
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 47 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY ROEBUCK, SONNEY, HENNESSEY, MILLARD, BURNS,
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NEILSON, SAYLOR, FREEMAN AND CIRESI, JANUARY 25, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of January 2019 as "Financial Aid
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and commending the work of
3 the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and the
4 Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid
5 Administrators.

6 WHEREAS, The ability of some students to attend college and
7 pursue a postsecondary education is dependent upon the
8 availability of student financial assistance; and

9 WHEREAS, Knowledge of the availability of student financial
10 aid to help finance a postsecondary education has been shown to
11 vary across demographic groupings; and

12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth, through the Pennsylvania Higher
13 Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), has been one of the leading
14 states in the nation in providing need-based State grant
15 financial assistance to eligible residents of this Commonwealth
16 and providing other State financial assistance programs; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial

1 Aid Administrators (PASFAA) is one of the leading state
2 associations of financial aid professionals in the nation that
3 advocates for access to postsecondary education and educates the
4 public on financial aid and funding opportunities; and

5 WHEREAS, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
6 is the first step in the financial aid process to apply for
7 Federal student aid, such as Pell Grants, student loans and
8 college work-study programs; and

9 WHEREAS, FAFSA information is also used to award State grants
10 to Commonwealth students pursuing postsecondary education; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth, PHEAA and PASFAA want to promote
12 the availability of student financial assistance to help finance
13 a postsecondary education in the form of Federal grants, State
14 grants, loans, work-study programs and other specialized State
15 funding programs to help eligible Pennsylvanians pursue
16 postsecondary endeavors; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 month of January 2019 as "Financial Aid Awareness Month" in
19 Pennsylvania, urge all Commonwealth residents pursuing higher
20 education to apply for financial aid through the Free
21 Application for Federal Student Aid and recognize the work of
22 the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and the
23 Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
24 in their respective efforts to promote the availability of
25 postsecondary student financial assistance for the residents of
26 this Commonwealth.