

## COSTS, STUDENT AID, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

#### PENN STATE WEBSITES

admissions.psu.edu: Undergraduate Admissions Office, includes information about admission requirements and the steps on how to apply to Penn State.

bursar.psu.edu: Office of the Bursar, website includes information about tuition billing and statements.

hfs.psu.edu: Housing and Food Services, the home for information about residence halls, housing contracts, and room and board rates.

lionpath.psu.edu: The University's student information system—this is where you will be able to view your aid award once it is released.

psu.edu: The University's main website with links to offices and resources.

registrar.psu.edu: Office of the Registrar, find information about student-centered services, including course registration, grades, academic calendar, and graduation requirements.

shc.psu.edu: Schreyer Honors College, Penn State's honors program, which awards an annual \$5,000 Academic Excellence Scholarship (for up to four years) to those offered first-year admission into the college.

studentaid.psu.edu: Office of Student Aid, includes information about financial aid including loans, scholarships, and work-study.

- Applying for Financial Aid: studentaid.psu.edu/apply
- Types of Aid: studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid

#### **OTHER WEBSITES**

ed.gov: U.S. Department of Education

fafsa.ed.gov: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web.

fsaid.ed.gov: FSA ID—this site is where you create an FSA ID for access to Federal Student Aid's online systems.

pheaa.org: Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)

studentaid.ed.gov: Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education—this is where you can learn more about types of aid and find information on how to repay loans and loans servicing.

studentloans.gov: Information for managing your student loans.

# TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS

When it comes to applying for financial aid, there's a lot to think about. Use the following checklist and timeline (reverse of this card) to help guide you as you consider your financial aid options.

#### Financial Aid To-Do's

Spend an hour a week searching for scholarships. It's worth your time because the payoff may be dollars that can reduce your costs toward college. Follow the Office of Student Aid on Facebook (/PennStateOfficeofStudentAid) and Twitter (PSU\_OSA) for notifications about outside scholarship opportunities.

Complete your FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov. Submit it to Penn State by December 1 for maximum financial aid consideration.

Find a credit-worthy cosigner. You're looking for someone who has both a good credit history and the financial resources to repay any loans you may apply for.

#### **Financial Aid Timeline**

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-DEC

-FEB

-MAY

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OCTOBER 1 The first date the FAFSA is available at fafsa.ed.gov to be completed and submitted

#### FEBRUARY

Financial aid packages are released to incoming first-year students who submitted a FAFSA to Penn State by December 1; aid notifications continue throughout the academic year

LATE JUNE Aid packages are released to returning students

EARLY AUGUST **Tuition billing begins** for the fall semester

#### EARLY DECEMBER

Tuition billing begins for the spring semester

#### **DECEMBER 1**

The date the FAFSA should be submitted to Penn State by first-year admitted students for maximum aid consideration

#### **MAY 1**

The date the FAFSA and state grant form must be submitted to be considered for the PA State Grant

#### JUNE/JULY

Tuition billing begins for incoming firstyear students attending Summer Session after a student attends New Student Orientation and registers for Summer Session classes

## INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

### A Penn State education is an investment in your future.

Like any investment, there are up-front costs paid in anticipation of long-term gains and benefits. Student financial aid—educational loans, scholarships, grants, and work-study positions—can help with those costs.

For most Penn State students, personal savings, tuition savings plans, student summer employment, and Penn State's payment plan, in combination with student financial aid, pay for their education.

We encourage you and your family to explore a variety of financing strategies to come up with a sound plan that will make a Penn State degree a reality for your future.

#### **Penn State Costs by Campus** (2018–19) For Estimating Purposes Only

	PENN STATE UNIN Pennsylvania Resident	<b>/ERSITY PARK</b> Non-Pennsylvania Resident	
Tuition and Fees	\$18,454	\$34,858	
Additional			
Estimated Costs:			
Room and Meals	\$11,570	\$11,570	
Misc. Costs	\$1,840–5,062	\$1,840–5,062	
TOTAL	\$31,864-35,086	\$48,268-51,490	

	ALL OTHER CAMPUSES*		
	Pennsylvania Resident	Non-Pennsylvania Resident	
Tuition and Fees	\$13,342–15,198	\$21,366–24,450	
Additional			
Estimated Costs:	¢44 570	¢44 570	
Room and Meals	\$11,570	\$11,570	
Misc. Costs	\$1,840–5,062	\$1,840–5,062	
TOTAL	\$26,752–31,830	\$34,776-41,082	

**NOTE:** Miscellaneous costs (travel, personal expenses, books, supplies, etc.) vary by individual and academic program of study.

\* Penn State Abington, Penn State Altoona, Penn State Beaver, Penn State Behrend, Penn State Berks, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State DuBois, Penn State Fayette, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State Harrisburg, Penn State Hazleton, Penn State Lehigh Valley, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Schuylkill, Penn State Scranton, Penn State Shenango, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State York, Penn State World Campus (All World Campus students pay the same tuition rate regardless of residence.)



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To estimate your costs to attend Penn State, access the College Cost Calculator at tuition.psu.edu.

#### Applying for Student Financial Aid

To be considered for most student aid, all Penn State students must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (**FAFSA**), a form accepted universally by U.S. colleges and universities to determine a student's eligibility for financial aid. At Penn State, submission of the FAFSA qualifies students for consideration for all four types of student financial aid—grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study.

#### Penn State's Federal School Code: 003329

#### How Eligibility is Determined

The amount of financial aid awarded is based on the following:

- The information submitted on the FAFSA
- The information submitted on the admission application
- The amount of funding available
- The number of available endowed scholarships
- The number of students attending Penn State

#### The Aid Award

Student aid is awarded in the form of loans, grants, scholarships, and work study. **Most students can expect to receive a \$5,500 Federal Student Loan as one, if not the only, source of assistance.\*** Students and families are responsible for covering the remaining educational costs. This difference is generally covered by additional loans, which means your credit will be taken into account. The graph to the right shows the amount you can expect to cover each year. Parent PLUS and Private Alternative Loans are available to those who qualify.

For more information, go to **studentaid.psu.edu**.

Students will receive an email notification prompting them to view their Award Summary online.

\*Federal loans are not guaranteed

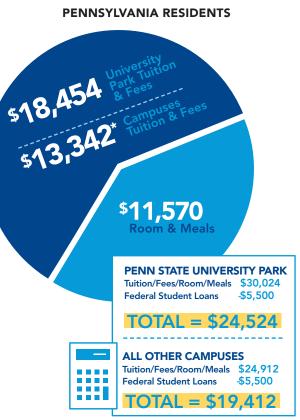
#### The Bill

The Office of the Bursar, **bursar.psu.edu**, manages tuition billing.

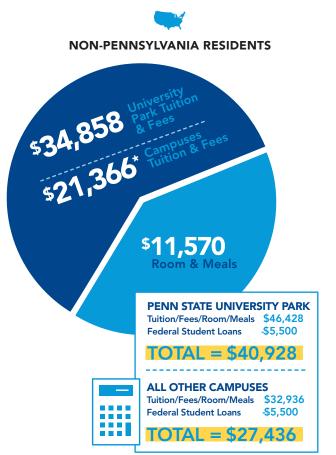
The Student Account Statement will reflect University charges minus anticipated student financial aid. These charges include tuition, fees, and residence hall expenses, if applicable.



Penn State offers an installment payment plan: bursar.psu.edu



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## STUDENT AID FACTS



#### FACTS ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS





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**33%** FIRST STUDENTS RECEIVE AT LEAST UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

41%

First-year scholarship recipients are at University Park



First-year scholarship recipients are at other Penn State campuses



#### **Additional Facts about Scholarships**

- Approximately 15% of first-year students who attend Penn State receive private scholarship support from their high school, community organizations, church groups, local companies, or other philanthropies.
- Both Pennsylvania and non-Pennsylvania residents receive equal scholarship consideration.
- First-year students accepted to the highly selective Schreyer Honors College, **shc.psu.edu**, are awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship of **\$5,000** per academic year.
- Typical Penn State scholarships are between **\$1,500** to **\$4,000** per year.

#### FACTS ABOUT LOANS





70% FIRST VINDERGRADS RECEIVE FEDERAL LOANS

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82% ALL UNDERGRADS WHO APPLY FOR RECEIVE STUDENT LOANS

#### Facts about Loans

- Approximately **21%** of families who take advantage of federal loans receive Parent PLUS loans.
- 10% of first-year students borrow private educational loans.
- The Average loan debt for Penn State baccalaureate graduates is **\$38,208**.

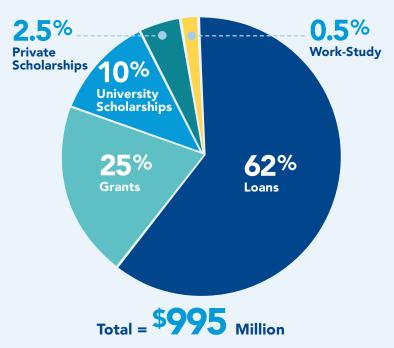


Cost of Attendance (COA) is a budget for billable expenses such as tuition and fees, room and meals (on-campus) and non-billable expenses such as room and meals (off-campus), books and supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses.

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## KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID



#### Grants

A sum of money granted by an organization that does not have to be repaid, typically for a particular purpose.

- Students who submit the FAFSA are automatically considered for federal and University grants.
- Note for Pennsylvania residents: Completion of the FAFSA and the state grant form by May 1 will automatically qualify you for consideration for a Pennsylvania State Grant.

#### Work-Study

Federally or state-funded on-campus employment

- Money is earned as the student works. Unlike other aid sources, work-study is not applied directly toward the tuition bill. The student will receive biweekly pay and can earn pay up to the total of the work-study award amount.
- Average work hours per week: 15-20.

#### **Scholarships**

A sum of money awarded on the basis of need and/or merit that does not need to be repaid.

- Penn State does not offer standard merit awards for students who fit particular profiles.
- All students who submit the FAFSA are automatically considered for scholarships awarded by the Office of Student Aid.
- Academic colleges, campuses, and administrative units may require a separate scholarship application. For more details, visit **studentaid.psu.edu.**



Explore Penn State scholarships and view more information about the University's financial aid process at: studentaid.psu.edu

#### Loans

A sum of money that is expected to be paid back with interest.

#### **Private Alternative Loans**

 Private alternative loans are managed through private lenders. The loans are issued in the student's name and require a creditworthy co-signer. Eligibility, rates, terms, and conditions vary.

#### Federal Direct Subsidized/ Unsubsidized Loan

- Eligible students may borrow up to \$5,500 in Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans their first year, \$6,500 in the second year, and \$7,500 each year thereafter.
- No credit check or co-signer is required for students to borrow Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan funds. Students who submit a FAFSA are automatically considered for the loan and must accept the loan terms in order to receive the funds.
- Loan payments for the Federal Direct Subsidized/ Unsubsidized Loan are deferred while the student is enrolled at least half-time.

#### Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

- Parents of dependent students who are eligible for a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan can borrow up to the student's total cost of attendance minus all other financial aid.
- Parents can request a deferment on the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan while the student is enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate.
- Eligibility requirements, application information, and current interest rates are available at **studentaid.psu.edu**.



#### HOW TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE

The Office of Student Aid at University Park is the central administrative student aid office for the entire Penn State system. Each Penn State campus also has an affiliate office with a student aid representative.

#### PENN STATE STUDENT AID CONTACTS BY CAMPUS

Abington 215-881-7348 dlm175@psu.edu

Altoona 814-949-5055 StuAidAltoona@psu.edu

Beaver 724-773-3800 geg6@psu.edu

Behrend 814-898-6162 behrendfinaid@psu.edu

Berks 610-396-6070 bkfinaid@psu.edu

Brandywine 610-892-1260 bw-financial@psu.edu

DuBois 814-375-4722 sdp14@psu.edu Fayette, The Eberly Campus 724-430-9155 rav13@psu.edu

Greater Allegheny 412-675-9155 rwh23@psu.edu

Harrisburg 717-948-6307 hbgfinaid@psu.edu

Hazleton 570-450-3163 sjw37@psu.edu

Lehigh Valley 610-285-5033 mxh61@psu.edu

Mont Alto 717-749-6133 ais104@psu.edu

New Kensington 724-334-6045 nk-finaid@psu.edu Schuylkill 570-385-6244 Imc5248@psu.edu

Scranton 570-963-2697 mbd14@psu.edu

Shenango 724-983-2804 swo3@psu.edu

University Park 814-865-6301 studentaid.psu.edu

Wilkes-Barre 570-675-9242 saz3@psu.edu

York 717-771-4045 yorkfinaid@yk.psu.edu

World Campus/ Online Education 800-252-3592 pennstateonline@psu.edu



For more information on tuition payment, visit: bursar.psu.edu

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