



PA Student Loan Relief for Nurses Program

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Background

On September 28, 2021, Senator Maria Collett, joined by PHEAA Vice Chair Senator Wayne Fontana, Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam, and Senator Vincent Hughes, announced the COVID-19 Nursing Workforce Initiative (NWI) aimed to provide greater support to Pennsylvania nurses amidst the immense challenges of the pandemic.

Student Loan Relief for Nurses – \$5,000,000

Apprenticeships and Industry Partnerships – \$1,000,000

Residency and Mentorship Programs – \$500,000

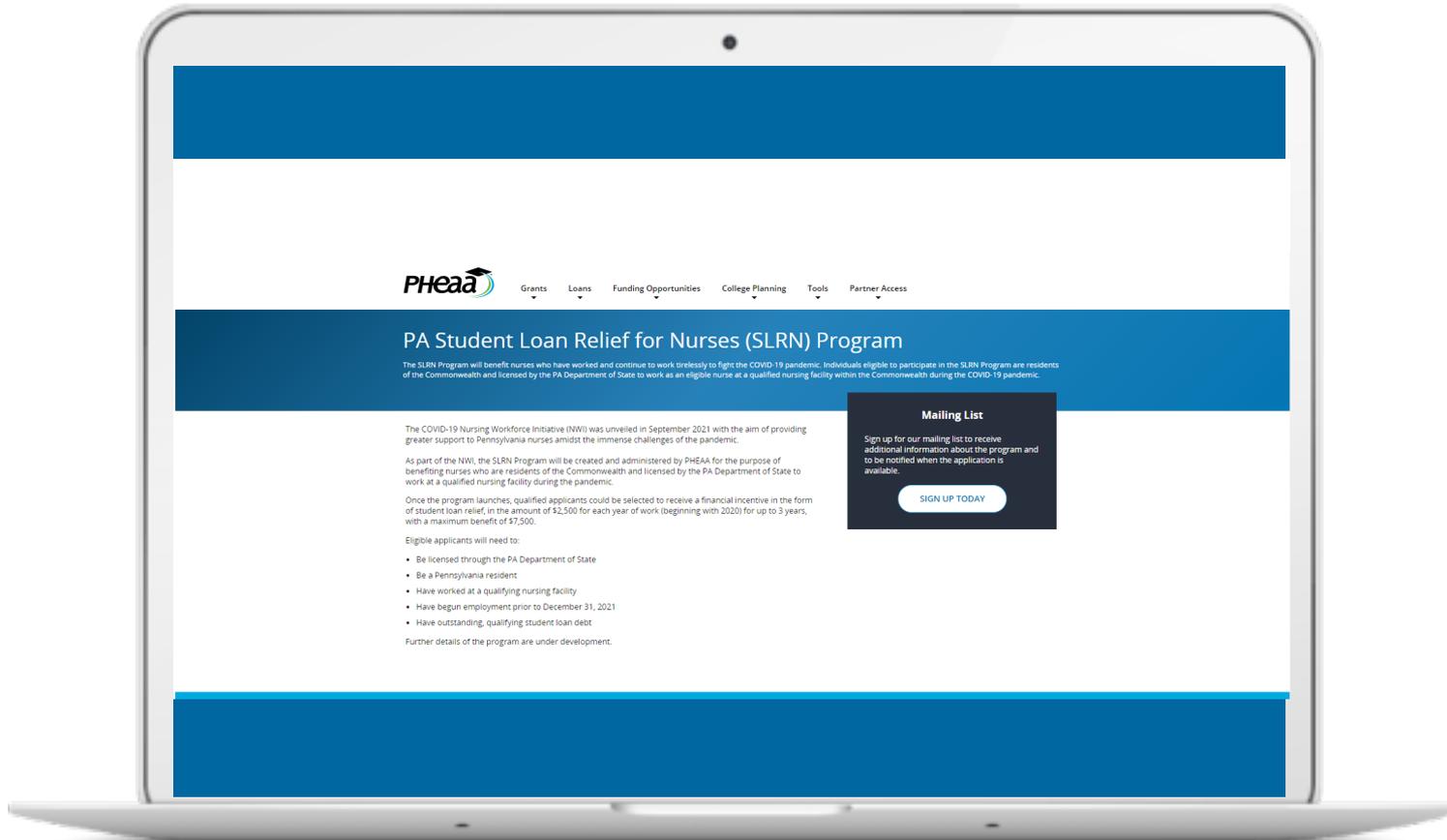
As part of the NWI, the *PA Student Loan Relief for Nurses (SLRN) Program* is expected to be created and administered by PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency), once the Board of Directors passes the resolution to provide PHEAA authority to administer the program. Once the program launches, qualified applicants could be selected to receive a financial incentive in the form of student loan relief, in the amount of \$2,500 for each year of work (beginning with 2020) for up to three (3) years, with a maximum benefit of \$7,500.

Basics

Eligibility

- Resident of PA
- Licensed by the Commonwealth
- Full-time employment, by 12/31/2021 at qualified facility, to include:
 - assisted living residence
 - home care agency
 - home health care agency,
 - hospital,
 - living independence for the elderly program,
 - long-term care facility
 - personal care home
 - in-person nursing at a pre-K through 12 school building
- Have student loan debt at time of application and awarding

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The SLRN Program will benefit nurses who have worked and continue to work tirelessly to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals eligible to participate in the SLRN Program are residents of the Commonwealth and licensed by the PA Department of State to work as an eligible nurse at a qualified nursing facility within the Commonwealth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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As part of the NWI, the SLRN Program will be created and administered by PHEAA for the purpose of benefiting nurses who are residents of the Commonwealth and licensed by the PA Department of State to work at a qualified nursing facility during the pandemic.

Once the program launches, qualified applicants could be selected to receive a financial incentive in the form of student loan relief, in the amount of \$2,500 for each year of work (beginning with 2020) for up to 3 years, with a maximum benefit of \$7,500.

Eligible applicants will need to:

- Be licensed through the PA Department of State
- Be a Pennsylvania resident
- Have worked at a qualifying nursing facility
- Have begun employment prior to December 31, 2021
- Have outstanding, qualifying student loan debt

Further details of the program are under development.

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