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Created in 1963 by the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) has evolved into one of the nation's leading student aid organizations. Today, PHEAA is a national provider of student financial aid services, serving millions of students and thousands of schools through its loan guaranty, loan servicing, grant administration, outreach, and other student aid programs.

PHEAA's earnings are used to support its public service mission and to pay its operating costs, including the administration of the Pennsylvania State Grant and other state-funded student aid programs. PHEAA continues to devote its energy, resources and imagination to developing innovative ways to ease the financial burden of higher education for students, families, schools, and taxpayers.

PHEAA conducts its student loan servicing activities nationally as FedLoan Servicing and American Education Services (AES). For more information, visit PHEAA.org.



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In honor of the sacrifices made by those who have given their lives in the line of duty, the Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program assists their children with the cost of higher education.

The Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program (PEGP) recognizes and honors those who lost their lives protecting the citizens of this Commonwealth. The program provides their children a waiver of institutional tuition, fees and room and board, as charged by designated Pennsylvania public postsecondary schools.

PHEAA administers this program, which was established to assist the children of Pennsylvania police officers, firefighters, rescue and ambulance squad members, correction employees, and National Guard members who died in the line of duty since January 1, 1976.

In 2004, the Governor signed into law an amendment to this Act, to include the children of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, National Guard members, and certain other individuals who were on federal or state active military duty, who are Pennsylvania residents, and who died in the line of duty since September 11, 2001.

Eligible students receive waivers that cover the institutional expenses listed above, less the amount of awarded scholarships, grants and other types of gift aid. This benefit is available for a maximum of 5 years.

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TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION OR TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Visit PHEAA.org/PEGP
2. Email pegp@pheaa.org
3. Write to PHEAA at:
Postsecondary Educational Gratuities Program
PHEAA State Grant and Special Programs
P.O. Box 8157
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8157
4. Call toll-free 800.692.7392
5. TTY: 711

ELIGIBILITY

THE STUDENT MUST:

- Be a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Be a child by birth or adoption of a deceased police officer, firefighter, rescue or ambulance squad member, correction employee, or an active National Guard member who died since January 1, 1976 as a direct result of performing his or her official duties
- Be a child by birth or adoption of a deceased sheriff, deputy sheriff, National Guard member, or certain other individual who was on federal or state active military duty who died since September 11, 2001 as a direct result of performing his or her official duties
- Be 25 years of age or younger at the time of initial application for the program
- Have completed a 2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a 2016-17 Pennsylvania State Grant Application
- Be enrolled at a Pennsylvania community college, state-owned or state-related institution as a full-time student pursuing undergraduate studies that will lead to an associate or baccalaureate degree