

Good morning,

Please see below for information and resources related to your work with older youth.

- Youth in Care Transitioning to College: Financial & Transition Support
- Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program
- PHEAA Financial Aid Resources and Information

Youth in Care Transitioning to College: Financial & Transition Support

For your review and reference, below please find materials from the webinar:

1. Slide Deck Foster Care to College Collaborative: [March 2026 Webinar, Youth in Care Transitioning to College: Financial & Transition Support](#) Contact information for all of the presenters can be found on the last slide.
1. [Video recording](#) of webinar
1. An additional resource: PHEAA has collected many information sources and helpful tools relevant to supporting youth in care as they consider and transition to college all in one place - The [Foster Care to College Education and Outreach Initiative website](#). Here you can find information about Chafee and the PA Tuition Waiver, directories of college support programs and points of contact, scholarship listings, resources for youth experiencing homelessness.

We hope you gained a further understanding of the financial aid benefits available to youth in care for postsecondary training and can apply the transition tips in your work. We invite registrants who were not able to join the webinar to sign up for the presentation in May (registration link will be shared soon).

Please reach out with any questions regarding financial aid benefits to, or request case specific assistance from Cynda Clyde at cclyde@i-leadusa.org.

With sincere regards,

The FC2C Collaborative Team

[PHEAA](#)
[Philadelphia Education Fund](#)
[Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable](#)
[Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research, University of Pennsylvania](#)
[School District of Philadelphia](#)

Additional resources:

[PA Tuition Waiver FAQ](#)
[Financial Aid for Current and Former Foster Youth](#)

Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program

Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program Directory provides information that can assist you in ensuring students experiencing homelessness receive the services they require. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and it's a powerful reminder that every young person deserves safety, stability, and support. Resources like the ECYEH Program Directory help ensure that youth experiencing homelessness can access the protections, school supports, and caring adults they need. Explore the directory, share it widely, and help bring awareness to the services that can change a young person's life. <https://directory.center-school.org/homeless>

PHEAA Financial Aid Resources and Information

\$2,500 No-Essay College Scholarship

The PA Forward No-Essay College Scholarship is back for its second year, offering students a chance to win one of twelve \$2,500 awards. By simply opting in to our email list, students will be automatically entered for a chance to win money for college! This scholarship is open to students—and to parents of students—who are enrolled or planning to enroll in college for the 2026-27 academic year. Please share this with your seniors and their families as they prepare for graduation and the fall semester ahead. For more information, visit pheaa.org/ssor-26.

Changes to Federal Student Loans Take Effect on July 1, 2026

The changes for the federal student loan program initiated by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act are set to go into effect on July 1, 2026. These changes are more significant than the tweaks to the program in years past. **Some major changes** are the elimination of the Grad PLUS loan as well as new loan limits for the Parent PLUS loan borrowers.

FAFSA Completion Workshop

Do you want one-on-one support with completing the 2026-27 FAFSA? Virtual one-on-one assistance will be provided during our FAFSA Completion Workshop on Tuesday April 21, 2026, from 5:00-7:00 PM (ET). Please register for your 30-minute session as spaces are limited. Register at pheaa.org/virtual.

Understanding and Comparing Financial Aid Offers

PHEAA Access Partners will present information on the steps students should take after completing the FAFSA. They will discuss the financial aid process, strategies to review and understand financial aid offers from colleges, and how to compare different types of aid. The webinar will be on Thursday April 16, 2026, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Register at pheaa.org/virtual.

Have a great weekend!

Thank you,