

# CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** To assist students with the high cost of private college tuition for approved North American Colleges and Universities.

## FUNDING:

- Monies are solicited from donors who support the CEAF mission but who do not have children in this program themselves.
- Additional monies are allocated from the general fund.

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Student must complete application forms and submit them by August 15.
- Committee meets in the third week of August to award loans.

## BENEFITS AND CONDITIONS

- Student receives substantial interest free loan for the duration of their studies.
- Loan repayment terms are negotiated with the Committee when the student has completed the degree.

## ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

- Canadian students attending approved Christian colleges and universities in Canada are eligible for assistance. Christian colleges and universities currently approved are:

Alta Vista College  
Atlantic Baptist University  
Briercrest College, SK  
Calvin College, MI  
Calvin Seminary, MI  
Columbia Bible College, BC  
Covenant College, GA  
Dordt College, IA  
Geneva College, PA  
Hope College, MI  
Houghton College, NY  
ICS, Toronto, ON  
Lee University, TN  
Provident College and Seminary  
Faulkner University, AL

Redeemer University College  
Reformed Bible College, MI  
Regent College, BC  
St. Andrew's University, NB  
St. Stephen's University, NB  
St. Thomas University, NB  
Spring Arbor University, MI  
Summit College, Huntsville, ON  
The King's University College, AB  
Trinity Christian College, IL  
Trinity Western University, BC  
Tyndale College and Seminary  
Westminster Theological Seminary

If your institution is not listed, please contact the Administrator at [info@ceaf.ca](mailto:info@ceaf.ca) for consideration to have the institution added.

## TERMS

- A CCAP loan is interest-free until six months after discontinuing studies at the institution for which the loan was awarded.
- All outstanding loans become due and payable in full as soon as the student discontinues studies at the approved institution.
- Every loan recipient, therefore, has a six month interest-free period after discontinuing studies at the approved institution to take one or more of the following actions:
  - apply for a deferment of the loan due date until graduation from the next institution.
  - apply for substantial reduction of the consolidated loan amounts owing to CEAF. Such applications will be considered favourably where the student does not have significant personal resources to repay the consolidated loan.

## CONDITIONS

- All students who meet the following conditions are eligible for a loan:
  - must be financially responsible
  - must plan to be enrolled, or be enrolled at an approved Christian institution
  - must have financial need
  - must show evidence of enrolment prior to the approved loan amounts being paid
- The Awards Committee reserves the right, without explanation, to reject unsuitable applications or adjust the loan amounts on the basis of financial need evident and funds available.
- Loans will be paid out when funds are available and when all conditions have been satisfied.

INFORMATION: Student Loan Application

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### **What is the benefit to the student?**

- An interest-free loan for the duration of his/her studies.
- Consideration that a substantial portion of all consolidated outstanding study loans will be forgiven subject to CEAF receiving the appropriate debt reduction application after graduation or completion of studies.
- Loans that are repayable in whole or in part do not negatively affect other needs based financial awards such as provincial assistance programs.
- Loans also do not negatively affect the tuition and education tax-credit claims when they or their parents claim them on their tax returns.

### **Is the student legally liable for the loan?**

- Yes. It is money owing to CEAF and must be repaid in full unless CEAF grants a loan reduction as described under the second bullet of the prior question

### **What if the student is unable to pay the loan back?**

- The student may apply for a substantial reduction in outstanding debt in relation to his/her financial situation at the time studies are discontinued.
- The CEAF board has committed itself to give favourably consideration to eligible debt reduction applicants.

### **May parents or other related persons donate to CEAF?**

- CEAF may not prevent anyone from making donations. However, CEAF may not issue official receipts for income tax purposes to parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, or companies that are controlled by those people, if such gifts are directly or indirectly intended to fund loans for students related to them.
- Other persons such as the student's aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, employers, and companies that are not controlled by the student's parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters may make tax receipted donations.

### **Why does CEAF sometimes require a guarantor to sign the loan documents?**

- The law does not permit persons who are under 18 years of age to contract debt.
- Loans to minors would not be enforceable in a court and, therefore, would not be valid loans.

### **Why does the Awards Committee only meet five times a year?**

- CEAF Committee members are unpaid volunteers who donate their time and energy.

### **What interest rate will be charged on the outstanding loan amount after studies are discontinued?**

- The prime rate plus 1%, to be adjusted annually on December 31.

### **Has this program been reviewed by the Canada Revenue Agency?**

- Yes. It was audited in 1992. The financial assistance of needy students is a legitimate activity in pursuit of a charitable purpose.

**Are there any similar projects in operation with other charities?**

- Yes. Many charitable organizations provide loans and other forms of financial assistance to students to help make college and university education affordable.

**What are the benefits to donors?**

- They will receive an income tax receipt for their CEAF donations.
- They might wish to see the cost of Christian education remain affordable.
- They might wish to remember that gifts from others helped to reduce their cost of Christian education when they were paying for education.
- They will actively participate so that the Church continues to have its children trained in a Christian context by means of a Christian curriculum.
- They might simply have a generous heart.