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PA Department of Education & PHEAA Co-Host FAFSA Completion Workshop

Assists Students & Families in Applying for Financial Aid

Harrisburg, PA (February 15, 2024) – During Financial Aid Awareness Month, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) are jointly hosting an in-person session to aid college-bound students and their families in correctly and successfully completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

The FAFSA is the first, and most critical, step in applying for financial assistance for the 2024-25 academic year. Higher education experts will guide students and their families in successfully completing and submitting the FAFSA.

The FAFSA Completion Workshop will take place on Tuesday, February 20 with 1-hour sessions offered at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 PM at the State Library of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. Interested participants can [register online](#).

"Families of college-bound students, especially those with unique situations and circumstances, may encounter questions and challenges in completing the FAFSA," said Senator Wayne D. Fontana, PHEAA Board Chairman. "Successful completion of the FAFSA is a critical step in obtaining financial aid, so we are pleased to be able to share the expertise of our Higher Education Access Partners to assist them in person."

Prior to participating, students and parents will each need their own unique StudentAid.gov Account; they should not create one on the other's behalf. The StudentAid.gov Account (FSA ID) is a username and password combination used to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems. They must visit StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch to create their account. They'll need their Social Security number, full name, date of birth, along with a cell phone number or email.

"February is Financial Aid Awareness Month and the perfect time to promote the free resources and assistance we provide to Pennsylvania's students and families year-round," explained James H. Steeley, PHEAA President and CEO. "It is our public service mission to create affordable access to higher education and hosting free FAFSA Completion Workshops is just one small part of that."

PHEAA is also hosting a virtual FAFSA Line-by-line Overview on Wednesday, February 21 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM to walk participants through each line of the FAFSA application form. The event is open to all and interested attendees can register for this free event at pheaa.org/virtual/.

Additional FAFSA Completion Events are scheduled throughout the state through April to provide in-person assistance to families requiring additional assistance due to their unique and personal circumstances. The schedule and locations of these events are available at <https://www.pheaa.org/college-planning/fafsa/help-events.shtml>.

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About PHEAA

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) was created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1963 to provide affordable access to higher education for PA students and families. Through the years, PHEAA has evolved into one of the nation's leading providers of student financial aid services, including the Commonwealth's first state-based student loan program – PA Forward. PHEAA also serves millions of students through its loan guaranty, loan servicing, financial aid processing, and other programs.

PHEAA conducts student loan servicing operations nationally as American Education Services (AES).

PHEAA's press releases are accessible at <https://www.pheaa.org/about/press-releases/>.

FAFSA® Completion Workshop

PA FAFSA GO! 



The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) are excited to present a free FAFSA® workshop event!

Get hands-on help from experts on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

All students and contributors (such as parents and spouses) must establish their Federal Student Aid Accounts (FSA ID) at [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account) at **least 4 days prior** to attending this event.

Sign up today! 

Sign up for one of our 3 time slots by clicking the "Sign up today!" button, or copy and paste the link provided into your browser.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fafsa-completion-workshop-registration-796028301077>

 **NOTE:** PHEAA will have a limited number of laptops available for these sessions. Although walk-ins are welcome, we highly recommend signing up using the eventbrite link provided.


Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Time: 1 hour sessions at
5:00, 6:00, & 7:00 PM

Location: State Library of Pennsylvania
Forum Building 607 South Dr,
Harrisburg, PA 17120

File now for 2024-25 at
StudentAid.gov/FAFSA

By filing the FAFSA online, you take the first crucial step to determine if you qualify for a Federal Pell Grant, PA State Grant, scholarships, institutional awards, and federal student loans.

 **Free Parking**—Lot besides building at 607, South Dr, Harrisburg, PA 17120 