

2019 PASFAA Spring Training

PA State Grant & Special Programs Update

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News from PHEAA

- James H. Steeley named permanent PHEAA President & Chief Executive Officer
 - Joined PHEAA in 2015 as CFO
 - Became COO in February 2018
 - Interim President and CEO since July 2018

FSA NextGen Solicitation Update

- New Solicitations:
 - NextGen Enhanced Processing Solution
 - NextGen Optimal Processing Solution
 - Business Process Operations Solution

2018-19 Awards

- Level funding for PA State Grant Program
- Two years of PHEAA Supplement (\$101 million)
- Maintain max award of \$4,123
- Final award memo provided two award maximums:

2018-19 Maximum Awards

Cost Tier	Final Maximum Award	Final DE Award
\$0 - \$12,000	\$2,193	\$1,096
\$12,001 - \$19,000	\$3,509	\$1,754
\$19,001 - \$29,000	\$3,772	\$1,886
\$29,001 - \$32,000	\$4,123	\$2,061

2018-19 Awards

- Please cancel any active awards for students who are not eligible as currently indicated on school roster
- April 1, 2019 is the deadline for reinstatement or reconsideration of a 2018-19 PA State Grant award
- **Update Enrollment Mode for all recipients**

SGDEPP Recap

SGDEPP SCHOOL PARTICIPATION BY PHEAA SECTOR 2013-14 THROUGH 2017-18*

	Sector	Participating Schools	Recipients	Award Value	% of Total Recipients	% of Total Award Value
Four-Year	Private	40	7,444	\$19,371,786	30.99%	39.57%
	PASSHE	10	3,626	\$7,574,952	15.09%	15.47%
	State-Related	25	4,845	\$13,825,160	20.17%	28.24%
Two-Year	Private	5	406	\$1,036,963	1.69%	2.12%
	Community College	11	7,659	\$7,021,938	31.89%	14.34%
	BTT	3	40	\$129,813	0.17%	0.26%
	All Sectors	94	24,020	\$48,960,612	100.00%	100.00%

* Throughout the report, school counts include branch campuses.

Act 5 of 2018 – DE Integration

- Headquartered and Domiciled Status:
 - HQD schools: full DE integration
 - Non-HQD schools: eligibility unchanged
- Authorizes the PHEAA Board of Directors to implement necessary controls to limit the impact of online education and protect PA State Grant purchasing power

Distance Education Integration

- Incorporated DE into the PA State Grant Program, beginning Fall 2018
- Enrollment Mode reporting for all students
- PHEAA Board exercised the ability to limit spending on expanded distance education eligibility for the 2018-19 Award Year
- DE enrollments have been lower than anticipated based on SGDEPP participation and IPEDS data

Enrollment Mode

1. 100% classroom instruction
2. Up to 50% distance education
3. Greater than 50% but less than 100% distance education
4. 100% distance education

School Information		
	Fall	Spring
Branch Campus:	PHEAA University	PHEAA University
Program of Study:	C - Bachelor's Degree (v)	C - Bachelor's Degree (v)
Housing Status:	1 - Dormitory (v)	1 - Dormitory (v)
Enrollment Status:	1 - Full Time Student (v)	1 - Full Time Student (v)
Enrollment Mode:	<div><div>Select...</div><div>1 - 100% classroom instruction</div><div>2 - Up to 50% distance education</div><div>3 - Greater than 50% but less than 100% distance education</div><div>4 - 100% distance education</div></div>	

- Replaced Attempted Credits Reporting and reporting of DE Program of Study
- Must match enrollment status tied to award
- Defaults to 100% classroom

DE Enhancements to Partner Interface

Grant Information				
	Fall	Winter	Spring	Academic Year Total
School Name (OE Code):	99999999-01 PHEAA University	99999999-01 PHEAA University	99999999-01 PHEAA University	
Program of Study:	Distance Education	Distance Education	Distance Education	
Award Date:	01/04/2019	01/04/2019	01/04/2019	
Housing Status:	Dormitory	Dormitory	Dormitory	
Enrollment Status:	Full Time Student	Full Time Student	Full Time Student	
Enrollment Mode:	Distance education program of study	Distance education program of study	Distance education program of study	
Award/Reject:	Non-Approved Course of Study	Non-Approved Course of Study	Non-Approved Course of Study	

Upcoming DE Enhancements

- Displaying Enrollment Mode on Disbursement Roster and on Disbursement Transmissions
- Displaying Alternative Awards (for all enrollment modes) on Partner Interface
- Displaying Alternative Awards (for all enrollment modes) on mainframe

2018-19 Reconciliation

- 2018-19 AY Reconciliation Rosters generate the week of March 25
- 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

2019 Summer State Grant

What isn't changing?

- Student application period is mid-March through August 15
- Awards not determined until after 2019-20 AY awards are announced
- Disbursements to schools at calculated percentage of prior three years utilization
- Minimum term = 5 weeks of at least HT enrollment for students in degree-granting programs
- Required Enrollment Mode Indicator for all students


2019 Summer State Grant

What is changing?

- Students at HQD schools are now eligible for summer awards when enrolled more than 50% in DE credits

2019 Summer SWSP Application

2019 SUMMER PENNSYLVANIA STATE WORK•STUDY APPLICATION



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the SWSP?


The State Work-Study Program is a PHEAA-sponsored program made possible through General Assembly funding and with the cooperation of Pennsylvania postsecondary institutions and employers. The purpose of the SWSP is to provide students with an opportunity to gain career-related work experience and, at the same time, earn funds to assist them in meeting today's costs for postsecondary education.

How Much Can I Earn?

Both you and your employer will be notified of your SWSP award amount, which can be up to \$5,000 during the summer term. This award amount is the maximum amount of earnings an employer may submit to PHEAA for reimbursement. However, your employer may choose to pay you more than the fixed award amount.

PHEAA will reimburse your employer a percentage of every dollar earned up to your SWSP award amount. Your employer is required to pay you 100 percent of any earnings.

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How to Apply

- 1 DETERMINE IF YOU ARE AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT**

To be considered eligible, you must:

 - Be a Pennsylvania resident.
 - Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credits) during the preceding or upcoming academic year in a PHEAA-approved higher education institution, in a program of study at least 2 years in length.
 - Be a PA State Grant recipient if an undergraduate student. Graduate students may participate if they have unmet financial need verified by their financial aid office.
 - Not be in default or pending default on an education loan or owe a PA State Grant refund.
- 2 FIND AN ELIGIBLE JOB**

To find an eligible SWSP employer, you can:

 - Search for an approved SWSP employer online at PHEAA.org/SWSP-JobSearch.
 - Locate your own employer. Tips for locating an employer, as well as an employer overview memorandum to introduce a new employer to the program, are available at PHEAA.org/Employers.
- 3 APPLY**

To apply you must:

 - Complete Section 1 of the SWSP Application/Placement Form* and submit it to your potential employer to complete Section 2.
 - Verify that your employer submitted the completed SWSP Application/Placement Form to PHEAA on or before the filing deadline. PHEAA will notify you and your employer of your SWSP eligibility.

STUDENT APPLICATION FILING DEADLINES	
Work Term	Deadline
2019 Summer Term (May 6, 2019 - August 10, 2019)	June 30, 2019

*Note: SWSP Application/Placement Form is included in this document and is also available at PHEAA.org.

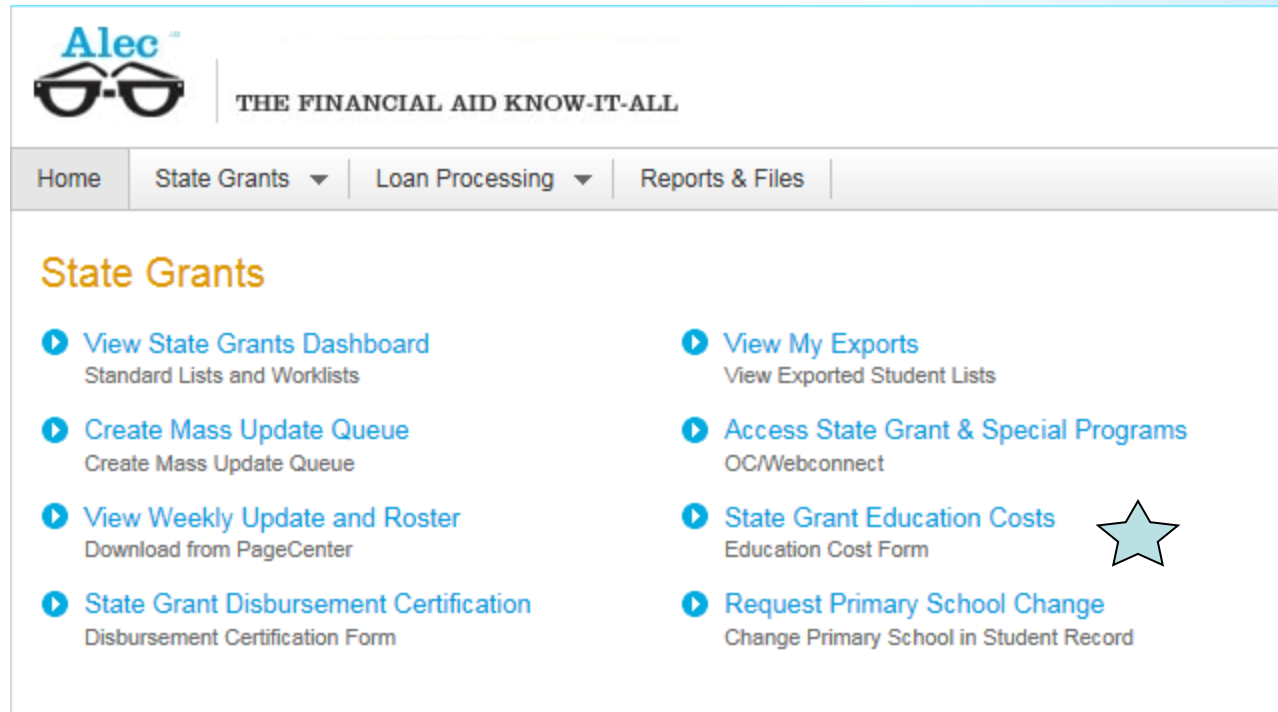
2019-20 Cost on the Web



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- Cost collection applicable for 2019 Summer term and 2019-20 Academic Year
- Opened on March 11
- Due date for submission is April 15, 2019
- Provide room and board amounts for statistical purposes
- Requiring updated costs from *all* schools

2019-20 Cost on the Web



The screenshot displays the Alec website, which is described as "THE FINANCIAL AID KNOW-IT-ALL". The website features a navigation bar with links to Home, State Grants, Loan Processing, and Reports & Files. The State Grants section is highlighted, showing a list of links for various financial aid tasks. A star icon is placed next to the "State Grant Education Costs" link.

Alec
THE FINANCIAL AID KNOW-IT-ALL

Home | State Grants ▼ | Loan Processing ▼ | Reports & Files

State Grants

- ▶ View State Grants Dashboard
Standard Lists and Worklists
- ▶ Create Mass Update Queue
Create Mass Update Queue
- ▶ View Weekly Update and Roster
Download from PageCenter
- ▶ State Grant Disbursement Certification
Disbursement Certification Form
- ▶ View My Exports
View Exported Student Lists
- ▶ Access State Grant & Special Programs
OC/Webconnect
- ▶ State Grant Education Costs
Education Cost Form
- ▶ Request Primary School Change
Change Primary School in Student Record

2019-20 Budget Appropriation

	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Board Request	2019-2020 Governor's Proposal	Percent Change from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020
PHEAA-Administered				
PA State Grant	\$273.391*	\$368.233**	\$310.233	13.5%
Institutional Assistance Grants (IAG)	\$26.521	\$27.847	\$26.521	0.0%
Matching Funds	\$12.496	\$13.121	\$13.121	5.0%
Higher Education of the Disadvantaged (Act 101)	\$2.246	\$2.358	\$2.358	5.0%
Higher Education for Blind or Deaf Students	\$0.047	\$0.049	\$0.049	4.3%
Pennsylvania Internship Program Grants	\$0.450	\$0.450	\$0.450	0.0%
Ready to Succeed Scholarships	\$5.000	\$5.250	\$5.000	0.0%
PA Targeted Industry Program	\$0.000	\$6.300	\$6.300	N/A
Primary Health Care Practitioner Loan Repayment Program	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$4.550	N/A
Co-Administered				
Bond-Hill Scholarship	\$0.697	\$1.800	\$0.800	14.8%
Cheyney University Keystone Academy	\$1.813	\$2.500	\$3.500	93.1%
Total	\$322.661	\$427.908	\$372.882	15.6%

2019-20 FAFSA Application

- Tracking 2019-20 applicants on a weekly basis to assist with award projections
- Both FAFSA and PA State Grant Applications are down in Pennsylvania compared to 2018-19
- Pop-up blockers keeping students from accessing the PA State Grant Form via the API link from the FAFSA
- GAPS reports available in PageCenter to view incomplete PA State Grant applications
- Electronic Signature working well for the SGF

E-Sign

If the signature is considered incomplete, the student has two options:

- Student and/or parent signs the FAFSA
 - Updates will be reviewed within 3-5 days by PHEAA upon receipt of the FAFSA update
- Student provides our Signature Request Form
 - Form is mailed to PHEAA and manually processed

E-Sign

HOW DO I APPLY FOR PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANT AID IF I WAS UNABLE TO CONNECT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANT FORM FROM THE DIRECT LINK ON THE *FAFSA ON THE WEB*?

You may have to wait up to 7 business days for the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to receive and process your completed FAFSA information. After PHEAA processes the FAFSA information and creates your PA State Grant record, you can complete the process in three simple steps:

1. Sign in or create a student account at www.pheaa.org/sgf
Note: This will direct you to the American Education Services (AES) website where PHEAA houses your student portal account (Account Access).
2. Provide basic information about your school and status.
3. Read and agree to the PA State Grant Rights and Responsibilities.

Once you complete the form, you can check your application status in the student portal. Please note that if your record is considered to be in a "complete" status, you won't be notified of your eligibility until approximately May 2019. If your record is incomplete, don't worry, PHEAA will reach out to you for any additional information necessary to consider your eligibility for a PA State Grant award.

2019-20 Early Estimator

- Version 2 released in February
 - Max award \$3,233
- All schools must use for PA State Grant estimates
 - Provide uniform awards across sectors and schools
 - Awards must be +/- \$100 of Early Estimator

2019-20 PA State Grant Training



The poster features a yellow top half with a white gear icon and the text "2019 SUMMER TRAINING EVENTS" in blue. The bottom half is blue with a yellow gear icon and the text "SAVE THE DATE!" in white and yellow. A white callout box contains the text "PA State Grant & PA Forward training coming to a location near you!". A list of dates and locations is provided on the right side. At the bottom, it states "Registration will become available on PHEAA.org/training in the coming weeks!" and includes the PHEAA logo and the text "Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency".

**2019
SUMMER
TRAINING EVENTS**

PA State Grant & PA Forward training coming to a location near you!

SAVE THE DATE!

- June 13 – PHEAA Headquarters
- June 18 – La Salle University
- June 20 – Community College of Allegheny County – North Campus
- July 9 – Westmoreland County Community College
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2019-20 PA State Grant Training

- 2019-20 PA State Grant Program Handbook
 - Focus on DE integration
 - Optional PA Forward Lunch session

Act 121 (HB2124)

- HB2124 signed into law on October 24, 2018
- PHEAA will offer a low-cost solution to satisfy the provisions of the bill
- PHEAA is collaborating with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)
- PHEAA plans to have a prototype to show schools in April/May time frame
- Schools have until July 1, 2020 to send their first notices to students
- Questions - Contact Will Lindsey at 717.720.1529 or via email at wlindsey@pheaa.org

IAG

- SG reconciliation must be completed by late April to be reflected on the IAG reconciliation roster in early May
- Estimated *per capita* for 2018-19 is \$640, subject to change
- Proposed 2019-20 budget for IAG would lead to an estimated *per capita* of \$660

2018-19 PA-TIP

- EFC eligibility up to 12000
- Student application deadline is May 1, 2019
- School deadline to certify pending awards is July 1, 2019
- Funds are still available

Ready to Succeed Scholarship

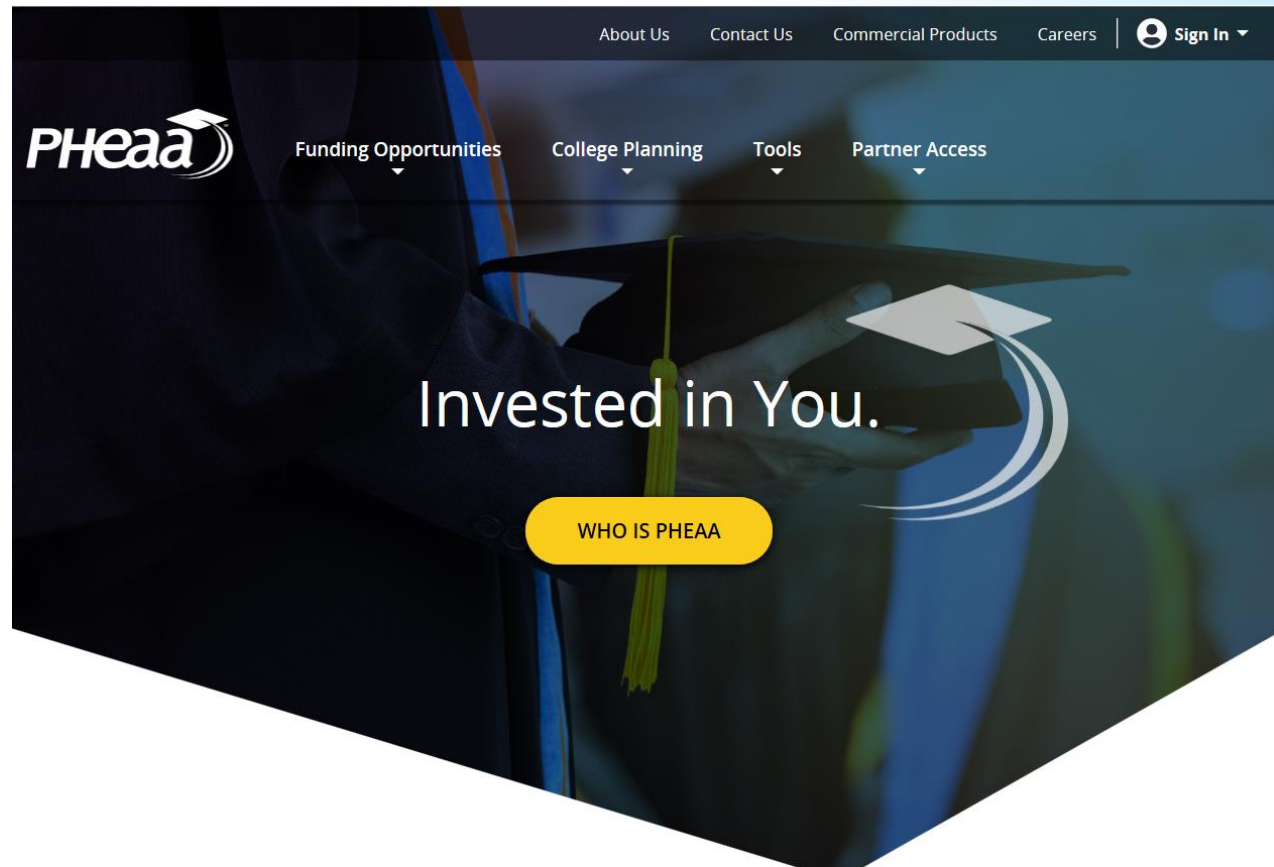
Effective with the Fall 2018 term:

- The minimum GPA requirement for RTSS eligibility increased from 3.25 to 3.50
- Schools are no longer required to report student GPA data below the minimum eligible GPA for the program

Ready to Succeed Scholarship

- Funds over 3,000 students per year with \$5 M
- Reconciliation begins early May; due July 1
- August 1 disbursement deadline

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Outreach

- 13 Access Partners ready to assist with financial aid nights, FAFSA Completion events, and other outreach activities
- Contact Will Lindsey at wlindsey@pheaa.org



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