

tunity for self-improvement and for the updating of professional and technical competence, and in strengthening the capacity of state and local governments to discharge their increasing responsibilities. Examples include the Community Services and Extension Act, the Cooperative Extension program, the State Technical Services Act, the Regional Medical Programs Act, and urban research, fellowship, and related programs.

- * To enrich the quality of human life through the arts and humanities.
- * To provide genuine access to educational opportunity and thus, in great measure, to equality of opportunity in life for the economically and culturally deprived, through such programs as educational opportunity grants, work-study programs, aid to developing colleges, and the Upward Bound program.
- * To strengthen the capacity of the institutions of this country, public and private, governmental and non-governmental, to assist the developing countries of the world, and to increase the capacity of individual citizens to understand the role and responsibilities of the United States in the world community. Examples include the International Education Act, international technical and cultural assistance and exchange programs, area and language programs, etc.

What We Oppose

These Associations are strongly opposed to proposals that, by intention or not, would have the effect of:

- * Throwing substantially more of the cost of higher education on the student, rather than on society, which is the chief beneficiary of higher education.
- * Increasing discrimination against low-income students and their families.
- * Reducing the accountability of those who receive public funds for their use, through programs designed to circumvent Congressional legislative responsibility for determining the allocation of public funds and the purposes for which they are used.

Such programs include:

Proposals for tax credits for tuition and required fees.

Loan programs the effect of which would be to force an increase in institutional charges to students and indenture individual future income over long periods of years ("Educational Opportunity Bank").