

# IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

**FROM BIRTH THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL THERE ARE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS READY FOR CAREER SUCCESS!**

## **Birth through High School: Start Saving NOW!**

- To get started, sign up for the PA529 College and Career Savings Program at [www.pa529.com/learn](http://www.pa529.com/learn) or by calling 1-800-440-4000. You can start saving today with as little as \$10! Scan this code to watch a short video that explains the program.
- Was your child born after December 31, 2018? If so, the PA Department of Treasury will give you \$100 to invest for your child's future education. For more information, visit [www.pa529.com/keystone](http://www.pa529.com/keystone) to learn more about the Keystone Scholars program.



## **Middle and High School: Start Planning for College and Career**

You and your child can work with your school's guidance counselors to think about career interests and opportunities and plan for life after high school. Here are some great resources for parents and students to get you started:

- School District of Lancaster: [www.sdlancaster.org/learn/college-career/finding-your-fit](http://www.sdlancaster.org/learn/college-career/finding-your-fit)
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA): [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org). Contact Sonya Mann-McFarlane (717-514-6043), the [Access Partner](#) assigned to your region for assistance.
- PA CareerLink® of Lancaster County Student & Young Adult Programs (funded by the Lancaster County Workforce Development Board): [www.jobs4lanaster.com/youth](http://www.jobs4lanaster.com/youth)

## **High School: Think You Can't Afford College? YOU CAN!**

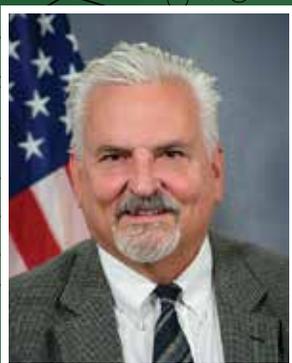
Work with your school's guidance counselors to learn more about financing and paying for education after high school. Important resources include:

- PHEAA provides affordable access to higher education. View PHEAA's Student Aid Guide at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) for the PA State Grant Program and Low-Cost Ways to Pay for College.
- The US Department of Education's College Scorecard: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov> can help you search and compare colleges and alternative pathways to careers as well as learn about paying for college.
- PA CareerLink® Student & Young Adult Programs to find out about low or no cost short-term trainings/post-secondary opportunities: [www.jobs4lanaster.com/youth](http://www.jobs4lanaster.com/youth)

**Ready to finance post-high school education?** Take the first step by completing the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR ANY ADULT TO GET EDUCATION OR TRAINING TO IMPROVE YOUR OWN FUTURE. MANY OF THE RESOURCES ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE SUCCESS AS WELL.**

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