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**Governments should offer college and university education free of charge to all students.**

**Education is one of the most important part of every human life. Governments play a crucial role in financing a part of the education fee for the poor students. However, this issue of providing college and university education free of charge to everyone is complex. A thorough analysis must be undertaken before arriving at a clear-cut decision.**

**While it is true that many people all over the world are unable to finance their higher education, it does not necessarily imply that the governments can offer university and college education free of cost. First of all, the costs of necessary commodities to lead an honorable life is going up every day; so, they can be provided by a proper education. Generally, if university education is offered free of charge, then the mutually beneficial relationship between teachers and students will be severely affected. For example, there exists Government schools and Private schools in many parts of the world. The Private schools charge a little higher than those of the Government ones, because they hire highly qualified teachers, who are willing to contribute their service for a higher pay.**

**Second of all, a policy of free education limits the role of universities as citadels of knowledge especially in the area of research. Universities receive funds and grants to undertake research and development from the government and private sector. However, if free education is provided for all students at the tertiary level, research may be limited because funds received may likely go to overhead costs such as maintenance of infrastructure and salaries.**

**However, the importance of education at all levels cannot be understated. The recommendation that free education should be provided for all students has a merit because education has positive consequences for a society. Holding all other factors constant, an educated society should be a prosperous and well developed one. This is because all things being equal, the students would contribute towards the development of the society. Thus, a policy of free education may be adopted for deserving students or on a needs basis with conditions such as having a certain GPA and public service attached to it**

**In sum, some may state that there are lots of unfortunate people who are unable to even look after their daily needs. Hence, they might claim that, these students must be offered free higher education. But this claim has lots of fallacies.**