

BRYN ATHYNN COLLEGE

2012-2013 Guide to Financial Aid

Tuition at Bryn Athyn College is an outstanding value compared with other small private liberal arts colleges. Every student receives a substantial subsidy thanks to a generous endowment established by the College's founders, and increased by many supporters over more than a century.

It is important for families to understand that financial aid is available and what the aid opportunities are. Below are brief summaries of student aid programs for which students or their families may qualify.

I. PUBLIC AID SOURCES

Please note that public funding is not available to students who are not US citizens or permanent residents.

A. Title IV Federal Student Aid Programs

Title IV programs are US government grants or loans authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as amended). In order to participate in this program, students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA-on-the-web worksheets are available to help you assemble the information you need to complete the FAFSA. They may be obtained from the Bryn Athyn College Financial Aid Office or from your local high school guidance counselor.

The FAFSA should be submitted online. Information about the FAFSA and online submission is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **If a student is planning to attend Bryn Athyn College in the Fall term, the priority deadline is February 15.** Funds will be awarded after this date if they remain available. Pennsylvania residents **must submit the FAFSA by May 1** in order to qualify for state aid.

Title IV funds are available to Bryn Athyn College students through the following programs:

Federal Pell Grants

Pell Grants provide need-based grant aid, and are generally available to students whose Expected Family Contribution on the FAFSA is \$4,995 or less, although final eligibility depends on individual circumstances. In the 2011-2012 year, grant amounts for full-time students ranged from \$555 to \$5,550. Pell Grants do not require repayment.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

FSEOG funds are awarded to Bryn Athyn College annually based on availability of federal funds. The College, in turn, awards the FSEOG funds as supplemental need-based aid to students who are eligible for federal student aid. Priority is granted to Pell recipients with the most financial need. FSEOG awards do not require repayment.

Federal Work Study

Federal Work Study funds are awarded to Bryn Athyn College annually based on availability of federal funds. Students with demonstrated financial need may apply for part-time work on campus to assist with their educational costs. Students in the Federal Work Study program are paid directly every two weeks unless they arrange with the Bursar to apply their earnings to their student fee accounts.

Federal Direct Loans for Students and Direct Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

The US Department of Education administers the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. The program consists of Direct Loans for students and Direct PLUS loans for parents. Direct Loans for students range from \$5,500 per year for first-year students to \$7,500 per year for juniors and seniors, and offer low rates of interest with interest subsidies provided for needy students. Parents are able to borrow PLUS loan funds up to the cost of attendance of their child minus any other financial aid their child receives. Students who take Direct Loans generally do not have to begin repayment of the principal and interest until six months after graduation or withdrawal.

More information about these federally-funded grant or loan programs can be found online at the US Department of Education website www.studentaid.ed.gov, or by calling 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Literature published by the US Department of Education is also available from the College's Financial Aid Office.

B. Pennsylvania State Aid

PHEAA Grants

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) offers state grants to **students who are legal residents of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania**. To determine eligibility, complete the FAFSA by May 1 and authorize release of your application information to PHEAA. State grants are need-based, and eligible students may receive up to \$3,652 per year.

II. BRYN ATHYN COLLEGE AID SOURCES

Please note that students and families must make use of all available sources of public funding—federal and state aid or loans—before any supplemental aid or loans can be offered by Bryn Athyn College.

Bryn Athyn College Need-Based Grants

To be considered for a need-based institutional grant, students and parents need only to submit the FAFSA (free application for federal student aid). The FAFSA is located online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and should be filed electronically. The FAFSA must be submitted by the priority deadline of February 15 in order to be considered for the Fall term.

New Church Grants

A student will be eligible for a New Church Grant, which will not require repayment, if:

- He or she has been baptized into the faith of the General Church of the New Jerusalem or into one of the following sister New Church organizations: The Lord's New Church (Nova Hierosalyma), The Swedenborgian Church of North America (Convention), the General Conference of the New Church (UK and New Zealand), the Swedenborg Association of Australia, the New Church in Australia, or any other recognized New Church organization; or
- At least one of the student's parents are members of the General Church of the New Jerusalem or one of the sister New Church organizations listed above.

Applications for a New Church Grant can be found at www.brynathyn.edu/admissions/finance.

Bryn Athyn Scholarships

Bryn Athyn College also offers merit scholarships to students who demonstrate exemplary attributes in academics. For additional information, visit www.brynathyn.edu/scholarships or contact the Admissions Office.

III. GENERAL CHURCH AID SOURCES

A number of congregations in the General Church of the New Jerusalem have scholarship programs to assist the children of members with a Bryn Athyn College education. Students or their families should contact their local General Church pastor to see if they may qualify.

STEPS FOR APPLYING FOR AID

1. **Complete the FAFSA** at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
2. **Respond to any request for additional information** sent to you by your State Aid office.
3. **Sign a New Church Grant request form**, if eligible, and submit it to the College's Financial Aid Office.

Accepted applicants are automatically considered for available Bryn Athyn Scholarships.

International Students should complete the International Student Certification of Finances in lieu of steps 1 and 2 above.

Bryn Athyn College wants you to access all the aid or loan opportunities available to you or your family.

Questions about financial aid can be directed to:

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