

# Financial Aid

There are three types of financial aid available to Penn State students: grants, loans, and work. GRANTS are gift money that need not be paid back. A LOAN is low interest money that must be paid back. WORK is available as a form of aid whereby students earn aid in exchange for work.

Just as there are three different types of aid available, there are also three different sources of aid. These sources are THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND PENN STATE UNIVERSITY. Listed below are the various aid programs available at Penn State and their requirements:

**PELL GRANT** — Major grant available to undergraduate, degree-seeking students, enrolled at least half-time through the federal government. Grants usually range from \$135 to \$1,800 per year.

**PHEAA GRANT** — Grant available to eligible Pennsylvania residents who are degree-seeking and enrolled full-time. Grants

generally range from \$200 to \$1,500 per year. Students from the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Ohio, Rhode Island and Vermont should check with their state governments concerning possible state grants.

**NDSL, SEOG, CWSP** — Federal aid programs administered through the University in the form of a loan, a grant, and work-study. Students must be full-time, degree-seeking and must have completed a University Aid Application in order to be considered.

**GSL AND PLUS** — Loan programs available through the federal government and administered through the state government. Interest rates are currently 9 percent and 12 percent. Eligible students must be degree-seeking and enrolled at least part time. Applications available in banks.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** — Available to students with financial need and G.P.A. of 3.0 or above. Applications available in the Financial Aid Office from January 1 to April 1.

## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID DATES AND DEADLINES

**JANUARY 1**  
Financial Aid Applications Available.

**FEBRUARY 15**  
Suggested deadline for filing Need Analysis (FAF or State-Federal) for university aid consideration.

**MARCH 15**  
Deadline for Pell applications for current year.

**APRIL 1**  
Deadline for university aid and scholarship applications.

**MAY 1**  
Deadline for PHEAA applications.

# Refund Procedure

Students who are eligible for refunds from grants, scholarships, loans and other financial aid or awards should contact Mr. Richard Sosnowski in the Financial Office, Administration Building, to complete a Refund Request Form.

A student who officially withdraws according to University procedure before the end of the semester may be eligible to receive a tuition refund on a prorated basis. Questions concerning prorated refunds should be directed to the Financial Office, Administration Building.

It is the responsibility of the student who withdraws from enrollment in courses at Penn State-Behrend to secure appropriate signatures on an official Withdrawal Form. The official Withdrawal Form may be obtained from the Student Affairs Office. Students who register for classes but decide to withdraw without attending class may complete the University's official withdrawal form.



The Office of Housing and Food Service is responsible for refunds related to housing contracts. Students should contact Mr. Mike Ryan in Dobbins Hall with any questions in this regard.

You may find further information on the withdrawal and refund procedure in the POLICIES AND RULES FOR STUDENTS, 1983-84.

# Important Dates and Deadlines

August 12	Early Registration for students who have pre-registered for Fall Semester, 1983. Students who Early Register CANNOT attend regular registration. Changes in the pre-registered schedule must be made by August 12. First semester freshmen are not permitted to Early Register.	September 6	File Diploma Cards by this deadline if you are graduating at the end of this Fall Semester. Your diploma may not be printed if your card is not received by September 6. Cards are available in the Records Office.	October 3	Deferred Grade Removal from Spring or Summer must be received by this date. Grades not received in the Records Office by this date will be automatically removed from your transcript. You must report the grade.
August 15	Print Out Pink Up for students who pre-registered for Fall Semester 1983. BUT who will be attending Regular Registration. Printouts will also be available at Regular Registration.	September 8	Change of Assignment to other sections for Spring Semester forms are due in the Records Office by this deadline. Forms are available in the Records Office. Changes in assignments for Spring Semester will be made by this deadline.	October 10	Pre-Registration for Spring Semester 1984 at Penn State-Behrend.
August 21, 23, 24, 25	Regular Registration. Follow group times as listed on the bulletin board outside of the Records Office.	September 11	Pass-Fail Option forms must be in the Records Office by this deadline. Contact your advisor first to see if you are eligible to take course work on a pass-fail basis. Senate Rule 49-80.	November 9	Final Exams. Do not make advance plans to leave campus until after the final exam schedule is published.
August 24, 25	Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.	September 16	Regular Drop Deadline...last day to drop a course and not have it appear on your record.	December 13	Classes end.
September 6	LATE REGISTRATION AND COURSE ADDITIONS deadline for students either not registered or wishing to add courses to their schedules. NO STUDENT MAY REGISTER OR ADD ANY COURSE AFTER THIS DEADLINE FOR ANY REASON.	September 18	Pre-registration for University Park spring semester...forms must be submitted to the Records Office by this deadline to be honored by University Park.	December 13	Leave of Absence requests due in Records Office by this deadline.
		September 14, 15, 16		December 14-22	Early Registration for Spring Semester for Penn State-Behrend for those students who have pre-registered for Spring, 1984 at Behrend.
		September 16		December 14, 15	Study Days.