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# Financial Aid Resources for Students

Students who need financial aid for university costs, like tuition and room and board, can utilize the resources below. Many of the resources require that the Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is completed. Additionally, there may be eligibility requirements in order to receive the aid. The Office of Student Aid is available for in-person and virtual appointments to discuss financial aid options to pay the Penn State bill.

**General Aid Information:**

* [Types of Aid](https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid) - Compilation of several types of financial aid and resources on the Office of Student Aid’s Website
* [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov/) - Federal aid website for undergraduate and graduate students and parents. This is also the website where students fill out the FAFSA (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid) and can look at their federal student loan balance.

**Scholarships:**

* [Scholarships.com](https://www.scholarships.com/)- search engine for scholarships
* [FastWeb.com](https://www.fastweb.com/) - search engine for scholarships
* [Penn State Scholarships](https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships) - List of resources for scholarships at Penn State and outside of Penn State.
* [Complete Penn State](https://success.psu.edu/complete) - Complete Penn State scholarship application. This scholarship is for those in their last 2 semesters and have experienced an unexpected hardship.
* [Educational Equity Scholarships](http://equity.psu.edu/scholarships) - The Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity facilitates the awarding of approximately eighty annual scholarships through a central application process.

**Grants:**

* [State-Based Grants](http://www.collegescholarships.org/grants/state.htm) - List of grants for different states.
* [PHEAA](https://www.pheaa.org/) - Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. PHEAA gives out the PA state grants as well as a Ready to Succeed Scholarship for high performing students.

**International Student Resources:**

* [Financial Aid for Non-Citizens](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens) - FAQ’s regarding eligibility for federal aid for non-citizens.
* [MPowerFinancing.com](https://www.mpowerfinancing.com/)- student loans for international students
* [EDUPass.com](https://www.edupass.org/paying-for-college/scholarships/databases/) - scholarships for international students
* [InternationalScholarships.com](https://www.internationalscholarships.com/) - scholarships for international students
* [Ascent](https://www.ascentfunding.com/college-loans/international-student-loans/) - student loans for international students

# Scholarships for Students by College

<https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/academic-colleges>

The link above will direct you to a home base page that contains links to each academic college. It is divided by first-year students and upper-class students with information on whether there is an application involved in the process or not and the deadline for applying. Most colleges will break down the scholarships on the website by college wide scholarships, scholarships by major, scholarships in different departments, etc. If you should have any questions regarding the scholarships, call or email the college based on the contact/email information given on their website.

**College of Agricultural Sciences**

* <https://agsci.psu.edu/students/scholarships>

**College of Arts and Architecture**

* <https://artsandarchitecture.psu.edu//philanthropy/endowments>

**Smeal College of Business**

* <https://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising/scholarships-and-awards/smeal-scholarships>

**Bellisario College of Communications**

* <https://bellisario.psu.edu/current/scholarships>

**College of Earth and Mineral Sciences**

* <https://www.ems.psu.edu/undergraduate/admissions-and-aid/costs-financial-aid-and-scholarships/ems-undergraduate-scholarship>

**College of Education**

* <https://ed.psu.edu/current-students/undergraduate/current-students/financial-aid>

**College of Engineering**

* <https://www.engr.psu.edu/academics/financial-aid-scholarships.aspx>

**College of Health and Human Development**

* <https://hhd.psu.edu/scholarships>

**College of Information Sciences and Technology**

* <https://ist.psu.edu/education/opps/scholarships>

**College of the Liberal Arts**

* <http://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/student-services/scholarships>

**College of Nursing**

* <https://hhd.psu.edu/scholarships> (Scholarships can be found through HHD)

**Eberly College of Science**

* <http://science.psu.edu/current-students/scholarships-and-financial-aid>

**Division of Undergraduate Studies**

* <https://dus.psu.edu/dus-scholarships>

**Schreyer Honors College**

* <https://www.shc.psu.edu/admissions/cost/types.cfm>

# Resources for Displaced Students

Penn State provides many services to help students who risk homelessness. A list of a few different services that cover multiple areas can be found at [StudentAid.psu.edu](https://studentaid.psu.edu/services-for-students-in-need). Our local area has many resources including food bank, church shelter, social services, and Red Cross. This is a comprehensive worksheet to help displaced students in many different areas of life. In addition, consider filing SSI with social security, and applying for grants from advocates in the links below:

* <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/runaway-and-homeless-youth/federal-programs>
* <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-homeless.htm>
* <https://www.ssa.gov/homelessness/advocates.htm>

**Income**

* [Penn State Human Resources](https://hr.psu.edu/careers)- Available part time jobs
* [State-Based Grants](http://www.collegescholarships.org/grants/state.htm) - State based college grants
* [Career Center](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career) - Job postings and career counselor appointments

**Academic**

* [Penn State Libraries](https://libraries.psu.edu/) - Library has 24 hour access to students
* [Technology Rentals](https://libraries.psu.edu/services/technology-equipment/laptops-ipads-and-calculators) - Students can check out laptops, iPads, and calculators with valid PSU id
* [Career Center](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career) - Mock interviews, resume help, and guidance in exploring future career options

**Food**

* [The Lions Pantry](https://thelionspantry.psu.edu/) - Free nonperishable goods with valid PSU id
* [Centre County Food Pantries](http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=312) - Lists all food banks and pantries in Centre County with locations, phone numbers, and hours of operation/service
* [State College Food Bank](https://www.scfoodbank.org/)- State College food bank, eligible participants can be provided 12 food distributions in a 12-month period

**Housing & Shelter**

* [Penn State Housing](https://housing.psu.edu/contact-us) - Contact Penn State housing. The Office of Residence Life may be able to help secure year-round dormitory housing for homeless students if it is offered or can be negotiated based on need.
* [Stepping Stone Transitional Living Program](https://www.shelterlistings.org/details/36257/) - Shelter and transitional housing for youths ages 16-21. Located at 334 South Burrowes Street, State College.
* [Hearts for Homeless](https://www.shelterlistings.org/details/37830/) - Homeless shelter that also provides access to workshops for resume building and access to technology for job searches. Located at 100 S Fraser Street, State College.
* [Shelter Listings](https://www.shelterlistings.org/city/state_college-pa.html) - List of all the shelters provided in State College with the locations, types of shelters, and services provided by each specific one.
* [Emergency Shelter](https://housingtransitions.org/i-need-emergency-shelter-now/) - Emergency shelter for immediate access, completely free. Provides food and shelter, open and staffed 24/7, located at 217 East Nittany Avenue, State College.
* [Centre County Youth Service Bureau](http://ccysb.com/) - Provides 14 types of programs to children and families in State College.
* [State College Housing Assistance Programs](http://www.statecollegepa.us/1196/Housing-Assistance-Programs) - List of resources for people facing homelessness.
* [Interfaith Human Services](https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/) - Provides financial assistance to prevent eviction, electricity service termination, etc. or to help with small home repairs or provide small short-term loans for similar needs. Money management counseling is also available.

**Residential Programs**

* [Stormbreak](https://ccysb.com/services/court-referred-services/)– A girls group home that provides dependent and delinquent girls ages 12 – 19 with the opportunity to re-engage themselves in their own lives. Provides a highly structured, yet nurturing environment for up to nine girls who are working towards permanency with family, foster care or other permanent living.
* [Burrowes Street Youth Haven](http://ccysb.com/?page_id=92) – A temporary shelter for adolescent males and females. Six-bed voluntary shelter that houses males and females ages 12 through 18. Individuals can stay at the shelter for a maximum of 21 days. The shelter serves youth who are homeless or who are runaways, or those who are at risk of running away or being homeless due to difficulties within their homes.
* [Supportive Independent Living](http://ccysb.com/?page_id=92)– A long-term transitional living program designed to aid youth ages 16-21 in their quest for independence. Also offers weekly Life Skills Workshops that focus on life skills, community resources and education, budgeting, job skills, and attainment.
* [DeClutter](http://ccysb.com/?page_id=102) – Assistance to families and individuals facing loss of housing or custody due to unsanitary and cluttered conditions.

**Social Services**

* [Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program](https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/facts-about-snap) - SNAP helps low-income people buy the food they need for good health. Homeless people are eligible to receive these benefits. Apply online or by paper application. Must have a social security number or apply for a social security number.
* [Medicaid](https://www.hhs.gov/programs/social-services/homelessness/research/how-to-use-medicaid-to-assist-homeless-persons/index.html#Chapter%205) - Information regarding how the homeless can access health services through Medicaid. People who experience homelessness often benefit from third-party assistance in securing and maintaining Medicaid eligibility because they are displaced or have impairments that make it difficult for them to navigate the Medicaid application process.
* [Centre Volunteers In Medicine](http://www.cvim.net/) - Centre Volunteers In Medicine-State College is a free medical and dental clinic. Access provided for individuals in Centre County and surrounding counties. Must meet eligible criteria.
* [Salvation Army](https://pa.salvationarmy.org/statecollege/socialservice) - Families and individuals are provided with basic human services in crisis situations, such as housing and utility payments, lodging, occasional prescriptions, and emergency vouchers for food and gasoline. Each request is considered on a first-come and individual-needs basis.

**Personal/Other**

* [Goodwill](http://www.goodwill.org/)- Put in zip code and map shows you goodwill stores in the area. The one in state college is located at 387 Benner Pike, State College PA 16801.
* [College Help for Homeless Students](https://www.onlinecolleges.net/for-students/homeless-student-guide/) - Great guide with numerous support systems provided and information given on each that would be useful to specifically homeless college students looking at all of their options.
* [Penn State Career Services Career Closet](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career/programs/events-workshops/PAC) – Provides free professional clothing to students. There are also a few other resources on this page including thrift shops and dry-cleaning services.
* [Dollar Energy (MyApp)](https://www.dollarenergy.org/myapp/) - Programs are designed to help income-qualified residential customers maintain utility service and eliminate their past due balance.

# Career and Part-Time Jobs

One of the many benefits of Penn State is our network of companies and alumni in various industries. Many students find prestigious careers and jobs before they graduate and we at the Financial and Life Skills Center want the same for students. Additionally, it is very important for some students to have part-time jobs in order to pay for school expenses. There are many flexible jobs at Penn State for students who choose to balance a job with school.

**Career Exploration**

* [Nittany Lion Careers](https://nittanylioncareers.psu.edu/) - Penn State’s single-system recruiting platform for all students, alumni, and employers.
* [Career Services](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career) - The Career Services center has programs and resources that assist students and alumni in the entire career process. Services include career counseling, interviewing prep, resume reviews and more!
* [Business Career Center](https://careerconnections.smeal.psu.edu/) - The Business Career Center is the Smeal College of Business’s undergraduate career services center. The BCC facilitates the development of relevant employability skills in business students in collaboration with companies, alumni, and academic departments.
* [Penn State Career Services Career Closet](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career/programs/events-workshops/PAC) – Provides free professional clothing to students. There are also a few other resources on this page including thrift shops and dry-cleaning services.

**Part-Time Job Search at Penn State**

* [Penn State Human Resources](https://hr.psu.edu/careers) - This link leads to the landing page for part-time and full-time job searches at Penn State. Simply choose your affiliation and then sign in using your Penn State Access code.
* [Federal Work-Study](https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/employment/work-study) - Students who are eligible can find part-time work-study jobs at Penn State. This page has information on eligibility, types of work-study, and application process.
* [Live On (Housing and Food Services)](https://liveon.psu.edu/student-employment) - Provides current available positions for Housing and Food Services.
* [Hospitality Services](https://pshs.psu.edu/employment) - Provides current available positions for Hospitality Services.
* [Center of the Performing Arts](https://cpa.psu.edu/employment) - Provides current available positions for the Center for the Performing Arts.

**Part-time Job Search in State College**

* [State College](https://www.statecollege.com/advert-category/jobs/) - Job search for available positions in State College.
* [Downtown State College](https://www.downtownstatecollege.com/work/positions-available-in-the-state-college-area/) - Available positions in Downtown State College.
* [Centre Daily Times Job Search](https://jobs.centredaily.com/search?location=State%20College%2C%20PA&radius_mi=10&sort=location) – Available positions in State College.

# Educational Resources

It is very important to make education a primary focus while being a student at Penn State. Students are here to get an education and the Financial and Life Skills Center tries to help them remember that. Penn State has many resources to help students academically and stay on track for graduation.

* [Penn State Libraries](https://libraries.psu.edu/) - Students can access the Patee and Paterno Library 24 hours a day. The library has many spaces for studying including study rooms that students can reserve. Students can also access computers, printers, and many more services.
* [Technology Rentals](https://libraries.psu.edu/services/technology-equipment/laptops-ipads-and-calculators) - Students can check out laptops, iPads, and calculators with valid PSU id.
* [Penn State Learning](https://pennstatelearning.psu.edu/) - Penn State Learning supports individual and group tutoring, learning community development, and collaborative projects with academic departments to assess learning and improve academic assistance resources for undergraduates.
* [University Park Academic Resources](https://pennstatelearning.psu.edu/resources) - There are many resources for students who need academic help. This page has a comprehensive list of those resources for undergraduates and graduates as well as external resources that students can use.
* [The Notion App](https://www.notion.so/personal) - Notion is an app that allows students to organize their tasks and homework. Students can take notes, organize, track tasks, and write goals to better themselves.

# Resources for Personal Needs

Some students need help in various areas of their personal life. They may need help paying for groceries, clothes, and even electric bills. Some students may need help to ease stress. This list provides various resources for students to get the help they need for their personal life.

**Resources for General Needs**

* [Student Aid](https://studentaid.psu.edu/services-for-students-in-need) – a comprehensive list of different resources for students including, food insecurity, health insurance, and academic help.
* [Salvation Army](https://pa.salvationarmy.org/statecollege/socialservice) - Families and individuals are provided with basic human services in crisis situations, such as housing and utility payments, lodging, occasional prescriptions, and emergency vouchers for food and gasoline. Each request is considered on a first-come and individual-needs basis.
* [Centre Safe](https://www.centresafe.org/) – Centre Safe strives to empower survivors of sexual or domestic violence, and to work toward the elimination of such violence.
* [Compass PA (State Benefits)](https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome) - COMPASS is an online tool for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs and manage benefit information.
* [Dollar Energy (MyApp)](https://www.dollarenergy.org/myapp/) - Programs are designed to help income-qualified residential customers maintain utility service and eliminate their past due balance.

**Food and Grocery**

* [Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program](https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/facts-about-snap) - SNAP helps low-income people buy the food they need for good health. Homeless people are eligible to receive these benefits. Apply online or by paper application. Must have a social security number or apply for a social security number.
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* [State College Food Bank](https://www.scfoodbank.org/) - State College food bank, eligible participants can be provided 12 food distributions in a 12-month period.
* [Grocery Delivery Services](https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/best-grocery-delivery#_noHeaderPrefixedContent) – This page provides a list of comparable grocery delivery services. These services are great for students who do not have a car. Please be aware that the available delivery services in State College are Walmart, InstaCart, Shipt, Target, Peapod, and Thrive Market.

**Clothing**

* [Goodwill](http://www.goodwill.org/) - Put in zip code and map shows you Goodwill stores in the area. The one in State College is located at 387 Benner Pike, State College PA 16801.
* [Penn State Career Services Career Closet](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career/programs/events-workshops/PAC) – Provides free professional clothing to students. There are also a few other resources on this page including thrift shops and dry-cleaning services.

**Personal Health**

* [Health Insurance](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/health-wellness/health-insurance) – Penn State offers a health insurance plan for students who do not have one. In addition to health insurance, Penn State students can also receive dental and vision insurance.
* [Centre Volunteers In Medicine](http://www.cvim.net/) - Centre Volunteers In Medicine-State College is a free medical and dental clinic. Access provided for individuals in Centre County and surrounding counties. Must meet eligible criteria.
* [Counseling And Psychological Services](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/counseling) – CAPS offers a wide range of service for undergraduate and graduate students to better their mental health.
* [Stress Management](https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/health-wellness/healthy-living/stress-management) - Managing stress isn't easy for everyone. Health Promotion and Wellness is here to help. They offer free one-on-one services with peer educators to help students learn stress management and relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, meditation, mindfulness, and yoga.