



State Grant and Special Programs
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P.O. Box 8157, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8157

Dear Student:

Please read the following information carefully to determine what action, if any, to take.

WHY WE ARE CONTACTING YOU

To be eligible for a Pennsylvania State Grant you must be a high school graduate as stipulated in the Pennsylvania State Grant law. Accordingly, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) must request additional information regarding your ability to meet the high school graduation requirement for Pennsylvania State Grant eligibility.

WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU

Clarification of your completion of a home education program is required.

WHAT ACTIONS YOU NEED TO TAKE

Indicate which one of the conditions listed applies to you.

- 1. Possess a supervisor issued state-recognized home education diploma issued after October 31, 2014, as a result of Act 196. The diploma must be issued using the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) template. If you have or will earn a Home Education Diploma as result of Act 196 please indicate as such and provide your date of graduation or expected graduation date.

I have earned or will earn a supervisor issued-State recognized Home Education Diploma. [] YES [] NO

Date you received, or will receive, your Act 196 Home Education Diploma. ___/___/___ (Month/Year)

Account Number or Social Security Number

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent (Stepparent)

Date

Please sign above and return this notification so your Pennsylvania State Grant record can be updated as meeting the high school graduation requirements: PHEAA, PO Box 8157, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8157

If the above condition did not apply to you, please proceed with page 2 of this form.



2. Earned a diploma issued by one of the home education organizations recognized by PDE to issue diplomas. **If you have or will have earned a diploma by one of the organizations recognized by PDE to issue diplomas please indicate as such and provide your date of graduation or expected graduation date.**

 Diploma issuing Home Education Organization (Month/Year)

 Account Number or Social Security Number Signature of Student Date

 Signature of Parent (Stepparent) Date

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3. Pennsylvania home schooled students who do not meet either of the conditions as noted above may submit certification from the appropriate local Pennsylvania school official that their education is in compliance with the provisions of 24 P.S. 13-1327.1 in order to meet the high school graduation requirement.

Therefore, request that the appropriate local school official complete the enclosed *Home Education Certification Form*.

4. Home schooled students who completed their education outside of Pennsylvania or those who cannot comply with one of the three options listed above must provide documentation of their receipt of a high school diploma.

Please send documentation to: PHEAA, PO Box 8157, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8157.

Please note that no information can be accepted after April 1, 2021. If this letter is dated after March 1, 2021, you MUST respond within 30 days for your information to be considered.

THE PENALTY FOR SUBMISSION OF FRAUDULENT INFORMATION ON THIS FORM MAY BE REPAYMENT OF TRIPLE ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED PLUS A FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

The current status of your State Grant may be viewed on pheaa.org using the Secure Sign-In for Account Access. This website provides you online 24/7 access to your State Grant information. If you have questions concerning this inquiry, PHEAA staff is available at 1-800-692-7392 (TTY: Dial 711 for hearing impaired). When calling, please be prepared to provide either your account number or your Social Security Number.

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Enclosure



HOME EDUCATION CERTIFICATION FORM
 (Note: Deadline for returning this form to PHEAA is April 1, 2021)

Print Student's Name _____

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Student's Account Number

OR

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Student's Social Security Number
2020-21

To be eligible as meeting the high school graduation requirement for Pennsylvania State Grant eligibility you must submit certification from the appropriate local Pennsylvania school official to indicate that the education is in compliance with the provisions of 24 P.S. 13-1327.1.

Do not complete this form if you are in possession of an Act 196 supervisor issued state-recognized home education diploma issued using the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) template or have earned a diploma from a home education organization recognized by PDE to issue diplomas. Please refer to the cover letter that accompanied this form.

I certify that the home education program of the above-referenced student is in compliance with the provisions in 24 P.S. 13-1327.1.

Signature of Superintendent
(Or designee)

School District

Print Name:

School District:

Superintendent
(Or designee)

Address

Phone

Date Requirement Met (if known)

Date

Return this completed form to:
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