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PHEAA Provides Free Student Aid Guide

Student aid guidance for students & families in English & Spanish

Harrisburg, PA (October 2, 2024) – The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is reminding high school students and their families about the availability of its 2025-26 PA Student Aid Guide. Both English and Spanish versions of the guide can be found under the College Planning section of [PHEAA.org](https://pheaa.org).

Available at no cost, the PA Student Aid Guide is Pennsylvania’s most comprehensive financial aid publication, offering in-depth information on the federal student aid process and details on Pennsylvania’s aid programs, including the need-based PA State Grant Program.

“It’s no secret that planning for higher education can be confusing and overwhelming,” said Senator Wayne Fontana, Chairman of the PHEAA Board. “PHEAA’s Student Aid Guide is the set of instructions that college-bound students and their families need to guide them to success.”

The online version of the PA Student Aid Guide is interactive and links to information on:

- Qualifying for grants, scholarships, and other “free” aid that does not need to be repaid
- Work-study programs that allow students to earn money to help cover their education costs
- Loans that are available to students and parents to help pay for their education
- Career and salary information
- Access to checklists, timelines, applications, and forms for financial aid

The counselors at most high schools in Pennsylvania receive a printed copy of the guide each fall, along with instructions on how to order a supply for their students at [PHEAA.org/order-online](https://pheaa.org/order-online). Every student who is interested in pursuing postsecondary education should see their school counselor to get their copy. A digital copy is also available at pheaa.org/college-planning/student-aid-guide.

“This guide is one of the many free resources we offer families to help them navigate the financial aid process,” said Jim Steeley, PHEAA President and CEO. “We have ensured it provides the information they need, as well additional resources and online forms needed to complete the application process.”

Students and families are encouraged to visit PHEAA on Facebook, X (@PHEAAaid), and LinkedIn where they can learn more about the college financial aid process, register for reminders of financial aid deadlines, and get information pertaining to planning for college. Additionally, video tutorials explaining the student aid process and types of aid available can be found at 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). PHEAA's press releases are accessible at <https://www.pheaa.org/about/press-releases/>.