

## Eligibility

The George W. Wright Students Aid Fund awards

deserving students an

**INTEREST FREE LOAN**

of up to **\$20,000**

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, or Cochranon, Slippery Rock, or Wilmington high schools.
- 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 high school listed above, or attending Grove City College, Penn State-Shenango, or Thiel College
- 2) demonstrate ability to succeed academically by maintaining a 2.8 cumulative GPA or better on their official college transcript
- 3) plan to continue current enrollment at Grove City College, Penn State-Shenango, or Thiel College

## 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 young people.

[www.georgewrightfund.org](http://www.georgewrightfund.org)

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# The George W. Wright Students Aid Fund

*Interest Free Student Loans*

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



*Geo. W. Wright*

**P. O. Box 187  
Mercer, PA 16137**

**724-662-3140**

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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  
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 over 100 years.

## How to Apply

### **Applicants must:**

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

[www.georgewrightfund.org/apply.html](http://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 approved or rejected via  
email from [info@georgewrightfund.org](mailto:info@georgewrightfund.org).

## Renewal

1) Students may borrow **\$2,500 each  
semester** (totaling \$20,000/4 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](http://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.