

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. More information about The Ellis Trust for Girls, including information on our assistance for students in public schools, can be found at our website: www.ellistrust.org.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

The Ellis Trust application process is **online** and accessible via smart phone, tablet and/or personal computer. The online application for the 2023/2024 school year can be accessed at www.ellistrust.org on **January 1, 2023**. 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:

- create account at the Ellis application site using an active email address (new users) or use existing access credentials for returning students,
- upload your current official report card, and
- upload current household income/benefit documents (e.g. COMPASS (SNAP, TANF, LIHEAP, Medical Assistance), Social Security, federal tax, child support, UEC, etc.).

DEADLINE

Applications for tuition assistance grants must be submitted online by midnight on **Wednesday, March 15, 2023.**

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified of grant decisions by May 1, 2023. 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 parent/guardian's COMPASS Statement or Federal IRS Form 1040 tax return or foster care documentation, etc.), and,
- Are in a family that does not own property other than their primary home.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS *(2023/2024 school year)*

- Families of girls need to meet the Income Eligibility Requirements for reduced-priced lunch under the National School Lunch Program.
- Total Gross Family Income (income before taxes) must not exceed the amounts listed below.

Family Size	Maximum Income
2	\$33,874
3	\$42,606
4	\$52,338
5	\$60,070
6	\$68,802
7	\$77,534
8	\$86,266

NOTE: Add \$8,732 for each additional person in a family with more than eight members.

Need Help?

If you have questions about the application process, please visit the Ellis Trust website 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 or call us at (215) 790-1666 ext. 427 or ext. 442.

Necesita Ayuda?

Si tiene preguntas sobre el proceso de aplicar por favor póngase en contacto con el equipo del Ellis Trust por correo electrónico, hanamura@philadelphiafutures.org o por teléfono, (215) 790 1666 ext 442.