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Students Reminded of August 1 PA State Grant Application Deadline

Harrisburg, PA (July 30, 2024) – The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) encourages Pennsylvania students who are planning 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 to submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) by August 1, 2024 to be considered for a PA State Grant Award.

“There are many paths to the job of your dreams,” said Senator Wayne Fontana, Chairman of the PHEAA Board of Directors. “The path to their future may be via a community college program, a nursing program, or a trade school, just to name a few. A PA State Grant could help them afford that education, but it is important for them to note the August 1 deadline.”

“The PA State Grant Program provides a need-based grant to recipients – which does not need to be repaid,” explained James Steeley, PHEAA President & CEO. “We encourage college-bound students to first exhaust every option for gift aid. It is important for students to submit their FAFSA in time to qualify for a PA State Grant award.”

The PA State Grant Program uses the FAFSA form as its primary application point to determine student eligibility for a PA State Grant award. If a student has not yet completed their 2024-25 FAFSA, they are strongly encouraged to do so prior to the August 1 PA State Grant filing deadline. Once the FAFSA is submitted, students needing to complete the PA State Grant application items, or supply any supplemental documentation, will have until the academic year student reconsideration deadline (April 1, 2025, for the 2024-25 award year). Students will be unable to submit their PA State Grant application if they have not submitted their FAFSA.

If student misses the August 1 filing deadline, for any reason, they are still encouraged to apply. Late applications (other than for the PA State Grant summer term) will be reviewed for the federal student aid programs and possible PA State Grant consideration, if funds are available.

Students and families are encouraged to visit PHEAA on [Facebook](#), X (@PHEAAaid), and [LinkedIn](#) where they can learn more about the higher education financial aid process, reminders of financial aid deadlines, and information pertaining to planning for higher education. Additionally, video tutorials explaining the student aid process and types of aid available can be found at [YouTube.com/PHEAAstudentAid](https://www.youtube.com/PHEAAstudentAid).

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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).

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