Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP)

Student Renewal Process FAQs
2021-22 Award Year

Q: Has any eligibility criteria for a PA-TIP student changed with the 2021-22 Award Year?

No. The student eligibility criteria remains the same as the 2020-21 Award Year. All students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and meet all eligibility criteria as outlined in the PA-TIP Guidelines. Guidance is also available on the website at PHEAA.org/PA-TIP.

Q: If a student received a PA-TIP award during the 2020-21 Award Year, do they need to submit a new PA-TIP Application for the 2021-22 Award Year?

No. All students who received an award during the 2020-21 Award Year and have not completed their program of study, will be automatically renewed for PA-TIP. These students are only required to complete the FAFSA. Note: Students may receive an award for any term in 2020-21 to be eligible for automatic renewal. It need not be the most recent term.

Q: If a student received an award prior to the 2020-21 Award Year, and re-enrolls in a PA-TIP eligible program, will they be automatically renewed?

No, automatic renewal only applies to recipients that received an award in the 2020-21 Award Year. All other students will need to submit an application for PA-TIP.

Q: Will students that were on a funding hold in the 2020-21 Award Year need to submit an application for the 2021-22 Award Year?

Yes. Any students who did not receive an award in the prior year will need to reapply. This could be due to a funding hold, lack of Academic Progress, less-than-half-time enrollment, or any other ineligible reason.

Q: I have a student that has prior PA-TIP eligibility from the 2020-21 Award Year, but it was at a different school. Will this student be automatically renewed at my school?

No. The student would be renewed at their prior institution. The student should be marked as “not enrolled” on the Applicant Certification and Status Listing (ACSL) by the previous institution. PHEAA will cancel the award when the ACSL is received and processed. The student is required to complete a new application for eligibility determination at their new school.

Q: If a student that is attending my institution changed their program of study, is the student required to submit a new application so that PHEAA is aware of this change?

No. While the student will not have to complete a new PA-TIP Application, they will still be required to complete the FAFSA. In addition to this, your school must report the changed PA-TIP program of study to
PHEAA via an ACSL. Programs that are not updated accurately, in a timely manner, may be subject to lost student eligibility, Program Review findings, or refunds due to PHEAA.

Q: Our institution has students that were automatically renewed but have also already submitted a new application. Is there any action that my school must take to correct this?

No. If your students have already reapplied for PA-TIP for the 2021-22 Award Year, there is no additional action that needs taken by your school or the student. PHEAA will still automatically renew the student but may also review the application to see if there were any additional changes that the student reported (e.g., demographic updates, program of study changes, etc.).

Q: How will students know if they were automatically renewed?

Students will receive a status letter via postal mail, beginning in September, indicating their current status for the program. Students that were not automatically renewed will not receive a status letter.

Q: How will our institution know which students were automatically renewed or those students that were not renewed?

Students that are automatically renewed will appear on your institution's ACSL. Students that are not renewed will not appear on your institution's ACSL. Students who have completed their programs but have remaining award counter may be automatically renewed. The student should be marked as “not enrolled” on the ACSL.

Q: How will our institution know why recipients were not selected for PA-TIP?

Students that are not selected will be listed on the “PA-TIP Applicants Not Selected For Awards” report in PageCenter (Pageset: LWT49LWTR2). If the student is initially listed as ineligible, and their status changes to eligible for PA-TIP, these students will be selected based on the original date of their application. They will not “lose their place in line,” so to speak, if they are initially ineligible.

Q: How should my institution handle a student listed on the ACSL that is no longer enrolled, or has completed their program of study?

If a student appears on your ACSL that is no longer enrolled at your institution, simply update the student's status to “not enrolled.” PHEAA staff will cancel the award when the ACSL is processed. For students that have graduated, report their separation date on the “Separation Date Report.”

Q: What should I do if a student does not appear on our ACSL and I believe they should have been automatically renewed?

If there are any questions about students who do not appear on the ACSL, please contact PA-TIP staff by emailing the eligibility question, including the student's full name and date of birth, to patip@pheaa.org.
Q: If a student was certified by PHEAA as a veteran for the 2020-21 Award Year, will that status be carried over to the 2021-22 Award Year as part of the renewal process.

Yes. Students that provided their DD214 to PHEAA in 2020-21 will be automatically renewed as a veteran. Any new students that need to apply in 2021-22 should include their DD214 with their application to PHEAA in order to be certified as a veteran.