

Eligibility

The George W. Wright Students Aid Fund awards

deserving students an

INTEREST FREE LOAN

of up to **\$16,000**

to assist in paying for:

- **COLLEGE TUITION** -
- **On campus ROOM** -
- **On campus BOARD** -
- **On campus FEES** -

or similar expenses incurred in other post-high school professional education.

Please note: Loans are not available for post undergraduate education. (No loans for Masters, PhD, law, or med school).

Requirements:

High School Applicants must:

- 1) rank in the upper half of their graduating class from a Mercer County, PA high school
- 2) be accepted for enrollment at a post-high school institution of higher learning

Current College Student Applicants

(who are not already approved for a George Wright loan) must:

- 1) be a graduate of a Mercer County high school
- 2) demonstrate ability to succeed academically by maintaining a 2.5 cumulative GPA or better on their official college transcript
- 3) plan to continue current enrollment at a post-high school institution of higher learning

History

George W. Wright attended the old Mercer Academy and Allegheny College and began teaching at the age of 16 to pay for his college. He taught school in Kentucky and Tennessee in years 1859 and 1860. He was in the South at the time of John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry and enlisted in Company I, 10th Pennsylvania Reserves where he served two years in the Civil War.

After the Civil War he was in the oil business in Venango County and then had a manufacturing concern in Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania.

He served as Mercer County Recorder of Deeds for four years in the 1870s and served one term as State Senator. He became a Mercer County Trust Company Director and was President of the Board of Farmers and Mechanics National Bank. He was then appointed Superintendent of the Mercer Soldiers Orphan School, a post he held for 20 years.

He was a member of the Mercer Methodist Church and donated the bell that is currently at the church.

George W. Wright

continues to educate the young people of Mercer County.

www.georgewrightfund.org

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*Let George W. Wright's
financial assistance help
your educational dreams
become reality!*



Geo. W. Wright

P. O. Box 187

Mercer, PA 16137

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George W. Wright

Soldier, educator,
businessman, legislator -
George W. Wright was
born to a pioneer family
on July 18, 1841 and
died February 22, 1921.

Following his death,
a trust was established
so the income may be
loaned to deserving
young people
of Mercer County for the
purpose of education.
His Will provided that the
Trust be overseen by
three Trustees.

The George W. Wright
Students Aid Fund has
supported students in
their pursuit of education
for almost 90 years.

How to Apply

Applicants must:

1) Download, print, and complete
application available at:

www.georgewrightfund.org/apply.html

2) Mail application to:

George W. Wright Students Aid Fund,
P.O. Box 187, Mercer, PA 16137

at least two months prior to the tuition
due date.

3) Please include WITH THE APPLICATION
and **MAIL ALL TOGETHER:**

- **Official transcript** of grades from
your last scholastic year. (High school
senior or recent graduate = high school
transcript. Currently enrolled in college
= college transcript.)

- **Two reference letters** – on
letterhead and signed.

- **One page Biographical Sketch**
detailing your educational experience
thus far, your goals, and how the George
W. Wright Loan will help achieve those
goals.

- Parents' or guardians' information
and signatures where indicated.

- Answer ALL application questions,
sign, and date.

- **If any of the above are not received
or the application is incomplete, we will
be unable to process your application.**

Applications will be reviewed by the
George W. Wright Student Aid Fund
Trustees and you will be informed if your
loan request is accepted or rejected via
U.S. mail.

Renewal

1) Students may borrow **\$2,000 each
semester** (totaling \$16,000/4 years).

2) Each semester **you must notify us**
of your desire to renew the loan
for the next semester.

3) Please go to our website at
www.georgewrightfund.org/renew.html
and download a **Loan Renewal
Request Form** which must be received
at GWW Students Aid Fund by:

- **September 30 for Fall Semester**

- **January 30 for Spring Semester**

- **Deadlines do not apply to
trimester/quarter**

3) Form must be printed, completed,
and mailed to: George W. Wright
Students Aid Fund, P.O. Box 187,
Mercer, PA 16137.

**No loan is renewed
without your request!**

Repayment

You should be sure to understand
that **you are applying for an**

INTEREST FREE LOAN

not a scholarship.

When you
cease your education,
whether or not you graduate,

**each month you are
honor bound to repay 1%
of the total you borrow.**

There is NOT
a six month grace period.