

Paying for College

Four out of five Pennsylvania College of Technology students receive some form of financial aid – worth millions of dollars – every year.



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With three siblings at home, Bradley S. Jackson, an Information Technology B.S. degree graduate from Warrington, knew he needed to get involved in the search for financial aid to help pay for college.

Bradley completed the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). He and his parents had many discussions about finances and college. He started working a part-time job while in school.

“Students need to do the hard work of understanding and filing for financial aid, including scholarship essays. The money is out there. You just have to do some work to find it,” he said.

As a Penn College student ambassador and a resident assistant, Bradley found ways to supplement his income with on-campus work experience. He also completed a summer internship with Lockheed Martin, which helped to secure him a position as a systems engineer associate at the SI Organization, Inc. after graduation.

Bradley found the resources he needed and invested wisely in his future at Penn College.

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There is money available to help most students meet the cost of college. Students and parents at every level of household income should find out what grants, scholarships, and educational loans are available to help finance a college education.

Financial aid eligibility may be determined by merit and/or need. Never assume that you will not qualify.

Admissions and financial aid representatives can provide free information on sources of aid provided by:

- Federal government
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)
- Pennsylvania College of Technology

Information is free!

Do not be fooled by advertisements suggesting that you need to pay for help to find college grants, loans, and scholarships. Assistance is available for free from the Penn College Financial Aid Office.

Visit www.pct.edu/finaid or call the Financial Aid Office at 800-367-9222 and select option 4.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition and fees are charged on a per-credit basis. Average rates, approved for the current year, are provided here to help you estimate the cost to attend Penn College for one year.

These are estimates only.

PA Resident (2011-12)

\$13,590*	Tuition & Fees
5,666	Housing
2,972	Meals
1,200	Books & Supplies
\$23,428	Estimated Total Expenses
	for a full-time student (15 credits per semester) living on campus

Out-of-State Resident (2011-12)

\$17,010**	Tuition & Fees
5,666	Housing
2,972	Meals
1,200	Books & Supplies
\$26,848	Estimated Total Expenses
	for a full-time student (15 credits per semester) living on campus

Actual cost will vary depending upon your number of credit and lab hours. Estimates do not include tools, uniforms, transportation, or personal expenses.

* Based on \$453 per credit cost for in-state residents.

** Based on \$567 per credit cost for out-of-state residents.

The lab hour fee is \$36 per lab hour and is not included in the per credit cost.

Payment plan is available.

Visit www.pct.edu/bursar for additional information.

Invest in your future.

According to *Education Pays: The Benefits of Higher Education for Individuals and Society*, published by the College Board in 2010:

- The typical bachelor's degree recipient can expect to earn about 66 percent more over a 40-year working life than the typical high school graduate earns over the same period.
- Median lifetime earnings for individuals with associate degrees are 24 percent higher than high school graduates.
- In 2008, the typical full-time, year-round worker in the United States with a four-year college degree earned \$55,700, 61 percent more than the \$33,800 earned by a worker with only a high school diploma.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, education pays in higher earnings and lower unemployment rates. For more information, visit www.bls.gov (keyword: *education pays*).

Think of your tuition as an investment.

Earning a college degree may increase your lifetime earning potential.

Start here!

Find out what aid you are eligible for by starting the process now!

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov.
FAFSA opens the world of financial aid to all students and families considering college. The key word is "free"; there is no cost to submit the online form that determines eligibility for financial aid.
2. Complete the free Penn College Financial Aid Application with your Application for Admission to Penn College online at www.pct.edu/apply.
3. Visit www.pct.edu/finaid/loans.htm to learn about student and parent loan options.
4. Complete the free Penn College Scholarship Application at www.pct.edu/finaid, which includes a brief essay about your career goals. This process will assist you in discovering scholarship opportunities that meet your academic and career goals.
5. Take advantage of free scholarship searches for Penn College and national scholarships at www.pct.edu/scholarships.

For more information, contact:

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Williamsport, PA 17701-5799
800-367-9222 (option 4)
Student & Administrative Services Center,
Room 1013
www.pct.edu/futurestudents
www.pct.edu/finaid



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An affiliate of The Pennsylvania State University and Pennsylvania's premier technical college, Penn College's main campus is located in Williamsport, PA, a city known around the world as the home of Little League Baseball.

Penn College is a special mission affiliate of Penn State, committed to applied technology education. Bachelor's and associate's degrees in more than 100 different career fields are focused on applied technologies ranging from manufacturing, design, transportation, construction, and natural resources to hospitality, health, business, and communication. Business/industry connections, national corporate sponsors, small classes, industry-standard equipment, and faculty with work experience contribute to strong graduate placement rates.

Pennsylvania College of Technology is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 215-662-5606. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition and Postsecondary Accreditation.

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