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24+ Program
& Guide to Student Aid

berks.psu.edu/24plus
What is the 24+ Program?

This $2,000 lifetime award was developed to financially assist new learners, age 24 and older, enrolling at Penn State Berks.

What are the requirements?

- Student must be at least 24 years of age.
- A completed Penn State admissions application must be on file.
- A completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application must be on file.
- Student must be working toward a degree (in degree status).
- Student must be continuously enrolled at Penn State Berks to maintain the scholarship. There is an allowance for taking a break of up to one year.
- Student must be making satisfactory academic progress to maintain the scholarship.

Are there restrictions?

- The $2,000 lifetime award is only for new students.
- Awards are not available to Penn State employees or their dependents.
- The maximum lifetime award is limited to $500 for students receiving 100% tuition reimbursement from their employer or military benefits.
- The program is only available to degree-seeking undergraduate students (in degree status).

How much is my award per semester?

- 3 credits = $125
- 6 credits = $250
- 9 credits = $375
- 12 credits = $500

How do I apply for student aid?

1. Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
   - Required to determine eligibility for loans, grants, scholarships, and Federal Work Study programs.
   - Apply online at www.fafsa.gov
   - Federal School Code (indicate on FAFSA)
     Penn State 003329
   - Recommended dates are:
     First-Year Students: March 1
     Returning Students: April 15

2. Receive Financial Aid Award Notification
   - Information describing financial aid you may be eligible to receive will be sent by the Office of Student Aid.

3. Complete PHEAA (PA Higher Education Assistance Agency) State Grant Status Notice.
   - Provide information to complete your grant record.
   - Expect your PHEAA award letter after May 15 (PA residents only).

Programs that can be completed at Penn State Berks:

**Associate Degree Programs**
- Business Administration
- Information Sciences and Technology
- Letters, Arts, and Sciences
- Occupational Therapy

**Baccalaureate Degree Programs**
- Accounting
- Applied Psychology
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Biology
- Business
- Childhood and Early Adolescent Education
- Communication Arts and Sciences
- Criminal Justice
- Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Global Studies
- Hospitality Management
- Information Sciences and Technology
- Kinesiology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Organizational Leadership
- Professional Writing
- Rehabilitation and Human Services
- Science
- Security and Risk Analysis
- Theatre