

# YOUR PATH. YOUR PLAN.

An insider's guide to  
a future-proof career.

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YOUR PLAN.



**Pennsylvania  
College of Technology**  
A Penn State Affiliate



## OUR ADVICE?

### Embrace your passion.

Take steps to pursue it. And start planning early. Unsure where to start? No problem. Here's your guide to making it happen. Inside, you'll find tools and tips to help you maximize your investment.

## LET'S BREAK IT DOWN.

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### LATCH ONTO SOMETHING YOU LOVE.

At Penn College, you'll find a community of builders, innovators, and creators—all pursuing their passions. Whether you're driven to make a difference in healthcare or destined to open the restaurant of your dreams, you'll find a path you can call your own.

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### CHOOSE A FIELD WHERE YOU CAN THRIVE.

Penn College graduates are highly recruited for rewarding careers. That's because every major in our lineup has been expertly crafted to answer industry demand. That means you'll graduate with the precise skills and real-world experience that employers want most. How's that for value?

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### PUT YOUR PLAN IN PLACE.

Like all solid investments, you want to rest assured knowing that your time and money will pay off. You've got your hands on this brochure so you're off to a great start. Begin early, explore all possible financial options, and find the combination that works best for you.

## PRO TIP

### EDUCATION IS POWER.

Visit [pct.edu/financial](https://pct.edu/financial) to get familiar with the financial aid process, required forms, and timelines for completion.



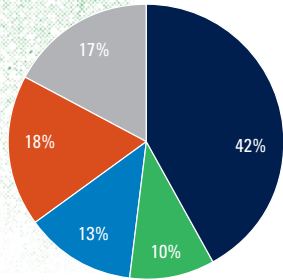
# SET YOUR FUTURE IN MOTION

FUTURE MADE  
BY HAND



# YOUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

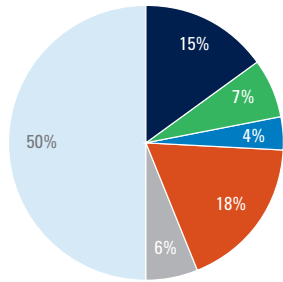
We recognize that everyone's situation is a little different. While some students manage to stack scholarships, most rely on a combination of grants, scholarships, and loans. Here's how a few of our students covered their costs.



## MEET JOSIE.

She's a first-generation college student from Pennsylvania. More than half of her first-year costs are covered by government grants and scholarships. She's relying on loans and savings to take care of the rest.

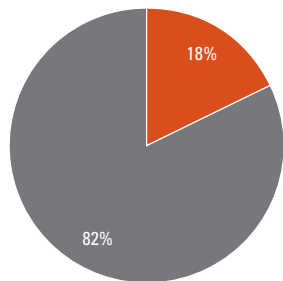
- Government Grants
- Penn College Scholarships
- External Scholarships
- Federal Direct Student Loan
- Out-of-Pocket



## MEET DOMINIC.

He's an in-state student planning to stay in Rose Street Commons—our first-year student residence hall. His cost breakdown is balanced with grants, scholarships, loans, and out-of-pocket contributions.

- Government Grants
- Penn College Scholarships
- External Scholarships
- Federal Direct Student Loan
- Federal Direct Parent Loan
- Out-of-Pocket



## MEET BRADY.

He lives in New Jersey. Because he's pursuing an online degree, he can take advantage of the in-state tuition rate. Brady is covering his costs with a combination of federal and private loans.

- Federal Direct Student Loan
- Private Alternative Educational Loan

**CURIOUS  
ABOUT  
COSTS?**

Head over to [pct.edu/cost-estimator](https://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 dining costs.

## PRO TIP

### LOOKING FOR THE BEST PLACE TO START?

Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

# MINIMIZE your investment. MAXIMIZE your savings.

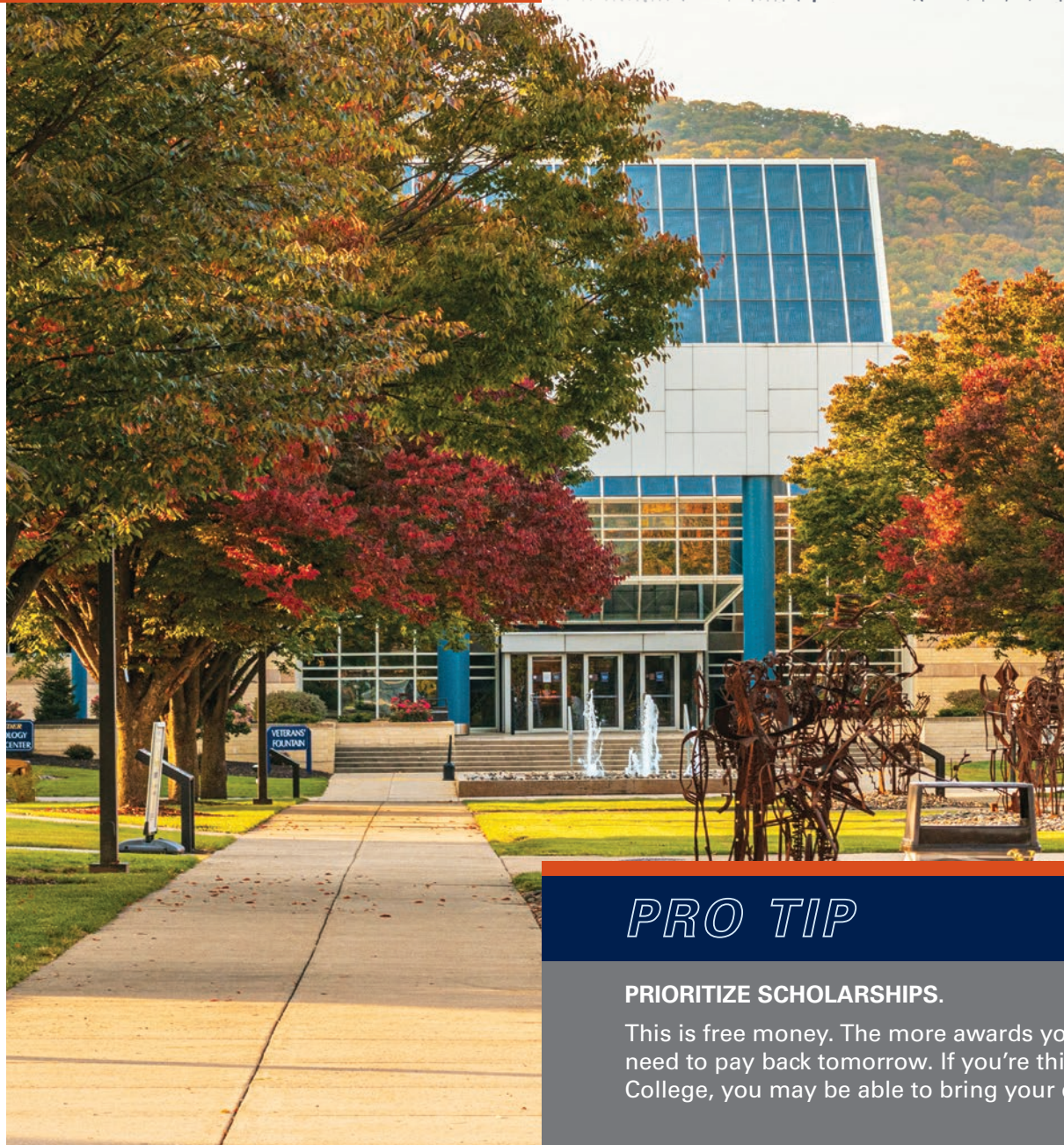
## PENN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applying for Penn College scholarships is simple. Just complete one application and you'll be considered for all eligible awards.

## EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Don't forget to explore external scholarship opportunities. Research those offered through civic organizations, employers, and places of worship. These can be applied at Penn College or wherever you decide to go. Our students receive considerable assistance thanks to external scholarships.

Explore award opportunities at [pct.edu/scholarships](https://pct.edu/scholarships).



UNIQUE PENN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

**350+**

PENN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

**\$2.2 Million**

(2022-23 ESTIMATED)

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

**\$1.5 Million**

(2021-22)

## PRO TIP

### PRIORITIZE SCHOLARSHIPS.

This is free money. The more awards you earn today, the less you'll need to pay back tomorrow. If you're thinking of transferring to Penn College, you may be able to bring your external scholarships with you.

Here are a number of scholarships designed to support students with specific experiences. Most of these are stackable, may be able to be renewed annually, and support an unlimited number of recipients.

# SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 annual award for first-time, full-time students from Pennsylvania who complete a state-approved CTC/CTE program

## PENN COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Ten \$1,000 and one \$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 10 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 ALUMNI LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Awards for full-time students who are children or grandchildren of Williamsport Technical Institute, Williamsport Area Community College, or Pennsylvania College of Technology graduates

## 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

## PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 annual award for attending one Penn College Pre-College Program or \$2,000 for attending two

## 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

Explore all awards at [pct.edu/scholarships](http://pct.edu/scholarships).

**96%**

GRADUATE PLACEMENT RATE

**67%**

COLLEGE GRADUATES OUT-EARN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WITH NO COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

**\$1 Million**

COLLEGE GRADUATES EARN MORE IN A LIFETIME THAN THOSE WITH NO COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

**1.4X**

GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE TYPICALLY OUT EARN THOSE WITH AN ASSOCIATE'S.

## PRO TIP

### SEEKING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE?

As part of the Momentum Incentive Program, we'll lock in your first-year tuition rate for the remaining three years. Learn more at [pct.edu/momentum](http://pct.edu/momentum).

# REAL-WORLD STORIES

Meet two of our own and you'll quickly see how investing in a Penn College education pays dividends.



**ETHAN MCKENZIE**

*Software Development & Information Management*

Thanks to the can-do culture and circle of support he found at Penn College, Ethan was able to embrace every opportunity to realize his true passion and fuel his desire to spark positive social change through a career in administrative law.

Like many before him, Ethan's journey took some twists and turns. His interest in computer design drew him to Penn College where he earned his bachelor's in Software Development & Information Management.

As a student, Ethan discovered his real love was in the design and optimization of legal systems rather than computer systems. Instead of transferring to another school and changing his major, he leaned on his mentors and created the experience he desired.

With the generous support of scholarship donors, he was able to focus less on finances and more on the ambitions ahead. He volunteered his talents to assist with several political campaigns and served in countless capacities across campus including as the president of the Student Government Association.

During his tenure, he overhauled the student government's internal infrastructure, drafted and passed 18 pieces of legislation, and planned and executed a successful three-month advocacy campaign to modify student housing policies. His impact on campus will last long after he says his good-byes.

As Ethan heads to Harvard Law School and embarks on the next chapter in his journey, he will surely look back at his time at Penn College with awe and gratitude. ■



**ALEAH EMLET**

*Electronics & Computer Engineering Technology*

For Aleah, there was no question. She was going to college. It was just a matter of how she would pay for it. Solely responsible for footing the bill, Aleah thoughtfully tapped into every resource imaginable to solidify her investment.

During high school, she worked at McDonalds and set money aside for college. This savings along with 11 external scholarships helped lighten the load—giving her the freedom to pour all her energy into her coursework.

On top of that, Aleah received a \$2,500 Penn College scholarship for her first-place SkillsUSA finish and earns spending money through the Federal Work-Study program.

That's not all. During her second year at Penn College, she joined Army ROTC—a commitment that paid for her tuition for the remaining three years. Penn College also waived her room and board fees in return for her service.

Her advice? "Apply for every scholarship and financial aid opportunity that is offered to you. Participate in all the extracurricular activities and clubs that you can. One of the things that propelled my application when applying for scholarships was my long list of club and competition involvements. You never know what club activity or competition could lead to some type of reward." ■

## PRO TIP

Visit [pct.edu/finaid](http://pct.edu/finaid) for lots of valuable tools and planning information related to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Financial Aid Authorization (FAA) form, scholarships, and loans.



## Questions?

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

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