



City of Berlin Scholarship

funded by the **Checkpoint Charlie Foundation**
Berlin, Germany
(Effective January 2017)

General Information

In response to the events of September 11, 2001, the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation (CCF), Berlin (Germany) initiated a charitable campaign entitled "Berlin helps the USA" for children directly affected by the terrorist attacks. Since September 12, 2001, private donors in Berlin citizens all over Germany, have made contributed money to this campaign.

Until 2028, this scholarship, in combination with already existing support programs (i.e. FAFSA, Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants, etc.) will cover the costs of **tuition for one academic year or two consecutive semesters** (if starting in spring) at private and/or public colleges, universities and trade schools in the United States (accredited 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities or trade schools leading to certification in a vocation) on a pro rata basis with the option of renewal for the following academic year (see re-application). The fund can only be used to pay tuition associated with an academic program leading an Associate's Degree, Bachelor of Arts, or Master of Arts or vocational certification. Doctoral candidates will not receive funding.

Conditions of Eligibility

Recipients must be the children of parents who were deployed at the World Trade Center site as employees of the New York Fire Department on September 11, 2001 or during the subsequent cleanup and, as a result of this deployment, are suffering from long term health problems that have forced them to retire from active duty. This includes the children of parents who died from such health problems **in the years after** September 11th, 2001.

Please note that children whose parents died on duty on September 11th, 2001 are not eligible for **this** scholarship. They should contact the FDNY's family assistance unit for information about other options open to them.

Grantees are responsible for observing satisfactory academic and professional standards and for maintaining a standard of conduct and integrity that is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation and that will contribute positively to the promotion of mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and Germany.

Persons who are or have been convicted of or indicted for a felony cannot attain grantee status; if a conviction or indictment occurs after a scholarship has already begun the scholarship will be revoked. (see: Scholarship Termination).

Though the acceptance of the scholarship is not intended to limit the rights of the grantees to express their views as individuals on political, religious or other subjects, the grantee shall realize that improper use of the name of the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation, the scholarship or either government in this regard must be avoided.

Scholarship Amounts

The funding amount provided by the City of Berlin Scholarship to the student depends on the tuition and fees of the college/university and the student's existing level of financial aid, up to a maximum of 2,500 USD per semester (max. USD 5,000 for two semesters - fall and spring or spring and fall). The scholarship money is not provided directly to the student, but rather is transferred directly to the college/university. Any amounts transferred which exceed the student's tuition and fees must promptly be reimbursed to the CCF.

Grantees are responsible for determining their individual United States income tax liability that results from the City of Berlin Scholarship.

Duration of Scholarship

The scholarship officially starts on the first day (as defined by the respective college or university) of the first semester (fall or spring) for which funding is requested and lasts until last day of the subsequent semester, according to the school's academic calendar.

Application

Please submit:

- 2 letters of recommendation (including at least one recent teacher/professor/ counselor)
- A 1000 word essay about your knowledge of Germany and the German-American relationship
- a 1000 word personal statement on how you would benefit from this scholarship, including a brief description of your parent's connection to 9/11.
- Documentation of your parent's illness or disability as a result of their duty on September 11th and/or at Ground Zero in the days after September 11th (medical records, physician's statements, official early retirement notice from FDNY, etc.).
- proof of a familial connection (your birth or adoption certificate confirming that the person listed above is your parent)
- a letter from your parent's current or former supervisor confirming that he/she was on duty on September 11th and/or at Ground Zero in the days after September 11th.
- a photo of yourself
- an official cost summary from your university or college for the first semester for which funding is requested; a summary for the second semester must be provided to the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation as soon as it is available
- an existing financial aid summary (FSEOG, Federal Pell Grants, etc.) if applicable

If you are an upcoming college freshman, please include:

- a letter of acceptance from your future college/university
- an official copy of high school diploma

If you are currently a college/university student, please include:

- an official copy of current transcript

Applications must be submitted by June 15 for scholarships that begin in the fall semester or by November 1 for scholarships that begin in the spring semester. **Please note that only complete applications will be considered.** All application materials should be sent to the following address:

Nancy Carbone
Friends of Firefighters, Inc.
199 Van Brunt Street
New York, New York 11231
Phone: (718) 643-0980 Fax: (718) 643-1240
www.friendsoffirefighters.org
info@friendsoffirefighters.org

After checking for completeness, all applications will be sent to the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation, Berlin, Germany.

Selection Process

A five person panel, composed of the Executive Director of the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation, one member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, a member of the Foundation's Executive Board, the President of the Berlin House of Representatives and one citizen of the city of Berlin - will review the application.

Re-application

Once granted a scholarship, candidates can re-apply with a **current transcript** showing a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) each following academic year for the remainder of their studies (up to 4 years). Candidates must also send a **letter of progress** once a semester to the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation, giving a brief summary how the scholarship has benefited their semester of study.

Scholarship Termination

A scholarship may be terminated with the concurrence of the Board of the CCF in Berlin.

Grounds for termination of the scholarship include, but are not limited to

- (1) violation of the laws of the United States or of Germany,
- (2) any act contrary to the spirit of mutual understanding and thus likely to offend either country,
- (3) failure to observe satisfactory academic or professional standards,
- (4) physical or mental incapacitation,
- (5) failure to comply with the scholarship's terms and conditions and
- (6) material misrepresentation made by any grantee in the scholarship application form.

Both parties agree that the legal jurisdiction for all matters relating to this contract is Berlin, Germany.

Contact with Berlin

If a scholarship grantee is interested in learning more about the city of Berlin, they have three options for contact, partially* funded by the CCF:

1. Three week stay with a host family
2. German language course
3. Internship

Please contact us if you are interested in participating in any of the three above-mentioned options. Options have the potential to be specialized for each individual.

The Checkpoint Charlie Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, disability, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, sexual orientation or gender in granting scholarships.

For more information about the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation, please visit our website:
www.cc-stiftung.de/en