

ELLIS TRUST TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS  
PAROCHIAL AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
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*Over the past five years, The Charles Ellis Trust for Girls has awarded over \$6M in tuition assistance grants to students attending independent and parochial high schools.*

## **BACKGROUND**

The Charles Ellis Trust for Girls helps young women of limited financial means enhance their high school experience and prepare for post-secondary success. Each year The Ellis Trust awards grants to eligible young women, residing in Philadelphia, to support their education by providing tuition assistance for students attending independent and parochial high schools.

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT**

The Ellis Trust application process is once again online and accessible via smart phone, tablet and/or personal computer. The online application for the 2021/2022 school year can be accessed at [www.ellistrust.org](http://www.ellistrust.org) on **January 1, 2021**. Applicants must complete the Ellis Trust application online to be considered for a tuition assistance grant. Current 8th grade students should apply now for consideration for high school tuition assistance.

To complete the application you will need to:

- [Follow the link on our website](#) to the application for Tuition Assistance Grant for Parochial & Independent High School Students and follow the instructions to start an application.
- Submit a personal statement.
- Upload documents including your current official report card or official transcript and current household income documents (e.g. federal tax, child support, public assistance, COMPASS and/or Social Security benefits).
- Submit your application by the **DEADLINE: Midnight on Monday, March 15, 2021**

As you work on your grant application, you will be able to save it in draft form at any point and return to it after you have gathered the required documents for uploading via <https://manager.submittable.com/login>. Applicants will be notified of grant decisions by May 1, 2021. If you are approved, the grant payments will be made directly to the school.

**Applicants must reapply for funding each year; grants are not automatically renewed.**

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Tuition assistance grants from The Ellis Trust are awarded to girls in grades nine through twelve grades who meet the following criteria:

- Live in Philadelphia
- Live in a household where one or both parents are absent, or mentally and/or physically disabled
- Meet the family Income Eligibility Requirements listed below for reduced-priced lunch under the National School Lunch Program
- Have grades of "C" or better in all major subjects
- Can prove their dependency status (i.e. student's name appears on their family's Federal IRS Form 1040 tax return or IRS Form 1095-B Health Coverage or PA Department of Human Services document(s) or foster care documentation)
- Are in a family that does not own property other than their primary home.

## INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Gross Family Income includes wages, salaries, PA Department of Human Services payments (i.e. food stamps, temporary cash, etc.), disability payments, worker's compensation payments, Social Security payments (Disability, Retirement, Survivors and/or SSI), child support payments, etc. earned or received by the student and other family members living in the household during 2020, as well as, any contributions from family members not living with the student. Total Gross Family Income (income before taxes) must not exceed the amounts listed below:

Family Size	Maximum Income
2 .....	\$31,284
3 .....	\$40,182
4 .....	\$48,470
5 .....	\$56,758
6 .....	\$65,046
7 .....	\$73,334
8 .....	\$81,622

*NOTE: Add \$8,288 for each additional person in a family with more than 8 members.*

## Need Help?

If you have questions about the application process please visit our website [www.ellistrust.org](http://www.ellistrust.org) where you will see a [Frequently Asked Question \(FAQ\) section](#) with detailed responses. If, after consulting the website, you still have questions please email our staff at [ellistrust@philadelphiafutures.org](mailto:ellistrust@philadelphiafutures.org) or call us at (215) 790-1666 ext. 427 or ext. 442.