

YOUR COLLEGE

INVESTMENT

GUIDE



Pennsylvania
College of Technology
A Penn State Affiliate



LET'S TALK

ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE.

WHEN CHOOSING THE
PERFECT COLLEGE, YOU
WANT A MEANINGFUL
EXPERIENCE THAT WILL
PAY OFF IN THE LONG
TERM. AT PENN COLLEGE,
IT WILL.

TOP 5 10-YEAR
ROI

PA PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFERING
BACHELOR'S AND
ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES

2025 Georgetown University Center
on Education and the Workforce

While there are countless factors to consider as you weigh your options, return on investment (ROI) is always top of mind.

Here, we're committed to delivering a cutting-edge education that keeps pace with evolving industry demands and yields real earning potential.

When it comes to cost, Penn College tuition rates might not be the lowest. That's because we invest heavily in state-of-the-art labs and industry-grade equipment in order to place our graduates in the best position for long-term success.

97.6% 

GRADUATE
PLACEMENT RATE

\$28M 

LAB ENHANCEMENTS
FROM 2020 TO 2024

*Institutional investment plus
industry partner support.*

READY TO INVEST IN
YOUR FUTURE AND THE
INNOVATION THAT FUELS IT?

Dig into this guide for all the details you need to plan your path forward.



PLAN &

YOUR FINANCIAL PLAN

The best place to begin is by considering your financial plan, or how you'll pay for college. Each student's situation is a bit different but generally consists of a combination of out-of-pocket costs, grants, scholarships, and loans.

SAVINGS & OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS

Some students and supporters elect to cover a portion of the cost with savings from summer jobs or other funds set aside to pay for tuition.

GRANTS

For those who are eligible, grants are an excellent way to help pay for college expenses. They are based on financial need and do not need to be paid back. Completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only application required for federal grants.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Because they don't need to be paid back, scholarships are a preferred option to help cover costs. Some can be renewed in future years while others are specifically for one year or one semester. Simply complete the Penn College Scholarship Application to be considered for all eligible scholarships. We also recommend you explore extensive external scholarship opportunities.

LOANS

Typically used to bridge the gap, loans help pay for expenses that other types of aid and resources don't cover. Unlike grants and scholarships, loans need to be repaid. Each type of loan has its own application process. Options may include a Federal Direct Student Loan, Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan, and private alternative loans.

FIRST-YEAR ESTIMATED COSTS	PA Resident	PA Resident Commuter	Out-of-State Resident
Tuition ¹	\$18,690	\$18,690	\$26,640
Housing (on-campus) ²	\$7,342	-	\$7,342
Food/Dining ³	\$4,570	-	\$4,570
Books & Supplies	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
TOTAL⁴	\$32,002	\$20,090	\$39,952



Head over to pct.edu/cost-estimator and run the numbers. Using this simple tool, you'll get a breakdown of expenses for your major including tuition and fees, books, tools, uniforms, housing, and food/dining costs.

¹ Based on 15 credits per semester at a per credit cost of \$623 for in-state residents and \$888 for out-of-state residents. Actual cost will vary depending upon the number of credit and lab hours. The lab hour fee is \$60 per lab hour and is not included in the estimate. ² Based on 4 students/2-bedroom apartment. ³ Based on 14 meals/week board plan. ⁴ Total estimates do not include tools, uniforms, transportation, or other educational expenses.

PREPARE

SCHOLARSHIPS

ARE
BASICALLY
FREE MONEY!

Penn College offers 350+ scholarships and external organizations of all types offer awards, too.

PENN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

To be considered for eligible scholarships, all you need to do is submit the Penn College Scholarship Application at pct.edu/scholarships as well as the FAFSA at studentaid.gov/afsa.

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Look into awards offered by professional associations, community foundations, employers, and places of worship. You can also ask your school counselor for recommendations. Students who successfully stack multiple awards can make a sizable impact in their overall investment cost.

HIGHLIGHTS

Plan ahead and you could be eligible for all types of awards. Most of these scholarships are renewable each year and support an unlimited number of recipients.

PENN COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Ten \$1,000 and four or more \$4,000 annual scholarships for students who complete at least one Penn College Dual Enrollment course

LENFEST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

\$10,000 annual award for up to 15 associate's degree students who graduate from a Mastery Charter School or participate in the Heights Philadelphia program

PENN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 annual award that recognizes a select number of students deemed likely to strengthen the campus community and have exceptional potential for success

PENN COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Five \$2,500 annual awards for high-achieving transfer students

PENNSYLVANIA FREE ENTERPRISE WEEK SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 annual scholarship for students who attend Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 annual award for attending one summer camp or \$2,000 annual award for attending two camps

SKILLSUSA SCHOLARSHIP

Annual scholarships for state and national SkillsUSA winners: \$2,500 for first place, \$1,500 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place

STEM SCHOLARS

\$2,000 annual award for students from select STEM academies

YES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 annual scholarship for students who graduate from the Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council's YES Certificate Program

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMPLETION

\$2,000 annual award for students who complete the Penn College Youth Leadership program

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 annual scholarship for students graduating from a career and technical education program in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, or Connecticut

Learn more at:
pct.edu/scholarships

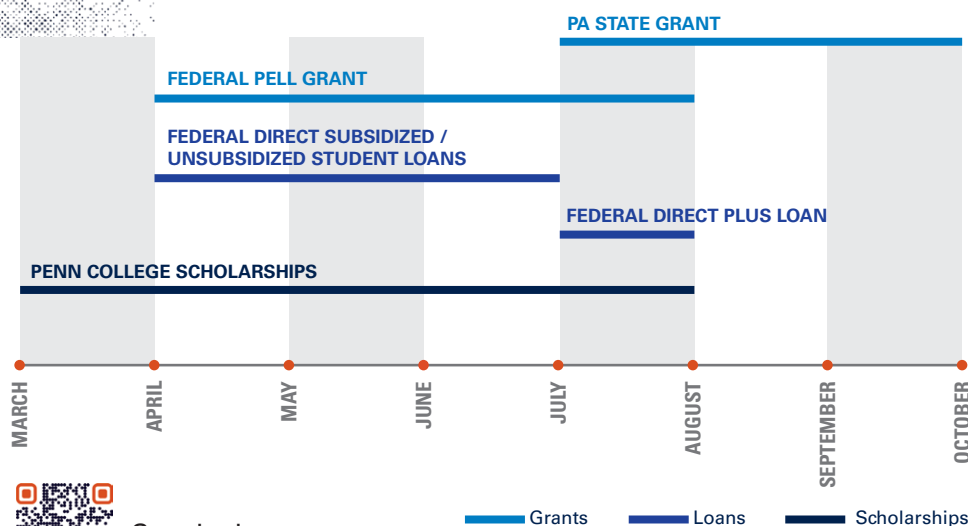


MORE WAYS TO REDUCE COSTS

APART FROM SCHOLARSHIPS, there are other ways to cut costs like locking in your first-year tuition rate with the Momentum Incentive Program and taking advantage of other discount possibilities.

ESTIMATED FALL FINANCIAL AID AWARD TIMELINE

Timelines may vary. Details here are designed to give you a snapshot of what the awarding process may look like for a student beginning in the fall semester.



See the latest at:
pct.edu/award-timeline

MOMENTUM INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Planning on pursuing your bachelor's degree? If you're a first-time student starting in the fall, you'll automatically be enrolled in the Momentum Incentive Program. As long as you're enrolled continuously and maintain a 3.0 GPA, we'll lock in your incoming year tuition rate for the remaining prescribed time for your program.

ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY DISCOUNT

Members of active-duty components of the U.S. Armed Forces will receive a discounted tuition rate of \$250 per semester credit hour.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

As a federal employee, or a PA government employee, you can save 25% on tuition when pursuing your online bachelor's degree in Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

ARMY ROTC

Students who contract with Army ROTC participate in a world-class leadership program while earning free housing and food and a host of other perks.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY & ON-CAMPUS JOBS

Getting a part-time job on campus is an excellent way to earn spending money and build skills in your field—all while being just footsteps from class.

SUMMER COURSE DISCOUNT

Take advantage of a 25% discount if you take MTH005 or MTH108 in the summer semester. If you are a first-year student who needs MTH005 or MTH108, the Summer Advantage program allows you to take First Year Experience, English Composition, and math at a 50% discount.

GROW PA GRANT

Through this PHEAA program, Pennsylvania residents may be eligible for grants up to \$5,000 per year for up to four academic years. Recipients must commit to working in Pennsylvania after graduation, within a determined in-demand occupation, for the number of years they received the grant.

NURSING EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIPS

Penn College nursing students are eligible to apply for up to \$65,000 in educational sponsorship through partnered health systems. In exchange for monthly educational loan repayments, students commit to working for their approved system for 2 to 3 years upon graduation and licensure.

INTERNSHIP SUPPORT FUND

Students can apply for financial assistance to support summer internships and clinical experiences. Funding can lighten the load with housing, transportation, and other educational expenses.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DOES PENN COLLEGE OFFER FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES?

Penn College does not provide financial aid packages upon acceptance. And while many private colleges publish higher tuition costs and discount through financial aid packaging, Penn College does not. Our straightforward approach is to bill students our published tuition cost minus any aid including grants, scholarships, and loans. You will see a Financial Aid Offer presented in your Student Portal. As you review the portal for updates, it's important to consider that the awarding process happens over time. Your portal is regularly updated as any aid is awarded.

HOW CAN I REDUCE MY INVESTMENT COST?

Begin planning early in order to maximize your savings. We recommend exploring all possible scholarship opportunities. Submit the Penn College Scholarship Application and we'll consider you for any eligible awards. Make sure to take advantage of external scholarships, too.

DO YOU HAVE PAYMENT PLANS?

Yes. Qualified students can submit a down payment and break their tuition cost into four installments. See details at pct.edu/paymentplan.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT AID I RECEIVE?

All of your aid may not be awarded at the same time. The process is ongoing. After you are scheduled for classes, check the Student Portal for the latest at access.pct.edu.

DOES PENN COLLEGE OFFER MERIT AID?

While we do not offer blanket aid to students based on merit, you may be eligible for one or more Penn College Scholarships.



See more at:
pct.edu/financial-aid-FAQs

MIKYA STAKE

Emergency Management & Homeland Security

"My goal is to get my bachelor's degree in two and a half years. I'm on track to graduate early and save money along the way. I earned several scholarships and came to Penn College with over 20 credits. I got 15 credits from my career and technical education coursework, took two dual enrollment classes, and tested out of two others."



ANDREW GRAHAM

Network Administration & Engineering Technology

"Penn College has introduced me to opportunities I never really knew where there and provided me with incredible chances to network. Industry partnerships are strong. I have witnessed top-notch students recruited directly by the same organizations that supported the program and by high-end shops that sat on the advisory board."



LAUREN PECK

Aviation Maintenance Technology

"Because of Penn College's scholarships, I no longer need to work an extra job, and I can fully focus on school, tennis, the military and my family. I am so thankful for the help I have received, and it has been a weight off my shoulders to not have to worry about money."





Questions?

Take advantage of our experienced Financial Aid team. Don't hesitate to contact the experts at **570.327.4766** or **finaid@pct.edu**.

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MSCHE is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education to conduct accreditation and pre-accreditation (candidate status) activities for institutions of higher education including distance, correspondence education, and direct assessment programs offered at those institutions. The Commission's geographic area of accrediting activities is throughout the United States.



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