

**CONRAD WEISER STUDENT LOAN FUND  
of Berks County Community Foundation  
SCHOLARSHIP LOAN APPLICATION**

This fund was transferred to the Berks County Community Foundation for administration in 2020 from the Conrad Weiser Student Loan Association.

The fund provides monetary loans to student graduates of Conrad Weiser High School for use in an accredited post-high school course for the furtherance of his or her education.

To be eligible for a loan, the student must fall within the following:

- a. Must be a graduating senior or have graduated from Conrad Weiser High School
- b. Must be enrolled in an accredited post-high school course as a full-time student.
- c. Must make a written application for the loan on or before the date set by the Loan Fund Review Board

Applicants may reapply and may receive more than one loan over their lifetime, with a maximum lifetime award to one person of \$6,000.

Applicants must submit this application and all attachments to Berks County Community Foundation by April 6<sup>th</sup>. Applications and attachments can be emailed to Franki Aitken at [frankia@bccf.org](mailto:frankia@bccf.org) or mailed to:

*Conrad Weiser Student Loan Fund  
Berks County Community Foundation  
237 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601*

**Loan terms and requirements:**

Applications will be reviewed and approved in May. Loans will be available to be paid by July. The amount of each loan and the number of loans allowed shall be determined by the Loan Fund Review Board, with a maximum lifetime award to one person of \$6,000 (\$1,500 annually).

A Promissory Note signed by the borrower and a Surety Agreement (co-signer) legally binds him/her to the repayment terms as specified in the note. Non-eligible cosigners include: spouse of applicant, fiancé or fiancée of applicant.

Conditions:

- The loan shall be interest-free during the period the student is attending a college or professional/trade school full-time.
- Loan shall become payable within one year after graduating from such school. The loan shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the second year and 8% per annum thereafter.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify Berks County Community Foundation in writing of changes in an anticipated graduation date, termination of enrollment, and changes in permanent address.
- Failure to repay a loan may result in legal action.

**Applicant Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information:**

Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation & Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation & Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings who are dependent upon your parents for their support: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings who are current in college: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Information:**

High School graduated from or will graduate from: \_\_\_\_\_

High School graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution you are attending or plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution's City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one: Pursuing an undergraduate degree \_\_\_\_\_ OR Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

List college grade level you will be in for the semester you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a full-time student? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you live at home or on school campus? Home \_\_\_ Campus \_\_\_

Degree or certification pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

Year you anticipate completing your degree or course of studies: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on academic probation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment:**

**List any employment you have had in the last 2 years:**

List employer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ FT \_\_\_ or PT \_\_\_ Dates Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Financial:**

**Estimated expenses for school year:**

Tuition & Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room/Board \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial resources for school years:**

Personal funds (cash, savings, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's anticipated earnings for the year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Support from Parents \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grants (Pell/State/Grant) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loans (Do not include this loan) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of loan requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,500 maximum per year)

Have you previously received a loan from the Conrad Weiser Student Loan Fund? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, complete the following:

**Year**

**Amount of loan from Conrad Weiser Loan Fund**

\_\_\_\_\_

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You will be asked to have someone co-sign this loan. The following persons are not acceptable cosigners: husband or wife of the applicant, or a fiancé or fiancée of student.

**Family Finances:**

Applicant's annual earnings (adjusted gross income from Form 1040): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' annual earnings (adjusted gross income from Form 1040): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's balance in checking and savings accounts: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's present market value of investments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cosigner Information:**

Co-signer First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signer Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signer Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signer Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signer Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signer Home City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signer Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signer Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments:**

- Letter of support from cosigner regarding willingness to cosign.
- Essay: Explain how this loan will help you with your educational endeavors.
- Most recent high school transcript (if the applicant is a high school senior). Transcripts can be unofficial.

**OR**

- Most recent college transcript (if the applicant is a current college student). Transcripts can be unofficial.
- Proof of acceptance to an educational institution or certification program.

Berks County Community Foundation employees, board members, and/or committee members are not eligible to apply for or be nominated for a scholarship offered by Berks County Community Foundation, nor are their immediate family members. However, immediate family members are eligible to be nominated and recognized as the recipient of a scholarship, but without the financial award of the scholarship. Immediate families include spouses; children, stepchildren, grandchildren, step grandchildren, and their respective spouses; siblings and their spouses; and ancestors. The ineligibility period for Berks County Community Foundation board members or employees and their family members extends five years after board service or employment terminates. The ineligibility period for committee members who are not Berks County Community Foundation staff or board is in effect only during their term of service and is only related to the committee on which they make decisions.