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Virtual Event to Aid Foster Care Students in Achieving Higher Education

Harrisburg, PA (October 21, 2024) – The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), in collaboration with The Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice & Research, the Philadelphia Education Fund, I-LEAD, the Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable, and the Philadelphia School District, are jointly hosting the virtual Philly Foster Care to College event on Tuesday, October 29 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

This event is specifically for foster youth and those adults who support them and is appropriate for foster students in middle school through high school who want to go to college.

“At PHEAA, we encourage foster youth to pursue their dream of higher education,” said Senator Wayne Fontana, Chairman of the PHEAA Board of Directors. “There are assistance programs that have been established just for them. Our financial aid experts will be sharing their knowledge and experience to assist and guide foster youth during this important virtual event.”

Ron Felder, PHEAA Higher Education Access Partner-Philadelphia, will discuss financial aid opportunities for youth in foster care who want to get a college degree, including how to earn a degree tuition-free through the Chafee Education and Training Grant Program and the PA Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program.

Information will also be shared on how students can pay for college, college programming targeted for foster care youth, and the Immensitas Scholarship that will cover the cost of room and board at three PA-based colleges.

[Register to attend this event here.](#)

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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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