



Applicants for an Ellis Grant must meet ALL of the criteria listed below:

- Reside in Philadelphia
- Live in a household where **one or both parents are absent or disabled**
- Are enrolled in grades **9 - 12** (including the summer before 9th grade but not the summer after 12th grade)
- Continue to make academic progress toward timely graduation
- Meet the income eligibility for the federal reduced lunch program
- Have grades of C or better in the major subjects based on the following scale:

A	90 and above
B	80 - 89
C	73 - 79
D	70 - 72
F	60 - 69
- Student's report card must list the parent/guardian's name and address.

In addition, families of applicants:

- May not own property other than their primary residence.
- Must prove the dependency status of the applicant. (Child's name must appear on tax or DPA documents.)
- Must have a gross family income before taxes, which does not exceed the amounts listed below. "Family income" includes wages, salaries, Department of Public Assistance (DPA) payments, pensions, child support, etc. earned by the student and other family members living at home, as well as any contributions of family members not living with the student.

Family Size	Maximum Income
1	\$20,147
2	\$27,214
3	\$34,281
4	\$41,348
5	\$48,415
6	\$55,482
7	\$62,549
8	\$69,616

ADD \$7,067 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON

Note: Girls in foster care placements must be wards of the court. Independent minors must receive their own DPA/SSI as the sole source of support- otherwise family income will be required.



**APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOL
STUDENTS
2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR**

APPLICATION PERIOD: Applications from public and charter school students must be postmarked between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Recommendations:

Applications from public or charter school students will be reviewed as soon as they are received. In order to maximize a student's chance of receiving an Ellis Trust tuition award, it is imperative that all paperwork be completed as soon as possible. Delays in providing this information may jeopardize a student's chance of receiving a grant from the limited available funds.

It is the responsibility of the families to make sure the Ellis Trust receives all necessary documents by the designated deadline. Please keep copies of completed forms for your files. Your cooperation in submitting all necessary documents is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions during this process, please feel free to call our office at (215) 735-4482.

Required documents should be submitted to the Ellis Trust as soon as possible. Please send documents via regular mail or fax at (215) 735-4485.

Applications are available on our website (www.wwscholars.org/ellis).

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Public and Charter School Students: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will I be notified when you receive my application?

A: Yes, we will send you a postcard indicating that we received your application.

Q: Will I be notified if my application is incomplete?

A: Yes, We will send you a letter indicating which documents we need in order to review your application. You will be given a deadline to provide the necessary information.

Q: I received an Ellis Tuition grant last year. Will I get one this year?

A: Students must reapply each year and provide supporting documentation. Grants are not automatically renewed.

Q: When are decisions made?

A: Completed applications will be reviewed as soon as they are received. You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible since funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis to eligible applicants.

Q: How strict are the academic guidelines?

A: Applications will be reviewed with strict adherence to the academic guidelines.

Q: When will I be notified of your decision?

A: Students will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

Q: Can I request funds for a program that is not included on the suggested programs list?

A: Yes, you may request funds for any enrichment program that interests you. Each program will be carefully evaluated. You should include a brochure or description about the program in your request. In your personal statement, please address what you think you would gain from participating in the program.

Q: Do you fund study abroad programs?

A: No, however, if you have any specific needs for a study abroad trip, you may submit a request in writing describing what you need and what impact this would make in your life.