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# The KEYS Program

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Reading Area Community College

# Open The Door To Your Career With KEYS!

KEYS is a state-run workforce development employment and training program designed to help eligible students attend, and succeed, in community college. Students who receive benefits through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF/Cash Assistants) and/or Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) and wish to enroll, or are already enrolled, in a community college in Pennsylvania, may be eligible to participate in KEYS.



## Program Benefits:

### Student Facilitator

The heart of the KEYS program at RACC is our professional student facilitators. Each student is assigned a student facilitator who will use a holistic, intensive, human-centered approach to supporting students to:

- Develop a career pathway
- Assess barriers to successful completion
- Navigate the college experience
- Career Coaching
- Advising
- Acquire financial assistance beyond financial aid
- Refer to academic supports and community resources.

### Financial Assistance:

KEYS students will find pursuing their academic and career goals at Reading Area Community College even more affordable. The program and students work together to alleviate financial responsibilities outside of tuition such as:

- Child care
- Transportation (gas, bus pass, car expenses/repairs\*, car purchase\*, and more)
- Books and supplies
- Education fees (not tuition)
- Tools and Equipment
- Test fees
- Clothing
- Incentive Program\*

\*TANF students only

### Academic and Training Programs at RACC through KEYS

- General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Classes
- Career and Credit Certificate Programs
- Associate's Degree Programs

### Eligibility and Enrollment Information

If you do NOT receive TANF or SNAP, but think you may be eligible, you can apply for benefits on the Department of Human Services COMPASS site: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>

If you receive TANF or SNAP and want to be part of the KEYS Program, fill out a KEYS Reverse Referral form by doing one of the following:

- Visit our KEYS webpage at <https://www.racc.edu/services/keys-program>
- Call KEYS office at 610-372-4721, ext. 5289 or ext. 5185
- Stop by our KEYS Main Office, Berks Hall, Room 223

Completed Reverse Referral Forms can be dropped off in our office or emailed to [keys@racc.edu](mailto:keys@racc.edu)