vermont-colleges.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.*

## 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.

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