Holy Family University
School of Education
Field Placement Program
PHEAA Student Teacher Support Program

What is It?

PHEAA provides financial support to students completing student teaching in an Educator Preparation Program (EPP) approved by the PA Department of Education (PDE) in the amount of 10,000.00.

Additional funding will be available to student teachers working in areas that attract few student teachers or have a high rate of open positions. (The high-need areas will be determined by PHEAA in coordination with PDE after placements have been made).

Awards will also be available to cooperating teachers who host the student teacher in the amount of 2500.00.

How does a student teacher apply for this?

Applications will be available in April on the PHEAA site at the link below:
PHEAA Link

The student is responsible for completing the application. In order to apply the student needs to:

***Be enrolled in an approved educator preparation program in an approved institution of Higher Education (IHE) in PA.**

***Hold required clearances for employment in public or private schools in PA**

1) **Department of Human Services Child Abuse History Clearance**
2) **Pennsylvania State Police Request for Criminal Records Check**
3) **Federal Criminal History Record Information (CHRI)**

***Meet minimum 3.0 GPA requirement**

***Agree to work as a teacher at an LEA/Nonpublic school within PA for a period of no less than 3 years. If the service commitment is not met, PHEAA may recover payments made to the teacher.**

***If you are in a position as a substitute, paraprofessional or any other paid position, you are not eligible to apply.**

***It is important to complete and return the application ASAP. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.**

***You do not need to have your placement confirmed in order to submit an application.**

Cooperating Teacher Eligibility

***The cooperating teacher needs to hold a certification in the subject area in which they will be providing guidance to the student teacher.**
***The cooperating teacher has received at least 3 years of satisfactory ratings as a certified teacher.**
***Have at least 1 year of certificated experience in the school entity where the student teacher is placed.**

LEAs/Nonpublic schools

***Complete required program participation agreements with PHEAA.**
***Releasing the award to the student teacher**
***Returning the roster to PHEAA certifying the payments**
***Paying cooperating teacher and High-Need Bonus (if appropriate)**

IHEs and EPPs

***IHEs and EPPs must confirm the eligibility of student teachers which includes:**

1) **Enrollment in EPP**
2) **3.0 GPA**
3) **A student has obtained the required clearances**
4) **Student Teaching has been scheduled**
5) **Placement location and start/end dates**

Timeline

***Application available on PHEAA site**

***Student teachers return application to PHEAA**

***PHEAA creates student records and determines professional eligibility**

***PHEAA notifies students and IHE's**

***IHE's confirms eligibility**

***PHEAA updates student teacher eligibility**

***PHEAA sends agreements and applications for cooperating teachers to LEA/Nonpublic Schools**

***LEAs/Nonpublic Schools and Cooperating Teachers return agreements and applications**

***PHEAA notifies student teachers of awards and disbursement dates**

***PHEAA generates rosters and disburses funds**

***Awards released to student teachers**

***Certified rosters are returned to PHEAA**

***Student teachers complete placement**

***Cooperating teachers receive awards and high-need bonuses (if applicable) are paid**