



NEWS ALERT

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PHEAA to Host Financial Aid Assistance Webinar Series

LIVE online events help students & families plan for an affordable postsecondary education

Harrisburg, PA (October 14, 2020) – PHEAA today announced that the Agency will host a series of virtual financial aid webinars throughout October and November, beginning October 15, to help students and families understand the application and awarding process, in addition to various funding options.

Understanding Financial Aid Offers and Balances

Financial aid offers that students receive from schools after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provide an idea of the costs associated with post-secondary education. However, these offers can be confusing since each school formats their student aid information differently. PHEAA representatives will present a one hour webinar to assist in understanding and navigating through the different types of financial aid, what students are being offered, identifying funding balances and next steps that are needed.

Event Dates:

- Thursday, October 15 – Noon (ET)
- Thursday, October 29 – Noon (ET)
- Thursday, November 5 – Noon (ET)
- Thursday, November 12 – 6:00 PM (ET)
- Thursday, November 18 – 6:00 PM (ET)

Covering the Gap – Pieces of the Puzzle to Help Pay Your Education Bill

Understanding education balances can be confusing. PHEAA representatives are offering one-hour webinars on how to cover any gaps in a student's higher education funding plan. These webinars emphasize best practices (such as grants and scholarships first), remind families about additional resources, and discuss private/alternative loans as a last resort. The presentation will also include the basics of credit: what is a credit score, what factors impact a credit score, how can a credit score be improved and the effects on your borrowing capability.

Event Dates:

- Monday, October 19 – Noon (ET)
- Wednesday, November 4 – Noon (ET)
- Monday, November 9 – 6:00 PM (ET)
- Tuesday, November 17 – 6:00 PM (ET)

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Students and families can participate in any of these events by registering [here](https://pheaa-events500.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=pheaa-events500&service=6) (pheaa-events500.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=pheaa-events500&service=6). Please see attached flyer.

Students and families are also encouraged to follow PHEAA on Facebook at facebook.com/pheaaid or Twitter at twitter.com/pheaaaid and joining the conversation with the hashtag *#PHEAAFinAid*.

PHEAA's Facebook page is an excellent resource to learn more about the student financial aid process, to discover what's needed to successfully plan for higher education, and to sign-up for reminders of financial aid deadlines. Additionally, video tutorials explaining the student aid process and types of aid available can be found at YouTube.com/PHEAAstudentAid.

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