

JON TESTER

A Fighter for Higher Education

Jon Tester knows that more access to higher education improves lives and boosts Montana's economy. That's why he has fought tirelessly to expand educational and job training opportunities for all Montanans.

FAFSA Form

Jon helped push the Department of Education to simplify the free application for federal student aid. After Jon urged Education Secretary Arne Duncan to allow the use of prior-prior year data on the FAFSA the Obama Administration announced it would begin allowing students to apply for federal student aid using prior-prior year data.

TRiO

Jon serves as co-chair of the bipartisan TRiO caucus, which advocates for higher education programs that have provided millions to Montana colleges serving disadvantaged students. And when Betsy DeVos denied the University of Montana's TRiO grant application over one double-spaced page in a 65-page application, Jon fought relentlessly to get her to overturn her decision – and won.

Community College & Job Training

Jon understands the importance of trade and vocational education. He was awarded the Congressional Star of Education for his support of career technical education and serves in the Senate Career and Technical Education Caucus. Jon was also a key voice of support for program that awarded \$52 million to colleges and universities across Montana to train the next generation workforce.

Student Veterans

Jon has fought tirelessly for Montana's student veterans. After voting for the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, Jon found out that issues with the law's implementation were putting student veterans in debt – and successfully fought to hold the VA accountable and change the policy. And this past year, Jon got signed into law the Forever G.I. Bill, a major expansion of veterans' education benefits.

In our 21st Century economy, Montanans need the right kind of education to compete. Whether that's a liberal arts education, a two-year degree, or vocational training, we need to give the next generation every chance to succeed.

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Financial Aid

Jon supported making Pell Grants available year-round, the successful extension of the Perkins loan program, and has consistently pushed to increase the maximum Pell Grant amount and voted to allow student loan borrowers to refinance their debt.

Student Loans

Jon voted for a bipartisan measure to prevent student loan rates from doubling, and has voted twice to allow student loan borrowers to refinance outstanding debt at lower rates. He cosponsored the bipartisan Employer Participation in Repayment Act to incentivize employers to help pay down employees' federal or private student loan debt.

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