The Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program (PA-TIP) provides need-based awards to students pursuing an eligible course of study at an approved school. The program benefits Pennsylvania students enrolled in courses of study in the energy, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, and agriculture and food production fields.

This program is administered by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) with $6 million in funding provided by the agency’s business earnings without any taxpayer support.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- For the 2018-19 award year, PA-TIP targets courses of study that are at least 10 weeks but less than 2 academic years in length in the energy, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, and agriculture and food production fields.

- Eligible students can receive a maximum award amount of either 75 percent of the allowable program costs or the maximum PA State Grant award, whichever is less, per award year.

- Awards will be provided to qualified students on a first-come, first-served basis until all program funding has been exhausted.

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, financial aid processing, outreach, and other student aid programs.

PHEAA’s earnings are used to support its public service mission and to pay its operating costs, including 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 American Education Services (AES) and FedLoan Servicing.

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SCHOOL/PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:
- School and program must be federal Title IV eligible and located in Pennsylvania.
- School must complete and return to PHEAA the PA-TIP institution application and receive approval from PHEAA.
- Program must correspond to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) identified Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) codes (available at PHEAA.org/PA-TIP).
- Program must be at least 10 weeks but less than 2 academic years in length and cannot be eligible for a PA State Grant.
- Program must not be completed through 100 percent distance education (online).

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:
- Be a Pennsylvania resident.
- Have a high school diploma, GED, or recognized homeschool certificate.
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) for the award year for which PA-TIP funds are being requested.
- Complete and return to PHEAA the PA-TIP student application.
- Not be in default or pending default on an educational loan or owe a PA State Grant refund.
- Not be receiving a PA State Grant for the program of study.
- Not be incarcerated during enrollment.
- Have financial need as determined by the program guidelines and certified by the school.
- Attend an eligible postsecondary school.
- Be enrolled on a full-time basis. Students may be eligible for a partial PA-TIP award if they are enrolled at least half time at a public or private, non-profit institution.
- Be enrolled in an eligible program of study that is at least 10 weeks but less than 2 academic years in length.
- Supply a copy of the DD214 Form if the applicant is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and was honorably discharged.

Sample Approved Programs:
[Visit PHEAA.org/PA-TIP for a comprehensive list.]
- Electronics
- Machine Tool Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Related Technologies
- Drafting & Design Technology
- Integrated Circuit Design
- Farm/Farm & Ranch Management
- Livestock Management
- Aquaculture
- HVAC
- Fishing & Fisheries Sciences & Management
- Forest Resources Production & Management
- Well Drilling
- Plumbing Technology
- Mechanics & Repairers
- Diesel Mechanics Technology
- Welding
- Agronomy & Crop Science/Crop Production

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