

New Scholarships Coming Soon!

Act 89 of 2024 established two new scholarship programs to provide more opportunities for students to pursue affordable post-secondary education and career preparation programs.

Stay tuned for more information from <u>Pennsylvania's Higher</u> <u>Education Assistance Agency</u> (PHEAA) on these exciting new scholarships coming soon.



Focusing on the Futur

ATTENTION: Pennsylvania Students

Grow Pennsylvania Scholarship Grant Program

The Grow Pennsylvania Scholarship Grant Program, administered by PHEAA, provides a \$5,000 scholarship grant to Pennsylvania students who pursue an approved course of study, satisfy degree requirements of their program, and stay to work in Pennsylvania in an in-demand occupation after graduation.

For each year a student in an approved course of study receives an award, the student must work for 12 months in Pennsylvania in an in-demand occupation. If a student accepts a grant but fails to meet the terms of the agreement, the student is required to reimburse PHEAA.

ATTENTION: Out-of-State Students

Grow Pennsylvania Merit Scholarship Program

The Grow Pennsylvania Merit Scholarship Program, administered by PHEAA in conjunction with Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, allows eligible non-resident PASSHE students pursuing in-demand occupations to pay tuition at in-state rates rather than out-of-state rates.

A Grow PA Merit Scholarship Program recipient is required to live and work in Pennsylvania for 12 months of each academic year for which the student received a merit scholarship unless PHEAA determines that there are extenuating circumstances, or the scholarship (the differential between tuition for a resident and nonresident student) will convert to a loan.

QUESTIONS?

What is an approved course of study? A program offered by an institution that provides instruction in agriculture, computer science, business, education, special education, STEM education, engineering, nursing, allied health, criminal justice or other programs aligned to in-demand occupations approved by PHEAA.

What is an in-demand occupation? A job that is in demand by employers in Pennsylvania that requires a high level of skill and is likely to provide family-sustaining wages.