

PENNSTATE



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TRANSFER STUDENTS



Student Demographics (fall 2014)

The student body represents **50** states and **131** countries.

Residency

Pennsylvania residents **66%**

Gender

Men **54%**

Women **46%**

Women

46% of baccalaureate students

46% of graduate degree students

49% of medical/law students

International student population

Undergraduate and Graduate **8,625**

Students of color

19% of total enrollment

Enrollment (fall 2014)

95,973 students University-wide

(includes World Campus, Penn State Law, Great Valley School of Graduate and Professional Studies, Penn State College of Medicine at The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and Pennsylvania College of Technology)

We are ... Penn State!

You might have heard that before.

It's something Penn Staters have been known to shout out whenever and wherever the University's name is seen or heard.

On these pages, you'll find out how you can be Penn State, too.

What you've already learned and accomplished as a student can put you on the path toward a Penn State degree. At Penn State, you will learn from and work with our faculty, who are recognized nationally and internationally for achievements in teaching and research. You will have access to labs and research centers that can help you achieve your academic goals.

Top-tier academic programs, opportunities for research and engaged scholarship, an alumni network more than half a million strong, and a wide range of student organizations and activities combine for an experience that is distinctly Penn State.

We are ...and you can be, too. Be Penn State.

AM I A TRANSFER STUDENT?

If you meet the following criteria, you'll be eligible to apply as a transfer student at Penn State:

- Earned a high school diploma or GED.
- Attempted 18 or more semester credits of college course work at a regionally accredited college or university after high school graduation and before enrolling at Penn State. (College credits taken during high school are transferrable but do not count in the 18 college credits needed to be considered a transfer student.)



Alumni

There are more than **645,000** living Penn State alumni.

Penn State alumni live in every county in Pennsylvania, every state in the United States, and in more than **170** countries around the world.

The Alumni Association is the largest of its kind, with nearly **175,000** dues-paying members.



Faculty Engagement

The University's \$30 million Invent Penn State initiative invests in faculty- and student-led entrepreneurial ventures across all campuses.

The annual Undergraduate Exhibition showcases student research with cash prizes presented to the top entries in the fields of arts and humanities, engineering, health and life sciences, physical sciences, and social and behavioral sciences, as well as a course-based project category.



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AVERAGE
STUDENT/FACULTY
RATIO

RANKED #1
STUDENT-RUN
PHILANTHROPY

645,000+
ALUMNI
NETWORK

WHERE IS PENN STATE?

There is no short answer because Penn State is a multi-campus university with 20 undergraduate campus locations. Wherever you want to be in Pennsylvania, Penn State is probably nearby.

CAMPUS OFFERINGS

- a variety of rural and suburban settings
- several campuses within a short drive of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and other urban areas
- a large campus setting (University Park campus enrollment is 46,606) and smaller campus settings (enrollments range from about 600 to more than 4,000)
- four-year baccalaureate degrees (programs vary by campus)

Applying to Penn State

Penn State's admission application is available online at **admissions.psu.edu**.

Your application to Penn State allows you to be evaluated for any of our campuses and programs that are available to transfer students. Most of Penn State's 160+ majors are open to transfer students but there are some exceptions.

***Note:** Some programs have application deadlines, limited enrollment, or other requirements. Review those criteria at **admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/eligibility**.

Entrance difficulty is based partly on demand. The University Park campus is the most competitive location for admission to all programs.

Transfer applicants are evaluated primarily on the strength of their college or university transcript(s). Your application will need to include the following:

- official transcripts sent from all colleges or universities where you have attempted or completed courses, including a current course schedule if you are taking classes at the time you apply;
- proof of high school graduation—either an official high school or GED transcript sent from your school or the state agency conferring the degree.

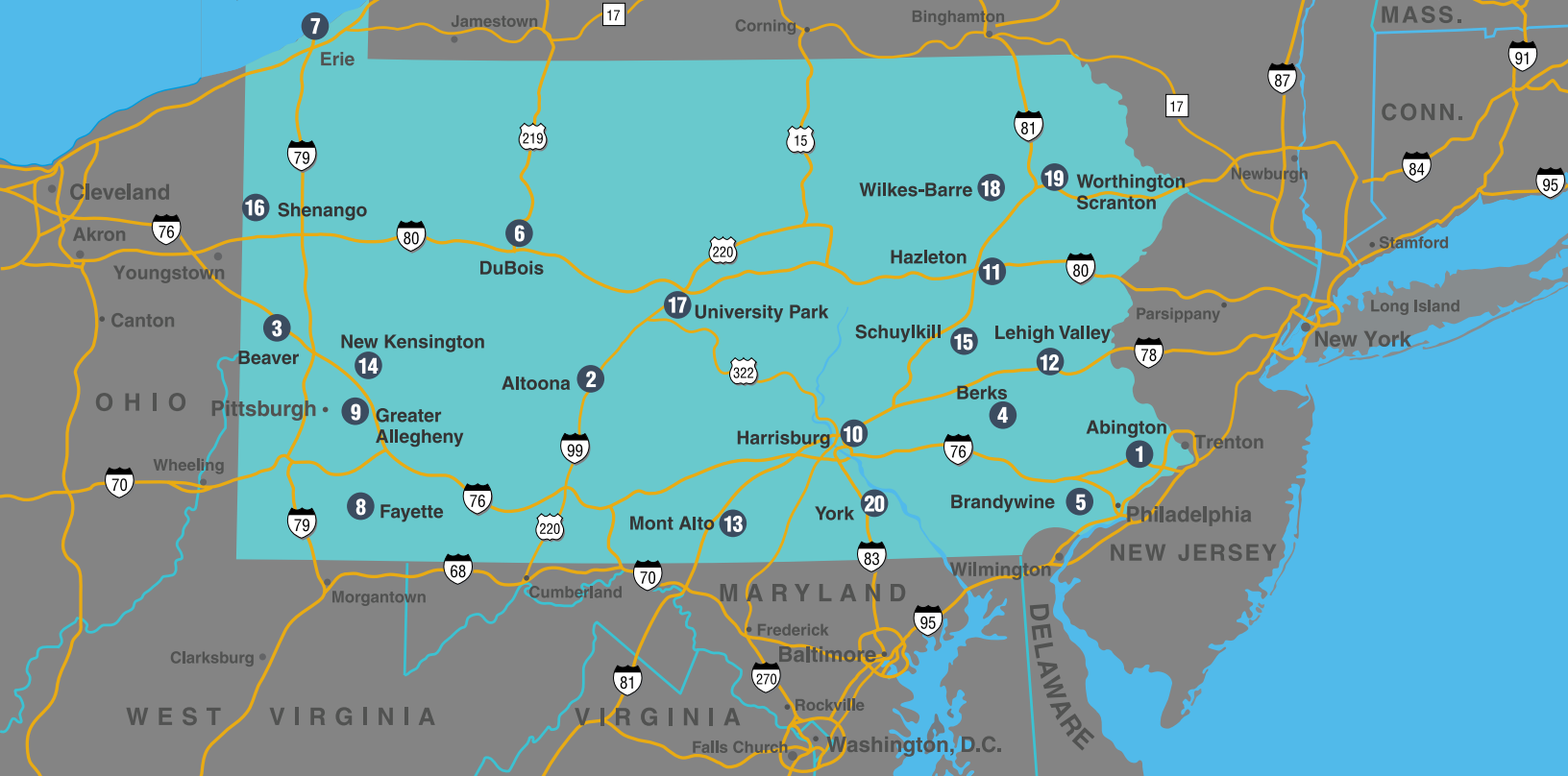
The personal statement and activities statement found on the application are optional. They are, however, sometimes considered for students whose applications require additional review.

WHEN TO APPLY

You'll be able to access the transfer application for each semester of entry on our website beginning on the following dates:

- For fall semester admission: September 1 for the subsequent fall
- For spring semester admission: June 1 for the following spring
- For summer session admission: September 1 for the upcoming summer





1 Abington
215-881-7600
abington.psu.edu
3,952 students
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2 Altoona
814-949-5466,
800-848-9843
altoona.psu.edu
3,903 students
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3 Beaver
877-JOIN-PSU
(877-564-6778)
beaver.psu.edu
720 students
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4 Berks
610-396-6060
berks.psu.edu
2,839 students
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5 Brandywine
610-892-1200
brandywine.psu.edu
1,488 students
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6 DuBois
814-375-4720,
800-346-ROAR (7627)
dubois.psu.edu
615 students
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7 Erie, The Behrend College
814-898-6100,
866-374-3378
behrend.psu.edu
4,138 students
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8 Fayette, The Eberly Campus
724-430-4130
fayette.psu.edu
717 students
🏠

9 Greater Allegheny
412-675-9010
greaterallegheny.psu.edu
604 students
🏠🏠

10 Harrisburg
717-948-6250,
800-222-2056
hbg.psu.edu
4,519 students
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11 Hazleton
570-450-3142,
800-279-8495
hazleton.psu.edu
850 students
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12 Lehigh Valley
610-285-5035
lv.psu.edu
913 students
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13 Mont Alto
717-749-6130,
800-392-6173
montalto.psu.edu
940 students
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14 New Kensington
724-334-LION (5466),
888-968-PAWS (7297)
nk.psu.edu
665 students
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15 Schuylkill
570-385-6252
schuylkill.psu.edu
796 students
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16 Shenango
724-983-2803
shenango.psu.edu
539 students
🏠

17 University Park
814-865-5471
admissions.psu.edu
46,606 students
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18 Wilkes-Barre
570-675-9238
wilkesbarre.psu.edu
545 students
🏠

19 Worthington
Scranton
570-963-2500
**worthington
scranton.psu.edu**
1,126 students
🏠

20 York
717-771-4040,
800-778-6227
york.psu.edu
1,172 students
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SPECIAL MISSION CAMPUSES

The Dickinson Schools
of Law

Dickinson Law
(Carlisle, PA)
717-240-5000

Penn State Law
(University Park, PA)
814-865-8900,
800-840-1122

law.psu.edu

Great Valley School of
Professional Studies
610-648-3200

College of Medicine
The Milton S. Hershey
Medical Center
800-243-1455

Pennsylvania
College of
Technology
570-327-4761,
800-367-9222
pct.edu/admissions
5,623 students

World Campus/
Distance Education
814-865-5403,
800-252-3592
worldcampus.psu.edu

COMMUNITY RECRUITMENT CENTERS

Philadelphia
215-246-3500
philacr@psu.edu

Pittsburgh
412-263-2900
pghcrc@psu.edu

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New Jersey
973-983-0159
njpsu@psu.edu

New York City
718-862-2965
nycadmissions@psu.edu

Washington, D.C.,
Maryland, and
Virginia area
814-876-0405
DCMDVA-admissions@
psu.edu

🏠 indicates University-owned residence halls

🏡 indicates privately owned housing with residence hall experiences

🏠 indicates privately owned housing nearby

ENROLLMENT BY DEGREE PROGRAM

Associate	5,799
Baccalaureate	73,310
Graduate/Medical/Law	12,047
Provisional/Nondegree	4,817
Full-time	78,887
Part-time	17,086

General eligibility for transfer to academic colleges

As a transfer applicant, you are required to indicate a major when you apply, and your application will be evaluated by the standards set by the academic college housing your selected major.

Typically, academic colleges require students to have completed any prerequisite course work in order to be admitted into a major. You can review the transfer requirements for each major at admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/eligibility.



20+
ASSOCIATE
DEGREES

160+
MAJORS

6,000+
FULL-TIME
FACULTY

General transfer student eligibility

For University Park: Minimum 2.5 grade-point average, though some majors have higher requirements. Additionally, students must have four full-time semesters of college work.

**Note: Students interested in a major that is offered at University Park who will have less than four full-time semesters of college course work when they wish to enroll will be referred to a Penn State campus other than University Park to start their studies. Once a student has completed the equivalent of four full-time semesters of college course work at that campus, they will be eligible to transition to University Park to complete their degree.*

For campuses other than University Park: Minimum 2.0 grade-point average, though some campuses and majors have higher requirements.

Individual majors and/or campuses may have additional prerequisites or may not be open for transfer admission. Check admissions.psu.edu/transfer for specifics.

When we evaluate your transcript(s), we recalculate your GPA based on Penn State's grading standards. We count all courses and all grades, which is how the GPA is calculated for Penn State students. This means we count all grades with a C- or below in the GPA calculation, including courses that were repeated.

Admission Decision

The application review process for transfer admission is unique for each student and varies based on a number of factors.

another college or university, we often require the final transcript from that institution prior to making a decision.

While we can make some admission decisions when students are still completing courses at

We will contact you if we need your final transcript to make your admission decision.

ACADEMIC CONSIDERATIONS

- All colleges require a minimum GPA.
- Not all colleges have the same GPA requirements.
- Admission to some colleges may require completion of prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better.
- Some colleges may require an audition, portfolio, or interview as part of the application.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Some colleges have very limited space for transfer students; therefore, transfer admission is much more competitive.
- Not all majors at Penn State are open to transfer students.
- Some majors have specific application deadlines.

Check admissions.psu.edu/transfer for the most up-to-date information on transfer requirements for specific majors.

Admission

(summer/fall 2014)

Transfer bachelor's degree applications from other universities: **8,846**

Entering transfer bachelor's degree students from other universities University-wide: **3,677**

Entering transfer bachelor's degree students from other universities at University Park: **477**

How Penn State Transfers Credits

We require an official transcript to consider credits for transfer. You will receive an evaluation of transferable credits with your offer letter. **We do not evaluate transcripts before an offer of admission is made.**

Once you accept your admission offer and pay your acceptance fees, you will **work with your academic adviser** to explore specific degree plans and how the courses you are transferring in will apply toward meeting the requirements for your major.

We will award credit **only for classes with a grade of C (2.0) or better**. The grade(s) earned from transfer credits will not be used for your GPA at Penn State.

For a baccalaureate degree, 36 of the last 60 credits must be completed at Penn State.
For an associate degree, 18 of the last 30 credits must be completed at Penn State.

Transferring Credit Tool

If you'd like to see how your prior courses may transfer to at Penn State, use the Transferring Credit Tool at admissions.psu.edu/credit. This tool shows only courses at other institutions that Penn State faculty have previously evaluated. If a course you have taken is not listed, it will be evaluated for transfer when your application is being reviewed.

It is important to keep in mind that the official evaluation of how your credits will be transferred to Penn State will be completed at the time your application is reviewed. The determination of how the credits you transfer in will meet requirements for your intended major will be made by an academic adviser in your academic department upon enrollment at Penn State.

Military and adult students

It is recommended that all applicants, regardless of age or length of time since graduation, submit an official high school or GED transcript. Certain admission requirements may be waived for adult and military students if an official high school or GED transcript cannot be provided.

Veterans and current members of the military should send in transcripts from work completed while in the military. More information about how military work is considered for credit can be found at admissions.psu.edu/academics/credit/military.



Steps to apply as a transfer student

Step 1: Review requirements

Review transfer requirements for your intended major and campus at admissions.psu.edu/transfer.

Step 2: Set up your MyPennState profile

This profile allows you to apply online, check your application status, accept your offer, and schedule a visit.

Step 3: Complete an application

The online application is fast, easy, and secure. There is a nonrefundable \$50 application fee. The fee is \$65 for international students.

Step 4: Send in your official, final high school transcript

Transcripts and a copy of your official GED transcript, if applicable, are recommended regardless of your age or how long ago you graduated.

Step 5: Send in official college transcript(s)

Transcripts are required from all colleges where courses were attempted. Transcripts must be sent directly from the college to Penn State to be considered official. If applicable, please submit your current class schedule.

Step 6: Check your MyPennState profile

You can find updates on the status of your application review and decision in MyPennState.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- The SAT/ACT is NOT required for transfer applicants.
- International students must also submit proof of English language proficiency.



Student Financial Aid (summer/fall 2014)

Undergraduate aid recipients: **63,402**

Undergraduates receiving aid: **77 percent**

Total aid awarded to undergraduate students (excludes stipends): **\$975 million**

Average loan debt of graduating baccalaureate students: **\$35,955**

Applying for financial aid

Financial aid—whether in the form of loans, grants, work-study, or scholarships—can be an important part of putting a Penn State degree within your reach.

The first step of the financial aid application process is to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web at **fafsa.ed.gov**. Penn State's federal school code for the FAFSA is **003329**.

If you are planning to transfer to Penn State, notify your prior school that you will not be returning. If you have already completed the FAFSA, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center, 800-433-3243, to request that your FAFSA be released to Penn State.

We recommend that you file your 2015 Federal Income Tax Return prior to submitting your FAFSA and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, available after **February 3**, on the FAFSA website. Using the tool will save you time and increase the accuracy of your FAFSA.

To receive maximum consideration for student financial aid, complete the FAFSA on the Web by **March 1**. If you submit your FAFSA by **March 1**, you will receive your Student Aid Award Notification, which will include all forms of student aid, in late March.

*Please note: Pennsylvania residents must submit their FAFSA by **March 1** in order to be eligible for the Pennsylvania State Grant.*

All students who are offered admission and submit a FAFSA are considered for scholarships awarded by the Office of Student Aid. Some academic colleges, campuses, and other administrative units may require separate applications. Notification of scholarship awards begins in early spring.

Visit **studentaid.psu.edu** to explore Penn State scholarships and the University's financial aid process.

Tuition and costs

Penn State's Board of Trustees sets tuition each July for the upcoming academic year.

For estimating purposes, you can find tuition information for the current academic year along with a Tuition Calculator at tuition.psu.edu.

Another good resource for tuition information is the Office of the Bursar. The office's website at bursar.psu.edu lists tuition billing dates, payment plan options, and FAQs.

WHAT COMES NEXT?

- 1.** If you are admitted, your MyPennState profile will be updated with an offer of admission, which you can accept online. You also will be sent a letter and general information on course transfers.
- 2.** After you accept your offer, contact your campus or academic college to inquire about:
 - academic advising and course scheduling,
 - transfer student orientation,
 - how transferred courses will apply to your degree,
 - course registration.
- 3.** Have your FAFSA sent to Penn State, if you have not already done so.
- 4.** Contact the housing office at your campus of admission to explore housing options available to you.
- 5.** Before classes start, visit your campus to obtain:
 - a Penn State ID and a student computer access account,
 - a parking permit, if necessary.
- 6.** Explore eLion:
 - review financial aid awards,
 - schedule classes,
 - receive your bill and pay your tuition and fees.
- 7.** Review the academic calendar, campus maps, bus schedules, and other useful University materials.
- 8.** Move in and start classes.



77%
UNDERGRADS
RECEIVE
FINANCIAL AID

1 IN 5
UNDERGRADS
RECEIVE
A UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP



PRIORITY FILING DATES

TRANSFER APPLICATION for all Penn State campuses is available online at admissions.psu.edu on **September 1** for fall and summer applicants and **June 1** for spring applicants. Check the priority application filing date for your intended campus and college at admissions.psu.edu/info/future/transfer/deadlines.

ACADEMIC AREAS

Agricultural Sciences
814-865-7521
agsci.psu.edu

Arts and Architecture
814-865-9523
artsandarchitecture.psu.edu

Smeal College of Business
814-863-1947
smeal.psu.edu

Communications
814-865-1503
comm.psu.edu

Earth and Mineral Sciences
814-863-2751
ems.psu.edu

Education
814-865-0488
ed.psu.edu

Engineering
814-863-1033
www.engr.psu.edu

Health and Human Development
814-865-2156
hhd.psu.edu

Information Sciences and Technology
814-865-8947/866-255-8707
ist.psu.edu

Liberal Arts
814-865-2545
la.psu.edu

Nursing
814-863-0245
nursing.psu.edu

Eberly College of Science
814-865-2609
science.psu.edu

Schreyer Honors College
814-863-2635
shc.psu.edu

Division of Undergraduate Studies
814-865-7576
dus.psu.edu

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nycadmissions@psu.edu

Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area
814-876-0405
DCMDVA-admissions@psu.edu

OTHER

Adult Learner Programs and Services
814-863-7378
studentaffairs.psu.edu/adults

Athletics
Varsity Coaching Staff
814-863-0237
gopsusports.com

Blue Band
814-865-3982
blueband.psu.edu

Career Services
814-865-2377
studentaffairs.psu.edu/career

Disability Services
814-863-1807 (voice or TTY)*
equity.psu.edu/ods

Housing
814-865-7543 (University Park)
814-865-7862 (Commonwealth Campuses)
hfs.psu.edu

Education Abroad
814-865-7681
global.psu.edu

International Student Advising
814-865-6348
global.psu.edu

Learning Edge Academic Program (LEAP) (*Summer at University Park*)
814-863-4174
leap.psu.edu

Multicultural Resource Center
814-865-1773
equity.psu.edu/mrc

Student Activities
814-863-4624
studentaffairs.psu.edu

Student Aid Office (financial aid and scholarships)
814-865-6301
studentaid.psu.edu

Veterans Support
814-863-0465
equity.psu.edu/veterans

RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

Air Force ROTC
814-865-5453
airforce.psu.edu

Army ROTC
814-863-0368
army.psu.edu

Naval and Marine Corps ROTC
814-865-6289
nrotc.psu.edu

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The University is committed to equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment for all persons. It is the policy of the University to maintain an environment free of harassment and free of discrimination against any person because of age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, creed, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, marital or family status, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, physical or mental disability, gender, perceived gender, gender identity, genetic information, or political ideas. Discriminatory conduct and harassment, as well as sexual misconduct and relationship violence, violates the dignity of individuals, impedes the realization of the University's educational mission, and will not be tolerated. Direct all inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy to Dr. Kenneth Lehman III, Vice Provost for Affirmative Action, Affirmative Action Office, The Pennsylvania State University, 328 Boucke Building, University Park, PA 16802-5901; Email: kfl2@psu.edu; Tel 814-863-0471.

CAMPUS SECURITY CRIME STATISTICS The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and Pennsylvania Act of 1988 require that crime statistics for Pennsylvania colleges and universities be made available to applicants upon request. Penn State's combined Annual Security and Annual Fire Safety Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings owned or controlled by the University, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as those concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. You may obtain this information for the Penn State campus to which you are applying by accessing the website at www.police.psu.edu/clery/. A printed copy of the report may be obtained by writing to University Police & Public Safety, The Pennsylvania State University, Eisenhower Parking Deck, University Park PA 16802-6703 or by calling 814-865-1864.

