

BERKS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION offers additional financial aid for next school year. These funds are separate from our financial aid application and requires a BCCF application to be completed in addition to SHS financial aid application. **BCCF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CLOSES 5/31/2024!**

If you are planning on receiving aid for next school year, please read the information below carefully and use the links provided to apply ASAP!

Visit BCCF website (<https://bccf.org/tax-credit-and-opportunity-scholarships/>) for more information. Individuals will be able to access this application through our online scholarship portal at: <https://rebrand.ly/bccfscholarship>. ***New applicants will need to create a new account. Applicants who established an account last year will just need to update their password.***

Applicants must be (1) residents of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and (2) the parents/guardians of a student in grades K-12. Families will be notified about decisions by June 30. This application will not work properly on a cell phone. Please use a computer to apply. The suggested browser is Chrome.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program provides scholarships to residents of Berks County who pay tuition to attend kindergarten through 12th grade in public or private schools located in Pennsylvania.

The Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program provides scholarships to residents of Berks County who reside within the attendance boundary of a state-defined low-achieving school and plan to attend a school that is participating in the program. More information can be found here: <https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Opportunity%20Scholarship%20Tax%20Credit%20Program/Pages/default.aspx>.

There are hundreds of applicants to these programs each year. The number of scholarships that can be awarded is based on how many corporate donations we receive to fund the programs. **In most years, fewer than 20 families receive scholarships.** New recipients are chosen based on financial need.

There is only one application to complete for both funds. Applicants will use this single application to apply for an Opportunity Tax Credit Scholarship or an Educational Improvement Tax Credit Scholarship for their child/ward. Families can apply for multiple children through one application.