THE SOVEREIGN BANK ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR APPLICANTS

WHAT IS THE SOVEREIGN BANK SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

The Sovereign Bank Scholarship Fund is an endowment fund with the Berks County Community Foundation which provides students with assistance with the costs of tuition, books, room, or board.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Dependent children of active, retired, or deceased Sovereign Bank team member who have had at least two years of service with the Bank are eligible to apply. The applicant must be bound for full time academic education at an accredited four year college or university located in the United States or its possessions. The college or university must be recognized as tax exempt under the 501 (c)(3) of the US Tax Code.

HOW MUCH WILL THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDE?

Sovereign currently awards up to six $500 scholarships annually.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Write or call for an application in the new year.

Sovereign Bank Foundation - Community Development Department
Gateway Building
Mail Code 10-424-CD4
Phone: (610) 988-2002

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION?

You are. You must fill out the application form and send it to the Foundation.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE?

Completed application forms must be received by the Foundation no later than April 1.

WHO CHOOSES THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS?

Members of the Foundation's Grants Committee - experienced volunteers from various segments of the community -- make the selection. From time to time, other community representative are added to the Committee. The Foundation will notify applicants of the decision by the end of June. Scholarships will be paid jointly to the college and student in August.

WHAT ARE THEY LOOKING FOR?

Scholastic ability and academic achievement... financial need... evidence that you'll do well or have done well in college or university work...and the "extras" that may set you apart from others: extra curricular activities and achievements, community service, leadership.

ARE GRANTS RENEWABLE?

Grants may be renewed for up to four years of undergraduate study, upon receipt of a new application verifying satisfactory academic progress and course of full time study.
WHO DO I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Berks County Community Foundation Office
P.O. Box 212
Reading, PA 19603-0212
Phone: (610) 685-2223

Scholarship Application
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Please print this form to complete, and mail to Berks County Community Foundation.

STUDENT BACKGROUND:
Name: __________________________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
Phone No: ____________________ Date of Birth: ___________________ Marital Status: ______
College: _______________________ Entrance Date: ________________________________
Major Field: ___________________ Graduation Date: ________________________________
Occupation Plans: _______________________________________________________________
Number and ages of siblings living at home: _______________________________________

PARENT BACKGROUND:
Name of Parent at Sovereign: _____________________________________________________
_____ Active Team Member      _____ Retired Team Member         _____ Deceased Employee
Date of Employment: _________________ SS # of Parent at Sovereign: ________________
Work Location: ________________________________________________________________
(Last location if retired or deceased)

FOR ACTIVE TEAM MEMBERS, THIS SECTION SHOULD BE SIGNED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR.
Department Supervisor: ____________________   ___________________________________
(Print Name)                                            (Signature)

Parent who is not a Sovereign Team Member: _______________________________________
Home address and Phone #: ______________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Employer: ____________________________________________________________________

PLEASE COMPLETE # 1 OR #2

1. FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ENTERING COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:

   Please obtain two letters of references which provide information about your character, strengths, weaknesses, abilities and aspirations. These references should be from: a teacher, advisor, community leader or pastor. If a reference is to be mailed separately from the application, the reference should refer to the Sovereign Bank Academic Scholarship Fund.
Your Principal or Guidance Counselor must complete the following:

Name of School: ________________________________ Merit Code# ___________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________

Is this student a current senior? ____yes ____no            Graduation Date: _______________

Current class rank: ___________________   Size of senior class: ______________________

S.A.T./A.C.T. Scores as noted by school official:

_________Verbal     ____________ Math     ___________ Date Taken

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(Signature of School Official)                                                       (Date)

2. FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE:

Please write a short essay about yourself, including after school activities, sports, work and
community service efforts. When appropriate, list dates and awards received. Tell why you feel
this scholarship is important to your college experience.

Please obtain the following from the Office of the Registrar:
   A. Documentation of current enrollment
   B. Transcript of grades to date

Are you a current or past recipient of this scholarship? If so, what year _____________________

I pledge that the information in this application is true and that I will promptly notify the Berks
County Community Foundation of any change.

Date: _______________________ By: _______________________________________

Mail to: The Berks County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 212, Reading, PA 19603-0212
(610) 685-2223.