



Fiscal Year 2023-24 Appropriations Request

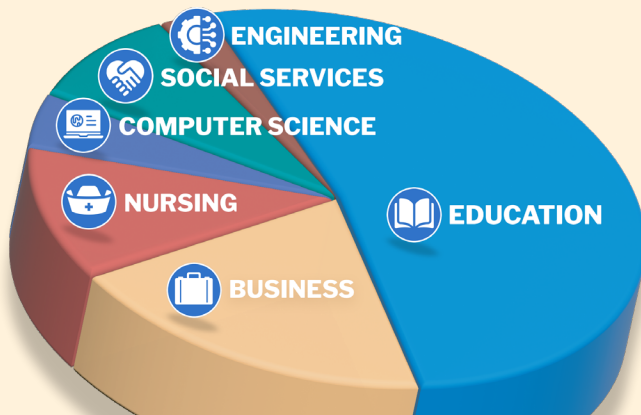
The State System is requesting a state funding package to support student affordability and help tackle Pennsylvania's labor shortages in high-growth jobs and industries:

- **\$573.5 million, an inflationary increase of \$21 million (3.8%),** in addition to the new funding below, would enable the Board of Governors to consider freezing the basic in-state undergraduate tuition rate for an unprecedented fifth consecutive year.
- **\$112 million in new funding** would strategically strengthen the workforce by enrolling and graduating students prepared for careers with significant labor shortages. \$99 million would be used for targeted student support, i.e., financial aid, and \$13 million to supplement high-cost, high-growth programs.



\$112 million includes **\$13 million** for targeted program investment and **\$99 million** for targeted student support.

Breakdown of Targeted Student Support



High-Growth Industries	Student Support	Program Investment
EDUCATION	\$56.5 M	\$3 M
BUSINESS	\$19 M	\$2 M
NURSING	\$7 M	\$5.5 M
COMPUTER SCIENCE	\$5 M	\$0.5 M
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$10 M	\$0.5 M
ENGINEERING	\$1.5 M	\$1.5 M
Estimated Need	\$99 M	\$13 M

Dear Legislators,

The State System is tremendously thankful for the historic investment in the 2022-23 state budget. Your partnership with us and our students is enabling PASSHE to transform public higher education and meet the changing needs of students and the workforce.

As always, this means providing high-quality education at the lowest possible cost to students. It also means providing career-relevant higher education for all students—no matter where they are or who they are—to serve Pennsylvania's changing needs.

Our FY 2023-24 request would benefit our students by helping to keep tuition affordable. At the same time, PASSHE provides the most economical path for our state to increase credentials in the high-demand industries upon which our communities rely.

Now more than ever, PASSHE is ready to propel students into good, high-demand jobs that create economic security for their families and provide a tremendous return on investment. The following information demonstrates the power and promise of PASSHE and the positive impact of your reinvestment.

Sincerely,

Dan Greenstein, Chancellor

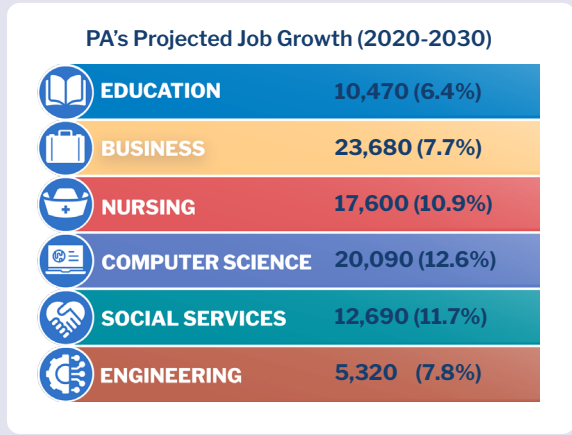
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education



THE POWER AND PROMISE OF PASSHE

POWER: Tackle Pennsylvania's Labor Shortages (\$112 million)

Pennsylvania's workforce has a critical talent gap: 60% of jobs require some higher education after high school, but only 51% of workers having the needed degree or credential. As the state-owned public university system, PASSHE has a plan to support 48,000 students in targeted programs to help close the gap for high-growth jobs and industries by 2030.



Strategically Meeting Workforce Growth

This request strategically targets investments in high-growth workforce needs so students of all ages can get an affordable degree or credential for jobs in fields with labor shortages.

Fulfilling Community Workforce Needs

Communities need more healthcare workers to provide care, teachers to educate our children, engineers to improve our infrastructure, social workers to improve lives, and computer scientists to enhance and secure our digital world.

PROMISE: Help Students Afford Higher Education (\$573.5 million)

As the state-owned public university system, PASSHE is the largest and most affordable provider of four-year degrees in Pennsylvania. The System is nimble and responsive — investing in affordability through tuition freezes and increasing university aid to students, as well as aligning programs to meet the needs of the workforce.

<p>PASSHE is 1st in PA for lowest net price for a 4-year degree</p>	<p>63% OF GRADUATES ARE STILL LIVING & WORKING IN PA ONE DECADE <i>after</i> GRADUATION</p>	<p>The 2022-23 total price is 13% lower than the inflation-adjusted 2019-20 total price</p>
<p>32% increase in the average amount of institutional aid awarded <i>per student</i> since 2017-18</p>	<p>4 consecutive years of frozen tuition since 2019-20</p>	<p>75% of students from low-income families climb into the middle class a decade after graduation</p>

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