

2017-2018 Tuition Assistance Application Parochial School Students

Application must be received by March 1, 2017.

Eligibility

Grants from The Ellis Trust are awarded to girls entering grades nine through twelve who meet the following criteria:

- Live in Philadelphia.
- Live in a household where one or both parents are absent, or mentally or physically disabled.
- Meet the family income eligibility requirements for reduced-priced lunch under the National School Lunch Program.
- Have grades of "C" or better in major school subjects.
- Are making academic progress toward timely graduation.
- Can prove their dependency status (name appears on their family's tax return or DPA document).
- Are in a family that does not own property other than their primary home.

Please note: Single parent households are defined as households with one adult, over the age of 18, living in the household. This does not include adult children or grandparents claimed as dependents on tax returns.

Income Guidelines

Families of girls need to meet the income eligibility requirements for reduced-priced lunch under the National School Lunch Program. Gross family income (income before taxes) must not exceed the amounts listed below. Gross family income includes wages, salaries, Department of Public Assistance (DPA) payments, disability payments, worker's compensation payments, Social Security payments, child support payments, etc. earned or received by the student and other family members living in the household during 2015, as well as any contributions from family members not living with the student.

Family Size	Maximum Income
1	\$21,978
2	\$29,637
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273
7	\$67,951
8	\$75,647

Add \$7,696 for each additional person in a family with more than eight members.

Please note:

- Applications are evaluated on a rolling basis.
- The deadline for all required application materials is **MARCH 1, 2017**.
- Mailed documents must be received by **MARCH 1, 2017**.
- Application decision notifications will be released by **MAY 15, 2017**.



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*Please read the eligibility requirements before completing this application.
Please print clearly.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Philadelphia, PA Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of High School you will attend in **2017-2018**: _____

Year of High School Graduation: _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Custodial Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Current Marital Status: Never Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Married Please list disabled parent's name: _____

If you are in foster care, **please provide written documentation**, and complete the following:

Name of Social Worker: _____

Telephone of Social Worker: _____

Email Address of Social Worker: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

On a separate sheet, please submit an essay describing your family and home life and how this grant will make a difference in your life. Please limit your response to 500 words or less.

MOST CURRENT REPORT CARD

I have included a copy of my most recent report card. Yes No

Charles E. Ellis Trust for Girls
C/o Philadelphia Futures
230 S. Broad Street, 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

How many people live in your household? _____

Please list all members living in your household.

Name	Relationship to Student	Age	Grade/Occupation	If child is under the age of 19, is other parent disabled or deceased?
	self		student	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please provide information on the income received by anyone in your household. For 2016, has your custodial parent completed his/her IRS income tax return?

___ My parent has already completed his/her return.

Please attach a copy of page 1 and 2, along with schedule C and E, if applicable.

___ My parent is not going/did not to file.

In 2016, did you, your parents, or anyone in your parent’s household, receive any benefits from any of the federal programs listed? (If yes, please attach requested documentation.)

Supplemental Security Income ___Yes ___No

Social Security Retirement Benefits ___Yes ___No

Please submit a copy of the 2016 SSA-1099 or a notification letter from the SSA regarding your benefits.

Food Stamps ___Yes ___No

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Cash Assistance) ___Yes ___No

Please submit a copy of notice detailing amount received and dependent names.

Is any member of your household receiving Unemployment Compensation? ___Yes ___No

Please submit a copy of the most current Notice of Financial Determination.

Is any member of your household receiving Worker’s Compensation? ___Yes ___No

Please submit a copy of the most current benefit notice.

Did your parent receive child support for any of your parent's children? Yes No
Please submit a PACSES printout indicating amount and frequency received.

Did your parent receive foster care payments for any member of the household? Yes No
Please submit documentation indicating amount and frequency received.

We have included the following documents: (Please place a check mark to verify that you have included all necessary documents. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.)

- 2016 Federal Taxes, Page 1 and 2
- Food Stamp/TANF statement
- Unemployment Compensation Documentation
- Social Security Income Documentation
- Foster Care Payment Information
- Divorce Decree or other proof of separation
- Child Support Payment Information for all children
- Any other forms of current household income
- Most recent report card
- 500 word essay

We certify that all the information and supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. We understand if we have knowingly withheld or falsified information, the grant may be rescinded. We understand that additional documentation may be required to process this application. **We understand that if the required documentation is missing, this application will be denied.**

We give our permission for the school(s) or program(s) listed in this application to release and/or discuss grade reports and financial information with the Ellis Trust and its administration. All information will remain confidential.

Date: _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Student

Signature School Official () Telephone Number

Please Print Official's Title and Name

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2017

Completed application must be received in our office by deadline. Late applications will not be considered.

Please mail completed application, along with all financial documents, to:
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