

THE 1994 CHARLES B. DEGENSTEIN FOUNDATION

P.O. BOX 894
SUNBURY, PA 17801
(570) 286-1582

office@1994degensteinfoundation.org
1994degensteinfoundation.org

Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, Trustee
Benjamin Apfelbaum, Trustee
BNY Mellon, N.A., Corporate Trustee

March 25, 2024

Selinsgrove Area High School
Attn: Matt Lehman
Guidance Office
500 N. Broad Street
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Dear Mr. Lehman:

We are writing to share information about our Last Dollar Scholarship opportunity for graduating students in your school district.

The Last Dollar Scholarship program awards scholarships to worthy individuals to enable them to attend an educational program at a non-profit college or a trade, technical, or post-secondary educational institution of their choice in Pennsylvania. In order to be eligible, the student must be a graduating high school student, must demonstrate financial assistance is needed to attend the desired educational institution, be eligible for the federal Pell Grant, and plan to attend a non-profit educational institution located in Pennsylvania. The Foundation gives preference to students who are among the first in their immediate family to attend a secondary educational institution. The scholarship funding is renewable for up to four years and the students' eligibility is reviewed annually.

It is the goal of The 1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation to provide this scholarship program to assist students who but for this "last dollar" would not otherwise be able to continue their educational endeavors.

Enclosed is a copy of the updated Last Dollar Scholarship Application that should be distributed to your students. Interested applicants should return the application to our office via email to scholarship@1994degensteinfoundation.org or by mail to the Foundation at P.O. Box 894, Sunbury, PA 17801. The deadline for applying is **May 15, 2024**.

We appreciate your assistance with ensuring this scholarship opportunity is made available to your students. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you would like to meet to further discuss this program.

Sincerely,



Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, Co-Trustee



Benjamin Apfelbaum, Co-Trustee

cc: Helen Nunn, Scholarship Coordinator

Enclosure

THE 1994 CHARLES B. DEGENSTEIN FOUNDATION

P.O. BOX 894
SUNBURY, PA 17801
(570) 286-1582

office@1994degensteinfoundation.org
1994degensteinfoundation.org

Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, Trustee
Benjamin Apfelbaum, Trustee
BNY Mellon, N.A., Corporate Trustee

2024-2025 LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application deadline: **May 15, 2024**

Scholarship Criteria

The 1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation seeks applications from students who:

- have a high school diploma or equivalent
- have a 2024-2025 FAFSA SAI (Student Aid Index) $< 15,333$.
- plan to enroll full-time in a Pennsylvania college/university/technical school.

Preference will be given to students who are among the first in their immediate family to continue their education beyond high school.

Application Process

- Complete the attached Last Dollar Scholarship Application and return it to the person/office who supplied it to you by **May 15, 2024**.
- The following **must** be included with your application:
 - a. A legible copy of your email from studentaid.org that includes both your Student Aid Index (SAI) and your estimated eligibility for a Pell Grant; and
 - b. A copy of your most recent financial aid award letter from the school you will attend in 2024-2025.

All materials will be handled with strict confidentiality.

- Scholarship decisions will be made by June 30, 2024 and you will be notified of your status at that time. You may be asked to provide additional information or participate in a scholarship interview as the committee reviews applications.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year may be awarded and can be renewed in future years based upon financial need and your academic progress.

THE 1994 CHARLES B. DEGENSTEIN FOUNDATION

P.O. BOX 894
SUNBURY, PA 17801
(570) 286-1582

office@1994degensteinfoundation.org
1994degensteinfoundation.org

Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, Trustee
Benjamin Apfelbaum, Trustee
BNY Mellon, N.A., Corporate Trustee

2024-2025 LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the following:

1. Applicant Information:

Name of Applicant (First, Middle, Last): _____

Permanent Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zipcode)

Cell: (_____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email to be used in 2024-2025: _____

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

2. Applicant Education Plans:

a. Name of school you will attend in 2024-25: _____

Program/Major: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

School Student ID No., if assigned: _____

b. What are your reasons for choosing this program/major? _____

3. Did your parents graduate from college? Circle one.

- | | | |
|------------------------|-----|----|
| a. Mother/Step-Mother? | Yes | No |
| b. Father/Step-Father? | Yes | No |
| c. Other parent? | Yes | No |

4. Housing plans during the 2024-25 academic year. Choose one.

- a. _____ On-campus
- b. _____ Commute from home
- c. _____ Other. Please explain, including any monthly rental amount: \$_____

5. Applicant Financial Information:

- a. How will you contribute towards your education expenses? Please describe (include summer job, and any additional resources): _____

- b. If there are any additional circumstances affecting your ability to pay for your educational expenses, please attach a separate sheet to explain.
- c. If you live with only one of your parents, please complete the following about your other **non-custodial parent**:

Non-custodial parent's name: _____

Non-custodial parent's occupation: _____

Non-custodial parent's home address: _____

Non-custodial parent's contribution to your education expenses in

2023-24: \$_____

- d. Please explain how you and your family will pay for your educational expenses in 2024-25 if you do not receive scholarship assistance. Please be specific. _____

All of the information included in this 2024-2025 Last Dollar Scholarship application and its attachments are true and accurate.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature

Your application packet should be submitted by **May 15, 2024**
by email to Helen Nunn, Scholarship Coordinator, at
scholarship@1994degensteinfoundation.org
or by mailing the application packet to
The 1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation
Attn: Helen Nunn, Scholarship Coordinator
P.O. Box 894
Sunbury, PA 17801

Make sure you include all of the following required attachments:

- A legible copy of your email from studentaid.org that includes both your Student Aid Index (SAI) and your estimated eligibility for a Pell Grant; and
- A copy of your most recent financial aid award letter from the school you will attend in 2024-2025.