

# CHANGES TO 2017-2018 STATE GRANT AWARDS

## WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE TO MY STATE GRANT?

On October 26, 2017 The Pennsylvania State Grant Program (PHEAA) released a memo stating that there will be a reduction to Spring 2018 State Grant awards.

## WHY WERE THESE CHANGES MADE?

There were two significant changes to the 2017-2018 FAFSA application that affected the Pennsylvania State Grant (PHEAA) Awards.

- FAFSA became available as of October 1<sup>st</sup> rather than January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Students/Parents were now able to use tax information from 2 years prior (2015)

This led to a larger than anticipated number of 2017-2018 State Grant Applications. While the increase in applications is a positive outcome of the 2017-2018 FAFSA changes, it has placed additional demand on the limited State Grant resources.

## HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY STATE GRANT AWARD?

My yearly State Grant Award for the year is \$500 or less:

- No changes will be made

My yearly State Grant Award is greater than \$500:

- Fall 2017 awards will remain the same
- PHEAA is applying an additional .91% reduction factor to all Spring 2018 awards

**Note:** Students must continue to meet all of the [eligibility requirements](#) as determined by PHEAA for the Pennsylvania State Grant Program.

## HOW ARE THESE CHANGES CALCULATED?

Calculation:

*Step 1:* Take the original PHEAA State Grant amount that you were awarded for the year and divide by 2. This gives you the amount that you were originally awarded per semester.

Ex:  $\$3,675 / 2 = \$1,837$

*Step 2:* Take the amount you were originally awarded per semester (*see calculation above*) and multiply it by .91. This gives you the new amount that you will receive in a Pennsylvania State Grant for the spring semester.

Ex:  $\$1,837 \times .91 = \$1,671$

Examples:

Enrollment	Original Maximum Award	Final/ Revised Award	Fall Semester Award	Revised Spring Award	Amount Difference
12 + credits	\$3,675	\$3,508	\$1,837	\$1,671	\$166
6 - 11 credits	\$1,837	\$1,753	\$918	\$835	\$83

**Note:** The amounts shown in the chart above may vary based on the amount you were originally awarded. The examples provided are based on full-time and part-time *maximum awards only*.