

PENNSYLVANIA Financial Aid Programs



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State programs...

- PA State Grant (full time, in state)..... up to \$4,120
- Out-of-state \$600 max. in CT, DE, MA, ME, OH, RI, VT, WV, and DC
- All other states - \$400 max., except NY, NJ, MD = \$0
- \$800 for veterans in eligible states



State Programs...

- State work study.....go to www.pheaa.org
- New Economy Technology Scholarship (NETS)*
 - Sci-Tech...Up to \$3,000 in 4-yr program
 - Technology...Up to \$1,000 in shorter program

*Must major in PDE approved technical program, attend a PA school, and meet work commitment in PA.

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State programs...

Educational Assistance Program*

Provides scholarships for National Guard members - up to full tuition costs at PA state universities (but may attend other schools)

** Must meet enlistment requirements*

Post-Secondary Education Gratuity Program

Provides scholarships for children of “fallen heroes” whose death since Sept. 11, 2001 was as a result of performing his/her official duties.

** Must be 25 or younger, full-time enrollment, state schools, apply for other assistance*



Federal/State programs...

- **Robert Byrd Scholarship.**
up to \$1,500 per year for up to 4 years.
Student must:
 - Be in top 5% of class
 - Have 3.5 or higher GPA
 - 1150 SAT or 25 ACT score (GED Score of 3550)

- **Chafee Education and Training Grant**
\$5000 Maximum Award

Student must:
 - Be identified by PA DPW (is/was in foster care or adopted out after age 16)
 - Be a PA resident attending an eligible institution
 - File a FAFSA and a Chafee application
 - Age 21 for first time applicants, 23 for renewals

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Deadlines and Appeals!

- **State Grant** – May 1st for 4 yr programs and renewal apps.
- **NETS** – Dec. 31st (until funds are exhausted)
- **Byrd Scholarship** – April 1st of senior year
- **PEGP** – March 31st
- Students may appeal certain PHEAA decisions based on unusual circumstances – reduced income, medical expenses, etc.

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Resources...

- www.pheaa.org
- www.aessuccess.org
- www.educationplanner.org
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - NOT fafsa.com
 - NOT fafsa.gov
- www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
- www.going2college.org
- www.college.gov

PHEAA
Pittsburgh Regional Office
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