The Ehrlich Student Loan program was established in 2004 to assist Jewish students and their families with the cost of higher education. This program was a gift to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago from the estate of Mrs. Shirley Ehrlich. The Ehrlich Loan is need-based and available to Jewish students who reside in the Greater Chicago area defined as Cook, Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage and Will counties in Illinois. Those deemed eligible may borrow between $5,000 and $10,000 annually for up to four years.

This packet contains the materials required to determine applicant eligibility. Please read all forms carefully and provide all requested documents.

**REQUIRED FORMS**

*Please submit the following required documents only once all are complete.*

1. Certification of U.S. citizenship & photocopy of documentation (passport or birth certificate).
2. Photocopy of Student Aid Report (first four pages—both sides).
3. Photocopy of driver's license (and that of co-borrower).
4. Completed and signed copy of most recent income tax return (and that of co-borrower).
5. W-2 Forms from the past two years (and that of co-borrower).
6. Copy of 2 most recent pay stubs (and those of co-borrower).
7. Self-employed applicants/co-borrowers will need to furnish 2 most recent personal and business tax returns.
8. Non-traditional applicants with no credit or limited credit will need to furnish proof of residence. Alternative credit references include verification of rent or housing expense by obtaining copies of telephone bills, utility bills, rental agreements, etc.

Before submitting the above forms, please mail the Certification Form with section A completed to your university's Financial Aid Office. Once we have received all of the above documents, we will begin to determine your eligibility.

 Loans will be disbursed to your University/College at the start of each academic year. You must reapply each year you request the Ehrlich Student Loan for up to four years. You will not be required to pay interest nor principal while enrolled as a full-time student. **The interest on the loan is subsidized during the time you are a student.** Upon graduation or completion of your program, you will receive a payment schedule and all necessary information to begin repaying your loan from the lending bank.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel White at 312-357-4995.
In order for your application to be accepted, this page must be complete.

Name: _____________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________________________________________________
Email: _______________________________________________________________________
University/College: __________________________________________________________________
Expected Graduation Date: _____________________________________________________
Loan Amount Requested: _______________________________________________________
Co-borrower? Yes ____ No ____ If Yes, name of co-borrower: _____________________________

Involvement in the Jewish community is not required for this loan. This information is collected for our records only.

1. Do you identify as being Jewish? Yes ____ No ____

2. Involvement in Jewish communal activities

   Have you ever attended (please check all that apply):
   Jewish preschool   ____
   Jewish day school   ____
   Hebrew school   ____
   Jewish day camp   ____
   Jewish overnight camp   ____
   Other ___________________

   Have you ever participated in:
   Jewish youth group   ____
   Israel trip   ____
   Volunteering at Jewish agency   ____
   Other activity__________________________

   Do you belong to a synagogue? Yes ____ No ____

   Do you attend services at a synagogue? Yes ____ No ____

   If Yes, what is the name of the synagogue? ________________________________________

3. Secular involvement

   Extracurricular activities: ______________________________________________________

   Special skills and interests: ______________________________________________________

   Awards and honors: ____________________________________________________________
CERTIFICATION OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP or RESIDENCY FORM

The undersigned individual certifies that he/she is:  (Please check the appropriate boxes)

☐ A citizen of the United States. Evidence of my citizenship can be furnished, in the following form*:
  ☐ Certified copy of Birth Certificate
  ☐ Valid U.S. Passport (Expiration Date:_________)
  ☐ Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (INS Form N-560 or N-561)
  ☐ Certificate of Naturalization (INS Form N-550 or N-570)

*Please enclose one photocopy of your supporting document.

Name of Applicant: ________________________________

Signature of Applicant: ___________________________ Date: ______________________
CERTIFICATION FORM

Dear University Administrator:

The following student has applied for an Ehrlich Student Loan through the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. This loan program has been designed as an alternative loan and is limited to full-time students only. The loan will be made out in the student's and your University/College's name and disbursed at the start of each academic year. Proceeds are to cover outstanding school costs with the balance released to the student. This form will provide us with the information needed to make these disbursements on a timely basis.

Please fill out Section B and return it to the Ehrlich Student Loan Office using the instructions below.

SECTION A: To be completed by student borrower. NOTE TO STUDENT: PLEASE MAIL/FAX THIS FORM TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT YOUR UNIVERSITY.

I, _____________________ give _____________________ permission to

release the following information for the purpose of disbursing my Ehrlich Student Loan.

Signature_____________________SSN:______________Date________

SECTION B: To be completed by University/College Administrator

Academic Year ______; Beginning Term Dates __________________

Institutional Budget:     Anticipated Aid:

Tuition                          Grants
Housing                          Other Loans
Other (Includes books, travel, misc.) Work

Total                           Total

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School Administrator Date

ADDRESS OF FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: ________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER: ____________________________

CONTACT PERSON: _______________________

NOTE TO UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR: PLEASE MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX THE COMPLETED FORM TO:

Please send completed form to: Rachel White
Email: rachelwhite@juf.org
Fax: 312-553-5467

Or Mail to: EHLRICL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM
C/O Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
30 South Wells, Room 5043
Chicago, IL 60606

Please contact Rachel White at 312-357-4995 or rachelwhite@juf.org with any questions.