PA State Grant & Special Programs Update
2017 PASFAA Spring Training

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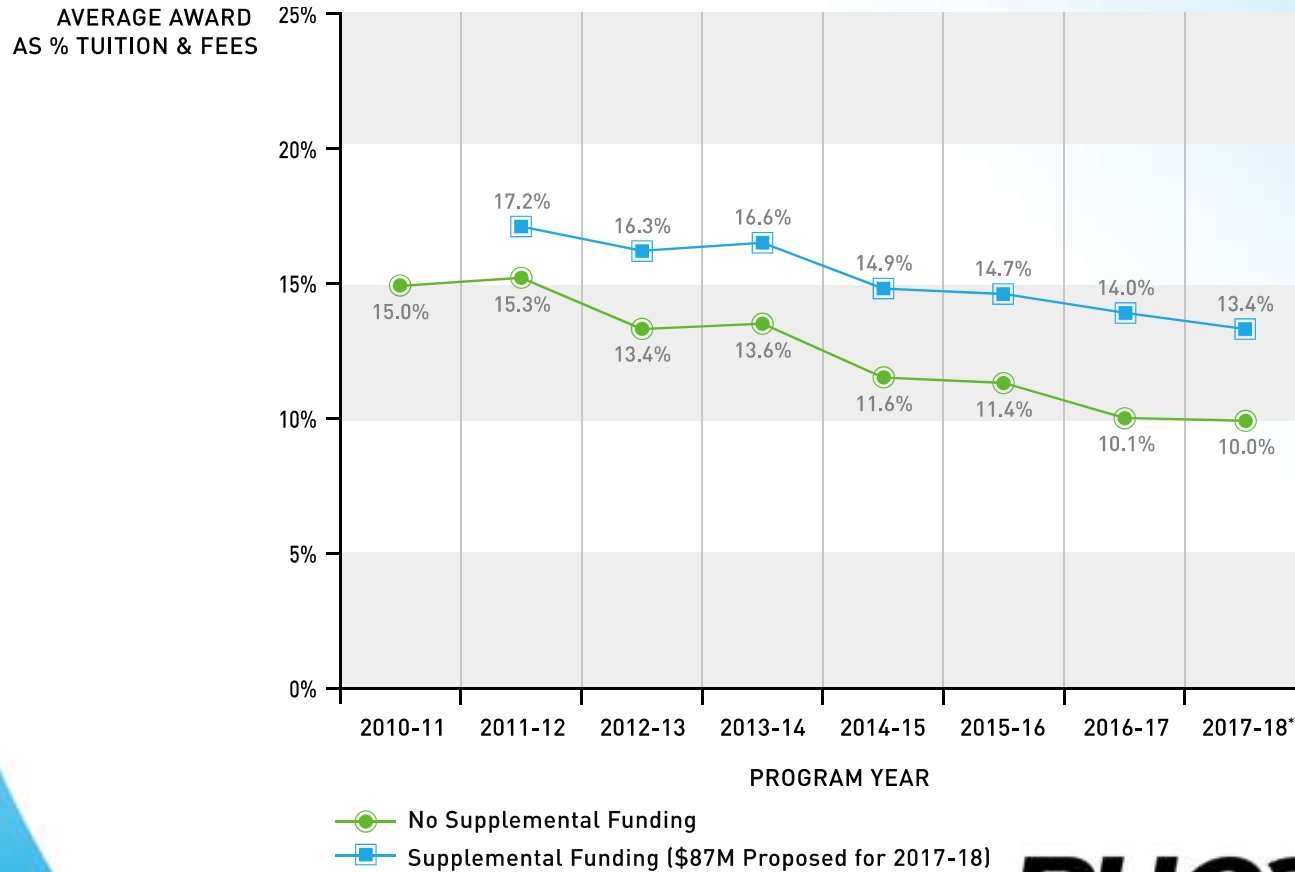
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2017-18 Appropriations

	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Board Request	2017-2018 Governor's Proposals	Percent Change from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018
PHEAA Administered				
State Grant Program	$272.891	$352.029	$272.891	0.00%
Institutional Assistance Grants (IAG)	$25.749	$27.036	$12.874*	-0.50%
Matching Funds	$12.496	$13.121	$12.496	0.00%
Higher Education of the Disadvantaged (Act 101)	$2.246	$2.358	$2.246	0.00%
Higher Education of Blind or Deaf Students	$0.047	$0.049	$0.047	0.00%
Pennsylvania Internship Program Grants	$0.350	$0.350	$0.350	0.00%
Ready to Succeed Scholarships	$5.000	$5.000	$5.000	0.00%
Co-Administered				
Bond-Hill Scholarship	$0.697	$0.697	$0.697	0.00%
Cheyney Keystone Academy	$1.813	$3.500	$1.813	0.00%
Total	$321.289	$404.140	$308.414	-0.04%

Purchasing Power

AVERAGE AWARD AS % TUITION & FEES

Program Year	No Supplemental Funding	Supplemental Funding ($87M Proposed for 2017-18)
2010-11	15.0%	
2011-12	15.3%	17.2%
2012-13	13.4%	16.3%
2013-14	13.6%	16.6%
2014-15	11.6%	14.9%
2015-16	11.4%	14.7%
2016-17	10.1%	14.0%
2017-18*	10.0%	13.4%

PROGRAM YEAR

● No Supplemental Funding
■ Supplemental Funding ($87M Proposed for 2017-18)

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Application History

| Award Year | Combined Academic Year and Summer | | FAFSA Applications |
	State Grant Applications	Awards	as of December 31
	History of Applications Received/Awards Made		
2007-08	538,112	174,643	564,896
2008-09	564,789	164,633	597,713
2009-10	631,624	183,217	672,813
2010-11	657,251	192,121	705,825
2011-12	668,067	205,739	716,557
2012-13	683,221	192,386	706,813
2013-14	669,570	178,681	692,056
2014-15	644,472	173,142	670,214
2015-16	610,562	153,684	639,662
2016-17*	583,086	140,000	606,768
2017-18*	559,763	136,000	582,497

* Estimated

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Early FAFSA

- PHEAA has
  - Provided early outreach through Access Partners
  - Moved-up distribution of publications
  - Released SGF on October 1 with FAFSA release
  - Provided 2017-18 Early Estimator in October

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Early FAFSA

- PHEAA will
  - Announce conditional awards in May
  - Announce final awards with passage of the Commonwealth budget
  - Accept Reduced Income occurring in the 2017 calendar year
  - Verification selection based on PHEAA parameters

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2017-18 Cost on the Web
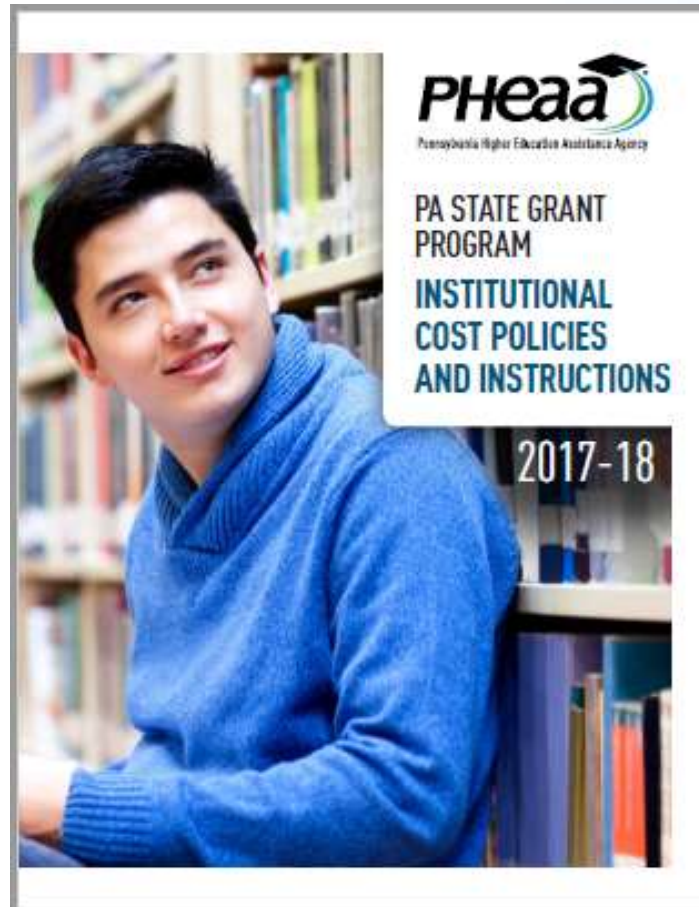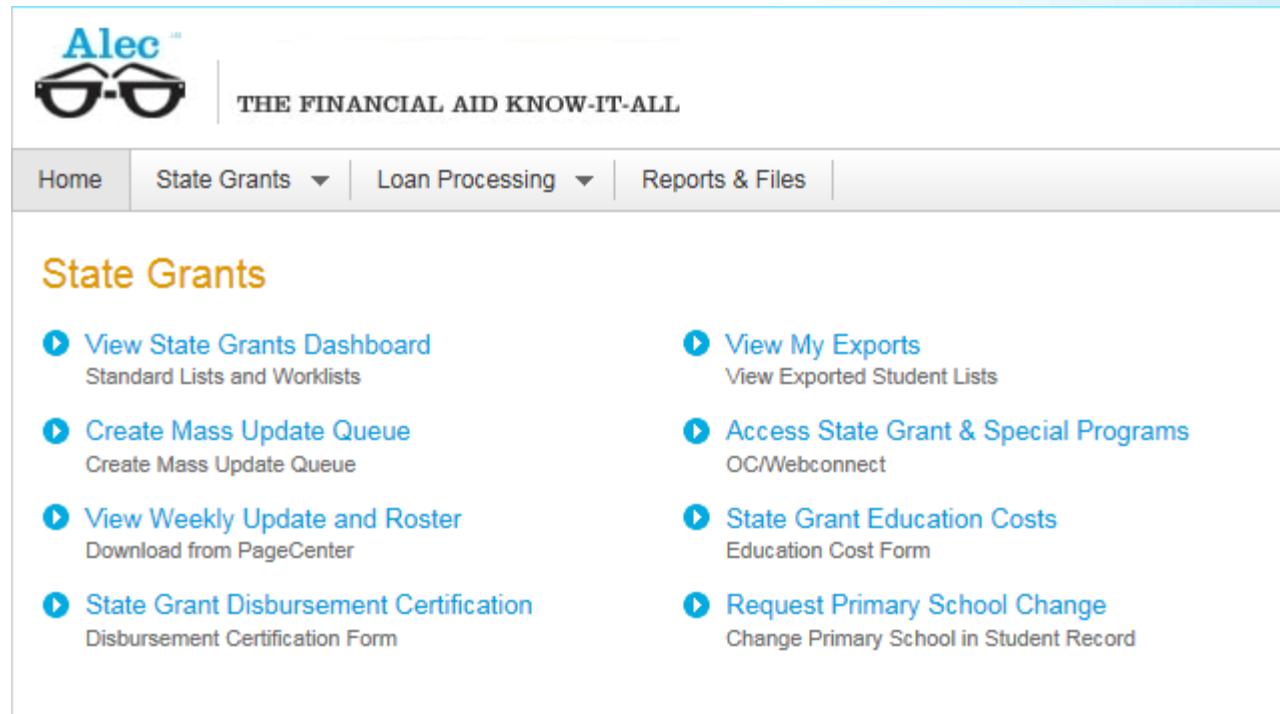
2017-18 Cost on the Web

- Cost collection applicable for 2017 Summer term and 2017-18 Academic Year

- Opened on March 10

- Due date for submission is April 11, 2017

- Provide room and board amounts for statistical purposes

- 2016-17 costs used if new data is not submitted

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2017-18 Cost on the Web

2017-18 State Grant Training

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Workshops offered this summer

Workshop Details		
Location	Date	Time
La Salle University	Thursday, June 15, 2017	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m
Community College of Allegheny County - North	Tuesday, June 20, 2017	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m
Westmoreland County Community College	Thursday, July 13, 2017	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m
Delaware County Community College	Thursday, July 20, 2017	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m
King's College	Tuesday, July 25, 2017	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m
PHEAA Headquarters	Thursday, July 27, 2017	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m

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2017-18 State Grant Training

- 2017-18 State Grant Program Handbook

  - *New* Appendix J

    - "Determining Students' Status and Providing Assistance"

      - Resources for resolving incomplete student records

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2016-17 Awards

- Please cancel any active awards for students who are not eligible as currently indicated on school roster

- April 1, 2017 is the deadline for reinstatement or reconsideration of a 2016-17 State Grant award

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2016-17 Reconciliation

- 2016-17 AY Reconciliation Rosters generate March 27

- Due date for reconciliation and refunds is June 1

- Sign and submit the Certification Page of the roster, preferably using the **online Web Certification Page** available on Alec

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2017 Summer State Grant

- Reminder of change with Summer 2017

  Minimum term = 5 weeks of at least HT enrollment for students in degree-granting programs

- Student application period is March 15 through August 15

- Awards not determined until after 2017-18 AY awards are announced

- Disbursements to schools at calculated percentage of prior three years utilization

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Domicile Requirement

Current policy through 2016-17:

Student must be a PA resident for 12 months before May 1 (or August 1), exclusive of enrollment in a PA educational institution

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Domicile Policy

Effective with the 2017-18 Award Year:

Students attending a community college or BTT school located in PA still have to meet the 12 month domicile requirement, *however* the exclusion of enrollment in school is no longer applicable

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Home School

- Home School instructions for the State Grant Form have been modified
  - to better serve home-schooled students who received a diploma via Act 196
  - graduated on or after October 31, 2014

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SAP Clarification

Counting a repeated class when it was first taken during a term in which no State Grant was received.

- First year: no grant, student earns a "D" in one class

- Sophomore year: student takes 24 credits, repeats the "D" class, has a full-time State Grant

- Junior year: Guidelines had changed for 2016-17 to say that repeated course could not be counted and thus the student would fail progress

- **Return to previous policy that permitted a repeat course to be counted in this situation**

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Document Library

- New naming convention for documents
- Reordering of documents in reverse chronological order
- Only retaining documents in the three most recent processing years

Headquartered and Domiciled

- A survey to ascertain headquartered and domiciled status required by June 30, 2017 for continued participation in the 2017-18 State Grant Program.

2017-18 Reciprocity

- Reciprocal states for 2017-18:
  - DC
  - DE
  - MA
  - OH
  - VT
  - WV

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SGDEPP: 2016-17

- 2016-17 funding had been exhausted in late fall, leading to Reject N and $-Adjusted notices for some students

- PHEAA was able to make cancellation and reject funds available, and subsequently has been able to fund Spring 2017 awards

- It is likely that funding will also be available for Summer 2017
  - **nominate your students!**

SGDEPP: 2017-18 and beyond

- 2017-18 is the last year of the five year State Grant Distance Education Pilot Program
  - The program has expanded each year
  - Legislation to integrate stalled in the fall
  - Three potential paths forward for DE

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Ready to Succeed Scholarship

- Funds over 3,000 students per year with $5 M
- Approximately $10 M more needed to fund all of the remaining 6,000+ eligible students
- Reconciliation begins early May; due July 1
- August 1 disbursement deadline

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IAG

- SG reconciliation must be completed by late April to be reflected on the IAG reconciliation roster in early May

- Estimated *per capita* for 2016-17 is $644, subject to change

- Proposed 2017-18 budget for IAG would lead to an estimated 2017-18 *per capita* of $330

2017 Summer SWSP Application

2016-17 PA-TIP

- EFC eligibility up to 12000
- Student application deadline is May 1, 2017
- School deadline to certify pending awards is July 1, 2017
- EFC and aid resources are no longer to be included in the award calculation for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who were honorably discharged

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PA Student Aid Guide
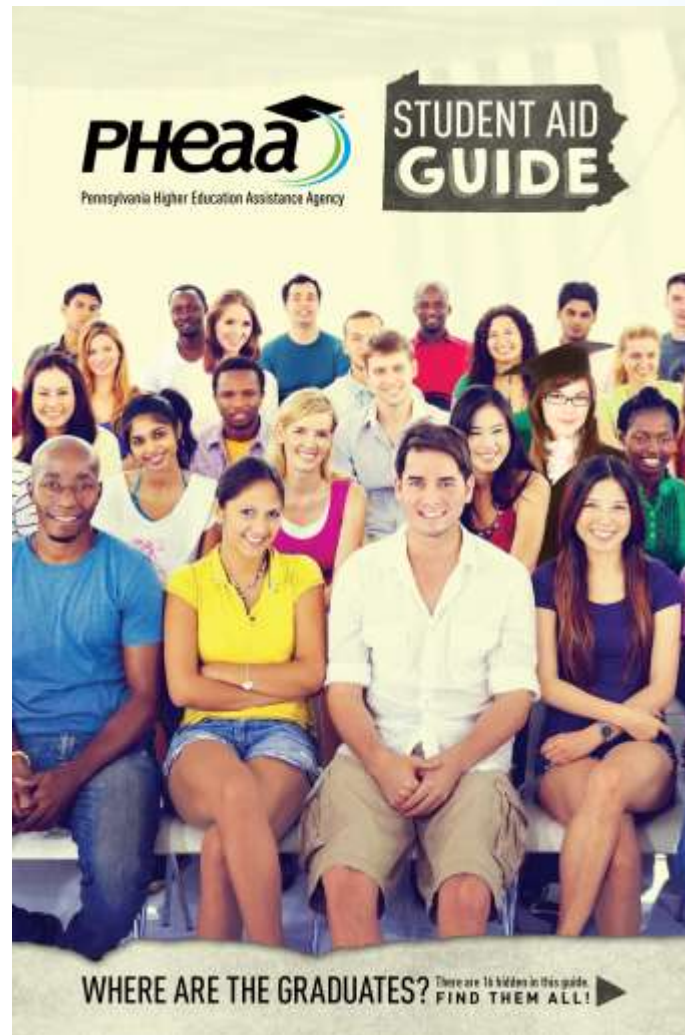
FAFSA Completion Initiative

- FAFSA Completion Initiative is a presidential initiative promoted by USDE in which PA participates

- Provides FAFSA completion data to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and other designated entities

- Data elements include:
  - Name, date of birth, zip code, FAFSA submission and processing date, completion status

High School Initiatives

- PHEAA will continue to send Certificates of Merit to the top 5,000 scorers on SAT/ACT tests.

- FAFSA Completion Initiative continues with high schools and school districts.

- Access Partners conducting FAFSA Completion and College Information presentations.

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High School Initiatives

- *Funding Your Future* brochures sent to high school seniors in December

- Follow-up postcards to non-FAFSA filers in March

High School Initiatives

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Renewal Student Reminder

Other Web Resources

Program Contacts

- Mailboxes:
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