Beyond Pell Grants—Other Ways to Pay for College

While federal student aid—or the Pell Grant program—accounts for the majority of aid paid out at the College, there are other increasingly important sources of funding you can access. Examples include:

Scholarship Opportunities
The College has awarded several million scholarship dollars to students in the form of tuition, cash and book awards. The scholarship process is easy:

- Complete the online scholarship application by visiting MyCCP under the Financial Services channel and then clicking on the link to the Scholarship Application.
- The online application allows you to be considered for as many scholarships as you are eligible.
- Scholarships are awarded throughout the academic year.
- The online scholarship application period expires June 30 each year. New applications must be submitted annually.
- Scholarship workshops offered each semester cover topics like essay writing, obtaining recommendations and the scholarship interview. Students will receive email notifications with workshop dates and locations.

For more information, email scholarships@ccp.edu or call 215.496.6182.

Pennsylvania State Grant – PHEAA
Pennsylvania residents may be eligible for the Pennsylvania State Grant by submitting a FAFSA and completing the State Grant Form by May 1 for returning students or August 1 for new students. In addition, students:

- Must be enrolled for six or more credits in a degree program where at least 50% of the instruction is not via distance education;
- Must not have already earned a bachelor’s degree or exceeded the maximum number of State Grants permitted;
- Must make satisfactory academic progress as defined by PHEAA; and
- Must meet other eligibility requirements. Visit www.pheaa.org for more information.

AmeriCorps/National Service Trust
Upon successful completion of a term of service, members are eligible to receive an award which may be used to pay college costs or to repay student loans. For more information on joining AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.gov and click on the link “Join Now.”

National Guard Education Assistance (EAP)
EAP is a tuition assistance program for students who enter into a service commitment with the Pennsylvania National Guard for a period of six years. If you are already a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, contact the Readiness NCO at your unit of assignment. If you are not a member yet, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs website at www.dmva.state.pa.us. Additional program information is available at www.pheaa.org.

U.S. Armed Forces Members and Family
Veterans, their spouses and their dependent children may qualify for a monthly allowance toward tuition with the many education benefits offered through the G.I. Bill. For up-to-date information on programs offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, visit www.gibill.va.gov, stop by the Veterans Resource Center on the ground floor of the Bonnell Building, Room BG-43, or email vets@ccp.edu.

For additional information on ways to pay for college, attend a Financial Planning Workshop presented by the Office of Financial Aid (log in to MyCCP, go to the Financial Services channel and click on Financial Planning Workshop Schedule to see workshop dates/times) or contact the Office at financialaid@ccp.edu.