I am a student - how do I apply?

Students can apply for the Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP) by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and a PA-TIP application available at **PHEAA.org/PA-TIP**.

What are the eligibility requirements?

For students:

- Be a domiciliary (resident) of Pennsylvania, and be either a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Received a high school diploma, GED, or recognized homeschool certificate
- File a 2020-21 FAFSA
- Complete and return the 2020-21 PA-TIP Student Application (available at **PHEAA.org/PA-TIP**) by **May 1, 2021**
- Must not be in default or have a claim of default pending on a federal Title IV educational loan, or owe a PA State Grant refund
- Not be receiving a PA State Grant for the program of study and have not reached the maximum PA-TIP award counter
- Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 12,000 or less (The EFC requirement does not apply to veterans.)
- Must be attending an eligible school, and be enrolled in a qualifying program as defined in school qualifications
- Be enrolled on a full-time basis (Students may be eligible for a partial PA-TIP award if they are enrolled at least half time at a public or private, non-profit institution. Full-time enrollment is defined as at least 12 credits per term or at least 24 clock hours of continuous enrollment per week. At least half-time enrollment is defined as a minimum of 6 credit hours per term or a minimum of 12 clock hours of continuous enrollment per week)
- Must supply a copy of the DD214 Form with their application if a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, and honorably discharged

For schools:

- School and program of study must be federal Title IV eligible and located in Pennsylvania
- School must complete and return to PHEAA the 2020-21 PA-TIP School Application or Renewal Application, and receive approval from PHEAA by October 31, 2020
- Submit a copy of a current Eligibility & Certification Approval Report (ECAR) with the PA-TIP School Application or Renewal Application

  Note: Program information detailing Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) code, clock hours, weeks, and term must exactly match that listed in the institutions's ECAR in order to be eligible.

- Program of study must correspond to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) identified CIP codes, available at **PHEAA.org/PA-TIP**
- Program of study must be at least 10 weeks but less than 2 academic years in length and cannot be eligible for a PA State Grant
- Program of study must not be completed through 100 percent distance education (online), less than 1,800 clock hours, and cannot be an associate degree granting program
- Complete and return a Remote Access Agreement (RAA), if one is not on file, for use of the Business Partner Access Management System (BPAMS)
- Complete and return the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Authorization Agreement to receive funds via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Where can I find programs of study that are eligible?

A complete list of eligible programs of study (CIP codes) are available at **PHEAA.org/PA-TIP**.

Can non-credit courses be approved for PA-TIP?

Non-credit courses are not eligible for PA-TIP, as they are not approved for federal Title IV aid.

How are awards determined?

Awards are based on the student's need. PHEAA will consider a student's educational costs including tuition, fees, books, supplies, required equipment, and an educational expense allowance of $4,000. PHEAA will then deduct the Federal Pell Grant award and any gift aid or employer reimbursement from the educational cost. The student can receive an award up to the maximum PA-TIP grant or 75 percent of the unmet educational cost, whichever is less.

What is the application process/timeline?

PHEAA will accept student applications beginning July, 2020. PHEAA will continue to accept applications until all funding for the program has been expended, but no later than **May 1, 2021**.

I am a school – what if I have a program of study that I think should qualify, but PHEAA does not list the program as being eligible?

Complete a CIP Code Appeal Form and submit it to PHEAA for review. The form is available on the school page at **PHEAA.org/PA-TIP**.

For schools that have multiple branch campuses, does each branch need to submit a separate PA-TIP School Application?

If the campus has a distinct OE Code, a separate PA-TIP School Application will need to be submitted for each branch campus.

How and when are funds disbursed?

Funds for eligible students will be disbursed to the student's school account through EFT on a rolling basis, depending on when the student's program of study begins, approximately 14 days after the disbursement roster is generated.

What happens if a student drops to less than full-time before completing the term?

Once the student has completed 60 percent of the term, they will not be asked to refund any PA-TIP grant. However, if the student withdraws or drops to less than full-time status prior to completing 60 percent of the term, then a proportional refund of the PA-TIP grant would be due. For example, if they complete 30 percent of the term, they will be asked to repay 70 percent of the PA-TIP grant.

How is the program funded?

PA-TIP is a PHEAA-administered program made possible by $6.3 million in funding from the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

A CIP code is no longer approved; is the student still eligible for funding?

PHEAA will be grandfathering students who are currently enrolled in eligible programs of study that were removed in 2020-21. Students who are enrolled in these programs of study, and were eligible to receive PA-TIP funds in 2019-20, will remain eligible in future academic years until program completion, as long as they remain enrolled.

Is there enough funding for all eligible students?

The program will provide funding to students who apply and are qualified on a first-come, first-served basis. When a recipient is placed on funding hold, they are prioritized by the date their application was received. If funding becomes available via cancelled awards or refunds, it will be released to recipients based on that priority. Funding is evaluated every 2 weeks.

Is there a guarantee that I'll receive funding throughout my education?

PA-TIP funds have been approved for the 2020-21 Award Year. Programs of study that extend beyond that time frame are not assured of funding at this time.

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