

The Grow PA Scholarship **Grant (Grow PA Grant) Program**, administered by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), was created by the General Assembly in 2024 to **address the growing crisis** of a declining workforce within certain in-demand occupations in Pennsylvania. This program was **appropriated \$25 million** to issue awards to students entering qualifying program **of studies across** the Commonwealth.

To prepare for the launch **of the Grow PA Grant Program in** the 2025-26 academic year, **we wanted to provide** some general information about the program. The Grow PA Grant Program provides grants (maximum **award of** up to \$5,000 **per year**) **to** students who meet the qualifying criteria and are enrolled **in** an eligible program **of study**. A student can receive a **Grow PA Grant for a maximum of 4 academic years**. **Grant recipients will be required** to complete their program **of study requirements**, work **and live in PA for 12 months** for each year they receive the grant; failure to meet either **of these requirements will result in the grant converting to a loan that must be repaid**.

Since the program was announced **in** October 2024, **PHEAA has been** engaged in conversations with key stakeholders to develop program policies. After months of development, **we are pleased to announce that applications for the 2025-26 academic year will open March 13, 2025**. This program will issue awards on a first-come, **first-served basis, based** on the received date of the **student's complete application, for the 2025-2026 academic year**.

To be considered for the **Grow PA Grant Program**, students **must**:

- **File** the 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- **Be a current resident of Pennsylvania**
- **Meet** satisfactory **academic** progress for Title IV **financial aid**
- **Have not** earned a bachelor's degree
- **Be enrolled at least half-time at** an approved institution and enrolled in an **eligible** program of study as **determined by PHEAA**
- Sign a Master Promissory **Note (MPN)** agreeing to repay **all funds received** if the work requirement is not **met**, including **any potential interest accrued**

There are over 460 eligible programs **of study or majors** that lead to in-demand occupations in a variety of **fields, such as** agriculture, business, **education**, computer science, STEM, nursing, allied health, and criminal justice. **Review the** Grow PA Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Codes for a list of majors.

The Grow PA Grant Program application is available starting Thursday, March **13, 2025, with** awards beginning in fall **2025**. Beginning **March 13, 2025**, the application can be found at <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/grow-pa-scholarship-grant-program>