

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
Ehrlich Student Loan Program

Made possible through the generosity of the bequest of Mrs. Shirley Ehrlich

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.

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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: _____

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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: _____

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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
PRINT NAME NAME OF UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

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

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: EHRlich 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.