

# What You Need to Know

Learn about tuition, financial aid, meal plans, and on-campus banking This presentation will be available on our website (etown.edu/orientation).

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Annual fees are billed in two installments:

- Fall semester
  - Generated July  $1^{\rm st}$  / Due August  $1^{\rm st}$
- Spring Semester
  - Generated December  $1_{st}$  / Due January  $2^{nd}$

### **Contact Information:**

• Phone: 717-361-1417

## Email: businessoffice@etown.edu



- Invoices include anticipated aid but may not include payments or aid from other sources (i.e. private loans, outside scholarships)
  - Use *Remittance Worksheet* to make changes
- Additional Fees
  - Health Insurance premium (*waive at* studentcenter.uhcsr.com/etown)
    - Charge will appear on fall semester invoice *only*
    - Enroll in or waive insurance information site
  - \$300 Security Deposit (matriculation)
    - Not a credit on your semester invoice



### Student ID Charging:

- College Store
- Dining Services Venues (outside Meal Plan allotments)
  - The Jays Nest, Blue Bean Café, Fresh Nest Smoothie Café, The Jay Truck, Marketplace
- Copier Machines
  - Per copy charge
  - Scanning is no charge



### Students access invoices through Jayweb (Student – Finances)

Students must give parents/other payers access to their account You can find instructions here

Transact Tuition Payment Plans You can find information here



- Online payments through Jayweb/Transact Payments *or* at www.etown.edu/businessoffice with electronic check, Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, or Discover
  - 2.95% convenience fee assessed for credit *and* debit card payments
  - No additional fee for bank account/electronic check payments (ACH)
- Cash, check, or money order accepted in-person at the Business Office *or* check/money order by mail (*include student's ID number in memo*)

### Financial Aid: Student Aid Portal

finaid@etown.edu





### Accept/Decline Offer ASAP

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ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE		www.etown.edu/finaid Review, Accept or Decline Your Financial Aid Offer	
www.etown.edu/finaid Welcome Thank you for your interest in financial aid at Elizabethtown College. Please complete the following steps to receive and review your Financial Aid Offer:	2025/2026 Elizabethtown College Financial Aid Home Page	In addition to tuition, fees, food and housing, students may also incur expenses for books, supplies, transportation and personal expenses. Eliza includes the following estimated amounts when determining a student's financial aid budget/cost of attendance and financial aid eligibility: Your Budget Information	abethtown
<ol> <li>If you have not already done so, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</li> <li>Click on Menu &gt; Review, Accept or Decline your Financial Aid Offer</li> <li>Complete/Submit any outstanding documents: Click on Menu &gt; Documents</li> </ol>		Cost of Attendance Category	Amount
		Tuition and Fees	\$39,370.00
	Questions? Please contact us: Elizabethtown College	Food & Housing On	\$13,810.00
	Office of Financial Ald One Alpha Drive	Books & Supplies	\$1,100.00
	Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2298 717-361-1404 finaid@aetown.edu	Miscellaneous	\$800.00
		Transportation	\$250.00
		Loan Fees	\$68.00
		Total Cost of Attendance	\$55,398.00
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#### Your Financial Aid Offer

Fund Name	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Total	Message	Status
Excelsior Scholarship	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$21,000.00	Click to View Message	Pending 🖌
Out of State Scholarship	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00		Pending V
Special Major Scholarship	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	Click to View Message	Pending V
Trustee Grant	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	Click to View Message	Pending V
Federal Direct Stafford Loan-Subsidized	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$3,500.00	Click to View Message	Pending V
Federal Direct Stafford Loan-Unsub	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	Click to View Message	Pending V
Federal Work Study (FWS) Earnings	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	Click to View Message	Pending V
Total	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$31,000.00		
Decline All Accept All					

### Financial Aid: After Accepting Aid

- Complete MPN/EC if accepting Fed Loans
- Submit outside scholarship form
- Submit any outstanding documents/forms

### **CHECK AND RESPOND TO EMAIL**















- Why can't you tell me about my student's aid?
- Do I need to complete the FAFSA to receive my merit scholarship?
- Do I need to apply for financial aid every year?

### Who should I contact...

Any aid question = Office of Financial Aid **717.361.1404** Question regarding bill or payment plans = Business Office **717.361.1417** 

### **Dining Services: Facilities**



### The Marketplace



Capable of seating hundreds of students at once, The Marketplace is our main dining facility. The Jays Nest



The Blue Bean



The Jays Nest is the perfect place to grab a quick bite to eat on the go or between classes.

A popular hangout spot, The Blue Bean serves fresh coffees, pastries, and much more.

### **Dining Services: Meal Plans**



Plan	Price	Total Meals	Jay Bucks	Guest Meals	Ideal For:			
Gold	\$3,490.00	Unlimited	\$100.00	10	Residential Students (Default Plan)			
Gold Plus	\$3,565.00	Unlimited	\$200.00	10	Residential Students			
Silver	\$3,490.00	200	\$200.00	8	Residential Students			
Silver Plus	\$3,565.00	200	\$300.00	8	Residential Students			
Bronze	\$3,490.00	150	\$325.00	6	Residential Students			
Bronze Plus	\$3,565.00	150	\$425.00	6	Residential Students			

### Academic Year 2025-2026 Meal Plans:

### www.etown.edu/offices/dining/meal-plans.aspx

### **Dining Services: Meal Plans**



- Residential students are automatically enrolled in the Gold Plan.
- Meal plans are for individual use only.
- During the first two weeks of each semester, students may make changes to their meal plan through Jayweb.
- During the first two weeks of each semester, students have the option of purchasing a PLUS plan which provides additional Jay Bucks at a 25% discount.
- Jay Bucks carry over from fall to spring semester only (not spring to fall).
- Meal swipes expire at the end of each semester.



- Ingredient & allergen information available online & in Marketplace
- Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, Vegan/Vegetarian Products available
- Dietary Accommodations
  - 1. Student registers with Disability Services (https://www.etown.edu/offices/disability/)
  - 2. Student contacts Executive Chef
    - 1. Executive Chef: Jason Hampton <u>hamptonj@etown.edu</u>
  - 3. Dining Services & Student Meeting
  - 4. Ongoing and frequent communication = **Successful & Safe Dining Experience**





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https://www.etown.edu/offices/psecu/index.aspx



### PSECU is a trusted local not-for-profit digital-first credit union where students and their families can join

### MEMBER BENEFITS

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# What Is Greenlight?

#### **Cashless convenience**

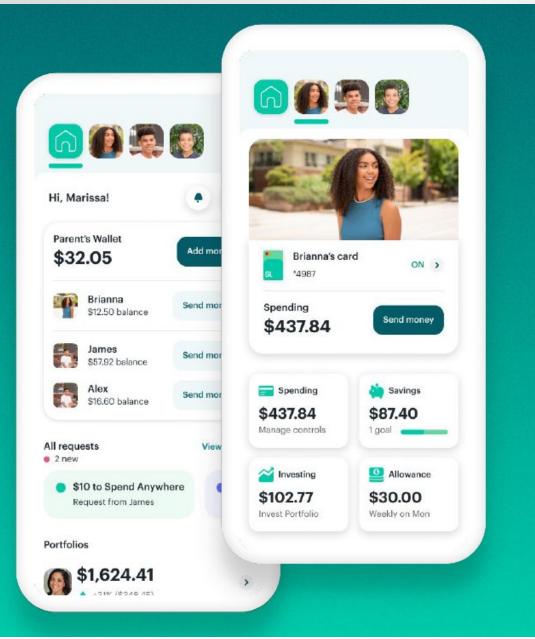
- Debit cards for up to 5 kids
   Automated chores & allowance
- lnstant money transfers to kids

#### Peace of mind

- Real-time spending notifications
   Flexible parental controls
   FDIC insured funds of up to \$250,000
- Market leading card controls
- Mastercard's Zero Liability Protection

### A head start on their financial journey

1% on savings and 1% cash back to savings
 Financial literacy games, quizzes and more



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From home to auto and life to pet, PSECU Protect, LLC\*, can help you get the insurance coverage you need without breaking the bank.



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#### FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

#### PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT

For those who want a well-rounded overview of things that are very important to make their retirement plan work. From budgeting, income & income sources, expenses, social security overview, and a brief Medicare overview and the steps that soon to be retirees should be taking to become prepared for this most important endeavor.

#### MARKET VOLATILITY

Most of us have experience with investing to some degree, whether it is inside our 401K, 403b, 457 or IRA. With that experience means we have been rewarded when the stock market is going up, but also felt the anxiety of a shrinking account balance when the stock market is suffering through volatility. The conscious actions we take during those periods of volatility are very important in our long term investment success. This presentation will walk us through what to expect from these periods of volatility and how to handle them from an investment decision standbootnt.

#### BUILDING A STRONG FINANCIAL FOUNDATION: FINANCIAL PLANNING 101

Are you prepared for when life happens to you? We will review the basics like establishing a strong financial foundation with emergency funds and making better decisions regarding debt. We will also touch on investing.

#### PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY AND ASSETS: INSURANCE BASICS

How do I protect my family in the event of tragedy? What is your plan for a chronic illness? Who gets what and how? Long Term Care options. What records and documents do I need? What life Insurance coverage do I need? We have the answers to the questions that you have wanted to ask about insurance, but were afraid to ask. Here are the basics and guidance you need to help you build your legacy.

#### ASSET ALLOCATION: BALANCING YOUR RISK AND REWARDS

The right balance of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can help you mitigate financial risks and increase potential rewards. But with thousands of investments to choose from where do you start? During this seminar you'll learn how you can develop a strong asset allocation strategy, which can help you confidently pursue your financial goals.

#### HOW TO SAVE FOR COLLEGE EDUCATION

"For the 2023-2024 school year, the College Board Reported that the total cost to attend a public four-year in-state college averaged \$11,260 or out of state college \$29,150. Starting an education savings plan and becoming acquainted with the many options available can help you get a step ahead on saving for higher education. This presentation will cover these topics, as well as:

Section 529 plans
Custodial accounts
UGMA and UTMA accounts

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# Questions?

If you have questions for any of our presenters, please feel free to visit them at our Info Fair over the lunch break.

12-1:25 pm in the Bowers Center

This presentation will be available on our website (etown.edu/orientation).



# First Year Seminar/Transfer Student Meetings

Meet your FYS faculty & peer mentor Meet your peers in your FYS/Transfer group Get your fall schedule & learn important details



Students, look at your name tag & find the letter you wrote on it at Check-in. Head out the front doors and outside. Find your peer mentor holding the sign with your letter on it. They'll walk you to your FYS Meeting.

> You'll meet back up with your families for lunch & the Info Fair at noon.

> > Families, sit tight!



"Join, join, join!!!! Emphasize to your student to find a club or clubs and be active. Find a group, make some friends, and have some really fun times."

"Although this is a time for children to break away, stay in tune with your child. Provide guidance and support and emphasize using the resources available and, as a parent, know what they are. Keep a list of the numbers so when your child is sick, you have the number for them to call. When they are struggling with a class, know how they find a tutor."

"Buy Hersheypark annual passes and you'll have a fun reason visit in the spring and fall!"

"Peer tutoring is available"



"Don't be overly involved in your child's outcomes. If they are having challenges with scheduling classes or getting involved, it is a great opportunity to learn to figure things out and sometimes deal with consequences of not being responsible. College is a pretty safe place to take chances and parents being too involved doesn't help them at all.

Also, don't let them come home too soon after starting school. They need to be there to form friendships and going home can hinder that.

Our time at Etown is ending in a month, but it was such a great place for our daughter. She chose the perfect school for herself."



"Try your best not to "fix things" for your child (young adult). It's hard, I struggle with it, but I try to be there for my daughter to talk through issues, but not handle for her. Issues like social interactions, not liking food, struggling in a class....our kids need to advocate for themselves. So many people at Etown are willing to guide them. Help them by listening, but not attempting to fix it."

"Check out every section of Etown's website I found a lot of information there."

"If you live close, take less at move in. My son found his room was cluttered and we came up and took stuff home. It is easy to order something and have it delivered if you missed it."

"The student peer mentor program is great. Encourage your student to take advantage of an upper classman's knowledge."



"Making new friends can be tough for some people. If you see someone not participating in an event, go up to them, introduce yourself, and ask them to join. If they are reluctant, stand or sit with them a few minutes, asking them questions and sharing some information about yourself. The next time you see the person, make sure you say hi and remind them where you met.

Make it easy for people to meet you by putting your Instagram name on the board on the outside of your room and ask people in your building to DM you so everyone can meet, at least electronically, other people in the dorm.

It's perfectly normal at some point to feel a little sad. Tell a friend, tell your RA or peer mentor, or call the counseling service. Etown really wants you to be happy and healthy in all aspects of your life!"



"Visit your student and enjoy the delicious food (and enjoy not having to cook!) and beautiful campus. Etown is full of friendly faces, and as a parent, it's great to spend time here."

"Trust that your student will have challenges that they WILL overcome while at college. It's a normal part of growing up. It's tough to watch as a parent, but just know that they are surrounded with supportive people who will help them grow."

"Don't overpack. In the spring, when you visit, bring home extra items so there is less at move out."

"The Counseling Services staff are amazing. Don't be afraid, pick up the phone and make an appointment."



"Let your student have some time. For many of them, it's the first time they've been away from home. Have faith, they will figure it out and surprise you on how independent they become in such a short time."

"Resist the urge to text your student daily. It can be very disturbing for some kids, like you don't think they can handle college on their own. Let your student text you first, even if it's the first night. Let them be in control."



### Families, from 11 am – 12 pm:

Write a card to your student Visit the College Store (open until 5 pm) Meet other families Explore campus

Scan this QR code for closed captioning:



Your student will be in their FYS Meeting until noon.



### 12-1:25 pm – Lunch & Explore

Visit the **Info Fair** to ask questions, learn about resources & meet Etown staff, *Bowers Center* Talk to the Academic Advising team about **Schedule Questions**, *Bowers Center*, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Tour our **Residence Halls**, *leave from Bowers Center (Info Fair)* Visit the **College Store**, *Brossman Commons*, 1<sup>st</sup> floor **Student athletes**, visit your coach, *Thompson Gym Jaywalk* Get your **ID picture** taken, *Leffler Chapel* Enjoy **lunch** sometime during this timeframe – *Bowers Center* 

1:30 pm – Families, choose a Concurrent Session to attend (students will gather and get to know their peers)

2:15 pm – An Insider's Guide to Etown (everyone, in the Chapel)



### Before you leave the Chapel, Write a card to your student

We will deliver your hand-written card to your student the first week of class! Pick up a blank card & write a message to your student. Fold the card on the perforated marks & write their <u>full name</u> on the front of the card. Then drop it in the baskets by the doors on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.



## Family Guide to Academic Advising

Available to each family

3 versions: English, Spanish, & for families of commuting students

When you drop off your completed card, please pick one up. They are stacked beside the baskets for your finished cards.