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**LDHL Provides Interest-Free Loans to 253 Lancaster County Students for the 2020-21 School Year**

LANCASTER, PA (August 5, 2020) – Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning (LDHL), recently awarded interest-free loans to 253 Lancaster County students to offset the cost of their post-secondary education for the 2020-2021 school year. 250 interest-free loans at \$1,700 each for a full academic year and three loans at \$850 each for students attending the Fall semester only were awarded to applicants who demonstrated financial need, and will be applied to tuition expenses at 85 colleges and universities.

Since 1961, LDHL has partnered with donors each year to provide more than \$17 million in interest-free loans to over 12,000 Lancaster County students seeking higher education. Loans are also made possible each year by the faithful repayment of loans granted to previous recipients.

LDHL Board of Directors President Jean Bednarski comments, “Our Board of Directors met in May to make the decision of how many loans we could offer for the next academic year, and how many students we are able to help right now. We would like to do even more for the many students seeking financial support, and the generosity of members of the community is essential in our ability to expand the pool of applicants and distribute more loans.”

LDHL is a not-for-profit with a mission to provide financial resources to Lancaster County residents in support of their post-secondary education goals. By offering funds to Lancaster County students on an annual basis, LDHL hopes to lessen the long-term expense for post-secondary education and training. To learn more, visit [www.lancdollars.org](http://www.lancdollars.org).

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