

OFFICE OF STUDENT AID

2009–10

PENNSTATE



# Applying for Student Financial Aid

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## >Student Financial Aid at Penn State

Penn State participates in all major federal, state, and University student aid programs of grants, work-study, student and parent loans, and scholarships. The Office of Student Aid awards most student aid on the basis of financial need and according to established program guidelines.

Because student aid funds are limited, we are unable to meet the full financial need of all students. Students and their families can learn more about Penn State's Policy on Student Aid and Scholarships on the Web at [www.psu.edu/studentaid](http://www.psu.edu/studentaid).

### >How to Apply

To apply for student aid at Penn State, students and parents of dependent students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) each year. The FAFSA serves as the single application for all types of federal, state, and University aid programs, including grants, work-study, loans, and scholarships. This application is required for most student aid programs, including student and parent loans. Many scholarship programs also require the FAFSA.

#### **Penn State's federal school code is 003329.**

Please enter this code in the "Colleges to Receive Information" section of the FAFSA to ensure your application reaches Penn State.

The FAFSA on the Web Worksheet, available at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov), may be helpful to you as you prepare your 2009–10 FAFSA. If necessary, you may use estimated tax information to complete the FAFSA by the recommended date; the Office of Student Aid may contact you at a later date to request documentation that will help us verify that information.

After you have completed the FAFSA, review the information you have entered to make sure everything is correct before you press the *Submit* button.

Print a copy of your FAFSA information page and keep it with your tax information and student-aid-related letters or statements you receive.

### >Student Aid Eligibility

To receive aid from federal and state programs, you must:

- have a high school diploma or equivalent
- be enrolled for at least half-time (6 credits) and be working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program
- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen
- maintain satisfactory academic progress once in school. Penn State's academic progress policy is available at [www.psu.edu/studentaid](http://www.psu.edu/studentaid).

### >Recommended Deadlines

We encourage new first-year, transfer, and graduate students to submit the FAFSA on the Web at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov), which is available after January 1, by February 15 to receive maximum consideration for student financial aid funds.

- If you are a Pennsylvania resident, you must submit your FAFSA no later than May 1 to be considered for the Pennsylvania State Grant Program.

—If you are a resident of another state, please verify your state application deadlines on FAFSA at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

—If you will be attending Penn State in summer 2009, you must also complete the 2008–09 FAFSA on the Web at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov), no later than June 30, 2009. Be sure to review the summer aid information online at [www.psu.edu/studentaid/applying/summer.shtml](http://www.psu.edu/studentaid/applying/summer.shtml).

### >Notification of Student Aid Eligibility

After Penn State receives your FAFSA information, we will let you know whether or not additional information may be required. Based on the results of your FAFSA, Penn State’s Office of Student Aid will send you a Financial Aid Notification beginning in mid- to late March. Your notification will list all the student financial aid programs (loans, grants, work-study, and/or scholarships) for which you are eligible for the fall and spring semesters.

### >Cost of Attendance

To help you plan, we have projected estimated costs for the 2009–10 academic year (see chart). This chart does not include costs for personal and other miscellaneous expenses you may incur. Use these cost estimates for planning purposes only. Final tuition and fees will be determined by the Board of Trustees in July 2009. While tuition and fees increase every year, Penn State makes every effort to limit the rate of the increase.

#### ESTIMATED 2009–10 Penn State Costs by Campus

##### For:

##### PENN STATE UNIVERSITY PARK

	<i>PA Resident</i>	<i>Non-PA Resident</i>
Tuition and Fees	\$14,426	\$26,020
Room and Meals	\$8,300	\$8,300
Books and Supplies	\$1,900	\$1,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,626</b>	<b>\$36,220</b>

##### For:

PENN STATE ABINGTON	PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY
PENN STATE ALTOONA	PENN STATE MONT ALTO
PENN STATE BEAVER	PENN STATE NEW KENSINGTON
PENN STATE BERKS	PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL
PENN STATE BRANDYWINE	PENN STATE SHENANGO
PENN STATE DUBOIS	PENN STATE WILKES-BARRE
PENN STATE ERIE	PENN STATE WORTHINGTON
PENN STATE FAYETTE	PENN STATE SCRANTON
PENN STATE GREATER ALLEGHENY	PENN STATE YORK
PENN STATE HARRISBURG	
PENN STATE HAZLETON	

	<i>PA Resident</i>	<i>Non-PA Resident</i>
Tuition and Fees	\$12,344–12,850	\$18,420–19,238
Room and Meals	\$8,300	\$8,300
Books and Supplies	\$1,900	\$1,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,544–23,050</b>	<b>\$28,620–29,438</b>



For more information about student aid at Penn State, including student rights and responsibilities as recipients of federal and state student aid, visit the Office of Student Aid Web site at [www.psu.edu/studentaid](http://www.psu.edu/studentaid).



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