

News Advisory

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PHEAA Offers Free In-Person and Virtual Financial Aid Workshops

Hands-on Assistance Provided to Students & Families

Harrisburg, PA (August 12, 2024) – The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is holding a series of free events to guide college-bound students and their families in navigating the financial aid process and making smart financial decisions about affording higher education.

Upcoming Events:

August 18, 2024 – Rep. Mike Sturla’s and Rep. Ismail Smith-Wade-El’s 13th Annual Back to School Event at Clipper Magazine Stadium 12:00 – 2:30 PM (ET). [Registration closes on August 12](#) at 4:30 PM (ET). K-8th grade students in the school district of Lancaster, Manheim Township, Hempfield, and Penn Manor will have the opportunity to receive a free haircut, enjoy music, food, games, and community activities. Information will be available on state programs and services for children.

September 10, 2024 – Searching for Scholarships and Affording the Balance; virtual presentation from 12:00 – 1:00 PM (ET). [Registration required](#). This presentation will review the options available, application tips, and what to do when there’s a balance.

October 28, 2024 – FAFSA Workshop at Northwest PA Collegiate Academy 4:00 – 7:00 PM (ET)

October 29, 2024 – FAFSA Workshop at Erie High School 4:00 – 7:00 PM (ET)

November 13, 2024 – Creating Your Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID); virtual presentation from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (ET). [Registration required](#). Learn more about what the FSA ID is, who should create an FSA ID account, when you should create an FSA ID, and what will be needed to create an FSA ID.

December 4, 2024 – Financial Aid 101; virtual presentation from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (ET). [Registration required](#). Learn about the financial aid application process, what types of aid are available for students, and strategies to start thinking about affordability before getting ready to apply for postsecondary school admission.

December 12, 2024 – Financial Aid Night at Bosler Free Library in Carlisle 6:00 – 7:00 PM (ET)

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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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