



State Grant and Special Programs  
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## Pennsylvania State Grant Program Summer Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a PA Summer State Grant, I understand that I must:

- Meet criteria for financial need.
- Be a high school graduate as stipulated in the Pennsylvania State Grant law.
- Attend a postsecondary school approved by PHEAA for PA State Grant purposes that participates in awarding PA State Grants for the Summer term.
- **Be enrolled at least half-time (defined as at least six semester credits but less than 12 semester credits per semester, or the equivalent) in at least five weeks of instruction.**
- Be unconditionally admitted and enrolled in an approved program of study of at least two academic years in length.
- Have made satisfactory academic progress (as defined by PHEAA).
- Not have already earned a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
- Be a Pennsylvania resident, as stipulated in the Pennsylvania State Grant law.
- Be of satisfactory character (for example, not be incarcerated).
- Not have received the maximum number of PA State Grants permitted.\*
- Not be in default or pending default on an educational loan. This also applies to any program where the award has been converted to a loan and the loan is in a default status.
- File and complete the application process by the August 15th deadline.

Additionally, the following requirement applies to students enrolled at institutions that are [not headquartered and domiciled](#) in Pennsylvania:

- Be enrolled in a program of study where at least 50% of the total credit or clock hours needed for completion of the program are earned through classroom instruction:
  - The program itself must be structured to allow you to complete at least 50% of your credits or clock hours in the classroom.
  - Your enrollment pattern by term must also consist of at least 50% classroom instruction (unless you have a [medical disability-PDF](#)).

\*Please note: By law, students are limited to the equivalent of four academic year PA State Grant awards unless the student is enrolled in a bona-fide five year program. A Summer grant is included in the maximum number of payments for which a student may be eligible.