



What is PaSSS?

The **Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS)** program gives you the opportunity to develop a strong foundation by taking classes, and meeting fellow students during the summer prior to the start of your first full academic year at Penn State University. The goal is to guide you on a pathway toward successfully earning your degree on time from Penn State.

The program awards all selected participants a scholarship of \$2000 for enrollment in 2 summer classes. Actively engaged program participants continue to earn scholarship support in subsequent summers while enrolled at the Penn State Berks campus. In total, participants have the potential to earn \$6000 in scholarships throughout their time at Penn State Berks so long as they remain active members of the PaSSS Program.

For more information about the requirements, components, and costs of the program, please see the Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS) website: <https://berks.psu.edu/pathway-success-summer-start>

PaSSS Interest Questionnaire

Interested in PaSSS? Fill out this questionnaire to be considered for the program.

- Student Name: _____
- PSU ID #: _____
- Student Preferred Email: _____
- Student Cell Phone: _____
- Parent Preferred Email: _____
- Parent Cell Phone: _____

1. Will you be a first-generation college student? Yes No Unsure
2. Are you eligible for Free & Reduced-Price Meals through the National School Lunch Program? Yes No Unsure
3. Do you plan to submit a FAFSA to apply for financial aid at Penn State? Yes No Unsure
4. Would you be interested in an on-campus job during your first year? Yes No Unsure
5. Have you taken any Honors or AP-level English courses? Honors AP Neither
6. What is the highest-level math you have completed? _____



PaSSS Program Requirements

By submitting this form you are expressing your interest to be considered for the PaSSS program.

Submitting this questionnaire does not guarantee that you will be selected to participate in the program.

To participate in the PaSSS program you must accept your offer of admission and enroll at the Penn State Berks campus. If you are selected for the program, you will be notified by a PSU Berks Administrator with additional information. To officially enroll in the PaSSS program, you will be required to:

- a. Submit the \$230 enrollment fee to Penn State by **May 1** (if you haven't done so already) to indicate that you will be enrolled in the fall semester. ***In some situations, the \$230 enrollment fee can be waived due to financial hardship***
- b. Agree to change your starting semester at PSU Berks from fall to summer in order to coincide with the dates of the PaSSS program. If you are accepted for summer, your semester does not need to be changed.
- c. If interested in financial aid for the summer, complete a FAFSA form for the previous academic year by June 30 using the Penn State school code 003329.
- d. Return the Enrollment Reply form that will accompany your program acceptance letter by May 1, 2022.
- e. Attend an information and welcome session prior to the start of the program.

Housing is not available in the summer. If you wish to participate and are in need of housing, there are housing options in the area of the Berks campus: <https://berks.psu.edu/off-campus-housing-options>

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please send all applications for PaSSS to:

Bradley Simko, *PSU Berks Admissions Counselor*

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Contact Bradley Simko

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Contact Information for PaSSS Details

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