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 PA students enrolled in courses of study in the energy, health, advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, and agriculture and food production fields.

PA-TIP is a PHEAA-administered program made possible by funding provided by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

**Highlights:**

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

- Eligible students can receive an award up to the maximum PA-TIP amount, or the student’s actual need, whichever is less.

- 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 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 PA State Grant and other state-funded student aid programs. As the only major federal loan servicer with a nonprofit public service mission, PHEAA devotes its energy and resources to help ease the financial burden of higher education for its primary stakeholders—Pennsylvania students and families.

PHEAA conducts its student loan servicing operations nationally as FedLoan Servicing and American Education Services (AES). PHEAA operates its digital technology division as Avereo.

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Helping to make higher education affordable for PA students, while strengthening the state’s workforce.

School & Program Eligibility

• Must be a federal Title IV eligible program and school must be located in Pennsylvania
• Complete and return to PHEAA the PA-TIP institution application/renewal and receive approval from PHEAA
• Eligible programs are identified Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) codes (available at PHEAA.org/PATIP-schools)
• Be a program that is 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)

Sample of Approved Programs
(Visit PHEAA.org/PA-TIP for a comprehensive list.)

- Agricultural Business Technology
- Agricultural Journalism
- Heating Engineering Technology
- Automotive Technology
- HVAC
- Commercial Vehicle Operator/Instructor
- Alternate Fuel Vehicle Technician
- Truck Technician
- CNC Machinist
- Automobile Mechanic
- Dental Assistant
- Health Information Technician
- LPN
- EMT Paramedic
- Surgical Technologist
- Nursing Assistant/Aide
- Anesthesiologist Assistant
- Medical Office Specialist
- Optometric Technician
- Orthoptist
- Sterile Processing Technician

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 the PA-TIP student application to PHEAA
• Not be in default or pending default on an educational loan or owe a PA State Grant refund
• Not a recipient of a PA State Grant for the program of study and payment period
• Not incarcerated during enrollment
• Have financial need as determined by the program guidelines and certified by the school
• Attend an eligible postsecondary school
• 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
• Enrolled in an eligible program of study that is at least 10 weeks but less than 2 academic years, is not state grant eligible, and not degree granting
• To receive veterans benefit, supply a copy of the DD214 Form if the applicant is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and was honorably discharged

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