



# FUNDING YOUR FUTURE



PHEAA offers many FREE financial aid programs and resources to help you plan to pay for your postsecondary education.

## APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Nearly two-thirds of students receive some type of financial aid. Consider all types of financial aid to help with higher education expenses. There are three types of aid. Grants and scholarships are free money and do not have to be repaid. Work-study provides part-time jobs for students with financial need. Loans must be repaid--with interest.

### FAFSA® (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

The FAFSA is the most important form you must complete to qualify for almost all types of financial aid, including the PA State Grant.

- The FAFSA is available October 1 for the upcoming academic year. Complete and file it as soon as possible, as many state, local and private entities use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for grants and scholarships.
- File the FAFSA electronically at [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov); it speeds up turnaround time and helps eliminate errors.
- A PDF of the FAFSA is available for download at [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov), or by calling the U.S. Department of Education toll-free at **800.4.FED.AID**.
- Filing the FAFSA is always free. If you are asked to pay, you are not on the official government website, [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov).
- Students and parents can electronically sign the FAFSA using their FSA ID. All students and parents are encouraged to sign up for their FSA ID prior to completing the FAFSA.



### FSA ID

- Students completing a FAFSA should apply for a FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov) or [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov). If you are a dependent student, both you and your parent require FSA IDs to electronically sign the FAFSA.
- To create a FSA ID, you will provide your Social Security Number, name, date of birth, mailing address, email address, mobile number, language preference, and for security purposes, four challenge questions and answers.
- A dependent student will also need one legal parent to sign the student's FAFSA, so the parent needs a FSA ID, as well. Parents with more than one child attending college can use the same FSA ID to sign all applications.

**NOTE: Each FSA ID user must have a unique email address.**

IF YOU WANT TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION, PHEAA CAN HELP YOU PLAN TO PAY FOR IT.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

- ▶ [EducationPlanner.org](http://EducationPlanner.org)
- ▶ [MySmartBorrowing.org](http://MySmartBorrowing.org)

# STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

## Pennsylvania State Grant Program

The PA State Grant Program provides grants to eligible Pennsylvania residents in need of financial assistance to help them afford the costs of higher education. A grant is a financial aid award that you do not have to repay, provided you meet the eligibility requirements.

For a list of requirements and additional information about the PA State Grant, please visit [PHEAA.org/StateGrant](http://PHEAA.org/StateGrant).

### TO APPLY

#### 1. FILE THE FAFSA BY THE APPROPRIATE DATE.

##### FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

**May 1** — If you plan to enroll in a degree program or a college transferable program at a junior college or other college or university (excludes community colleges and open-admission institutions), you must submit the FAFSA and the PA State Grant Form (SGF).

**August 1** — If you plan to enroll in a community college; a designated Pennsylvania open-admission institution; a business, trade or technical school; a hospital school of nursing; or a 2-year program that is not transferable to another institution; you must submit the FAFSA and the SGF.

**NOTE:** If you miss the State Grant deadline for the academic year, apply anyway. Late applications (for terms other than summer) may qualify for awards if funding permits.

#### 2. COMPLETE THE SGF.

We recommend you complete the SGF online directly from your FAFSA confirmation page. Look for the link that reads "Start your state application to apply for Pennsylvania state-based financial aid."

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Congratulations, Stanley! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

[Start your state application](#) to apply for Pennsylvania state-based financial aid

##### What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be

» If you've already submitted your FAFSA online and missed the direct link, you may need to wait 24-48 hours before you can complete the SGF. You will receive an email directing you to the American Education Services (AES) website to complete the SGF. (AES is a division of PHEAA.)

**NOTE:** Most renewal students are not required to complete the SGF.

#### 3. CHECK YOUR STATUS.

After you apply, visit [PHEAA.org](http://PHEAA.org) to sign into Account Access, PHEAA's online student information tool.

## Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP)

PA-TIP provides need-based awards to students who are not State Grant eligible and who are enrolled in short-term programs in the following areas:

- Energy
- Advanced Materials and Diversified Manufacturing
- Agriculture and Food Production

PA-TIP provides awards up to the equivalent of the maximum PA State Grant award or 75% of the allowable program costs, whichever is less, per award year. Awards can be used to cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, and specific living expenses.

For additional information on PA-TIP, including a list of approved schools and eligible programs, please visit [PHEAA.org/PA-TIP](http://PHEAA.org/PA-TIP).

## Pennsylvania State Work-Study Program (SWSP)

Through the SWSP, Pennsylvania students can gain career-related, on-the-job work experience, up to 40 hours per week, while earning money to help pay for higher education.

For additional information on SWSP, please visit [PHEAA.org/workstudy](http://PHEAA.org/workstudy).

**NOTE:** For information about more special programs, please visit [PHEAA.org/funding-opportunities](http://PHEAA.org/funding-opportunities).

## CONTACT US

Do you have PA State Grant questions?

- Visit us at [PHEAA.org/StateGrant](http://PHEAA.org/StateGrant).
- Email us at [granthelp@pheaa.org](mailto:granthelp@pheaa.org).
- Call us at **800.692.7392**.  
TTY: Dial 711 (for hearing impaired)

For a full list of contacts and current hours of operation, visit [PHEAA.org/Contact](http://PHEAA.org/Contact).

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