

# Specht Educational Trust

(Cherokee County Residents)



**Aid requested:**  Scholarship  Low Interest Loan  Either Scholarship or Loan

According to the terms of the trust, preference will be given to children or family members of service veterans. Please state the name and relation of any family member who is a service veteran.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

## A. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Permanent mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's license state \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Attach copy of Driver's License Here*

Name of Father and Mother or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent mailing address of Parents or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Education Information

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ H.S. Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

College to be attended \_\_\_\_\_

College Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

What is your enrollment status? \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time

What is your Academic program? If undecided, list three preferences

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**Year in school**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Never attended college and 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attended college before and 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate/sophomore
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate/junior
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate/senior
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> year/other undergraduate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> year college graduate/professional
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continuing graduate/ professional or beyond

What college degree or certificate working toward

- Bachelor's degree
- Associate degree (occupational or technical program)
- Associate degree (general education or transfer program)
- Certificate or diploma (occupational, technical or education program less than two years)
- College graduate or professional degree

**\*\*Attach last two semesters transcript**

GPA. \_\_\_\_\_ ACT or SAT score. \_\_\_\_\_

## **C. Financial Information**

How much did you earn working last year? \_\_\_\_\_

List source and amount of financial assistance granted for the upcoming school year (scholarships, grants, loans, parents, guardians, other)

Estimated college expenses for the upcoming school year

Item	Estimated Cost
Tuition	
Fees	
Room	
Board	
Books	
Clothing	
Recreation	
Incidentals	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

## **D. References**

Provide names of four individuals who may be contacted for a character reference. Relatives will not be accepted.

Name	Occupation	Phone Number	Address

## **E. Essay**

Answer the following question "**What is my purpose in continuing my education?**" in a 150-200 word essay and attach to this application. Your response should include important life experiences, plans and purposes, how those items have influenced your educational endeavors, and how your plans might be impacted by receipt of funds from this trust.

*\*\*Attach Essay*

## **READ CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY**

### **Purpose**

Securing a loan from the Specht Educational Trust is a privilege and not a right. The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance, in the form of a low interest loan and/or scholarship, to graduating seniors who are motivated to succeed in their educational endeavors. The Trustees of the Specht Educational Trust will award scholarships and low interest student loans to selected graduating seniors residing in Cherokee County, Iowa in pursuit of higher education.

### **Rules and Regulations**

The Cherokee State Bank and Loughlin Law Firm serve as Co-Trustees of the Specht Educational Trust. The Trustees shall constitute the body who shall have the sole power and authority to formulate and promulgate such rules, regulations and restrictions consistent with the objectives and

purposes of this trust, under which financial assistance shall be given to applicants, and to pass upon the fitness and need of all applicants for assistance under the terms of this trust.

Any beneficiary who receives a loan from this trust shall be subject to such rules and regulations as may be imposed by the Trustees. The Trustees appointed for this trust reserves the right, and the student concedes to the Trustees the right, to withdraw such aid without liability on the part of the Trustees, when in its judgement the student beneficiary is not making the best use of the opportunities afforded by reason of the aid received.

The Trustees shall keep track of the progress of each beneficiary receiving a loan and when in its judgement such beneficiary is not making the best use of the opportunities afforded by reason of aid received, then it may withdraw such aid or it may continue the same upon such additional terms as may to it seem best.

Of the students selected, the Trustees expects that they will cooperate heartily with the Trustees and the institution of learning which they attend.

Each beneficiary, upon receiving a loan, shall give a written promissory note for same which shall not bear interest unless it is not paid at the time it is due. The loan shall not draw interest for a period of 6 years from the date of funding. At the end of the 6 year period, the loan is considered due. From and after the date the loan is due, the loan shall bear simple interest at the rate of 5% per annum on the outstanding balance from and after that date. On the date interest accrues, the outstanding balance shall be amortized to determine the months payments of an equal amount to be made over a maximum of ten years.

**Pledge**

The undersigned hereby makes application to the Trustee of the Specht Educational Trust of Cherokee, Iowa, and hereby pledges that: All of the answers in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The loan proceeds granted to me will not be used for any other purpose than the expenses of my education.

I have read and understand the rules established by the Trustees of the Specht Educational Trust and agree to conform to the terms of repayment set forth therein.

If the loan is awarded to me I further promise:

- To answer promptly (within 6 days) all correspondence relating thereto.
- To keep the school and Trustee of the Specht Educational Trust informed of my contact information (mailing address, email address and phone number) as long as any part of the loan received by me has not been repaid to the Trustee.
- To repay the amount of the loan to the Trustee according to the terms of my agreement.

I recognize that this promise, to answer promptly all correspondence relating to the loan and to keep the school and the Trustee advised of my contact information, is fundamentally important, and that receiving the loan is contingent thereon.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Loan Draw Date	Amount



# Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification

Specchi Educational Trust- Cherokee, IA

OMB No. 1845-0101  
OMB Approved  
Exp. Date 8/31/2022

**Important:** Pursuant to Section 155 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (HEA) and to satisfy the requirements of Section 128(e)(3) of the Truth in Lending Act, a lender must obtain a self-certification signed by the applicant before disbursing a private education loan. The school is required on request to provide this form or the required information only for students admitted or enrolled at the school. Throughout this Applicant Self-Certification, "you" and "your" refer to the applicant who is applying for the loan. The applicant and the student may be the same person.

Instructions: Before signing, carefully read the entire form, including the definitions and other information on the following page. Submit the signed form to your lender.

## SECTION 1: NOTICES TO APPLICANT

- Free or lower-cost Title IV federal, state, or school student financial aid may be available in place of, or in addition to, a private education loan. To apply for Title IV federal grants, loans and work-study, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID, or from the school's financial aid office.
- A private education loan may reduce eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school student financial aid.
- You are strongly encouraged to pursue the availability of free or lower-cost financial aid with the school's financial aid office.
- The financial information required to complete this form can be obtained from the school's financial aid office. If the lender has provided this information, you should contact your school's financial aid office to verify this information and to discuss your financing options.

## SECTION 2: COST OF ATTENDANCE AND ESTIMATED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If information is not already entered below, obtain the needed information from the school's financial aid office and enter it on the appropriate line. Sign and date where indicated. See Section 5 for definitions of financial aid terms.

A. Student's cost of attendance for the period of enrollment covered by the loan	\$ _____
B. Estimated financial assistance for the period of enrollment covered by the loan	\$ _____
C. Difference between amounts A and B	\$ _____

**WARNING:** If you borrow more than the amount on line C, you risk reducing your eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school financial aid.

## SECTION 3: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Enter or correct the information below.

Full Name and Address of School \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (last, first, MI) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code / Telephone Number Home ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Enrollment Covered by the Loan (mm/dd/yyyy) From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

If the student is not the applicant, provide the student's name and date of birth.

Student Name (last, first, MI) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 4: APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I certify that I have read and understood the notices in Section 1 and, that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS**

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**Cost of attendance** is an estimate of tuition and fees, room and board, transportation, and other costs for the period of enrollment covered by the loan, as determined by the school. A student's cost of attendance may be obtained from the school's financial aid office.

**Estimated financial assistance** is all federal, state, institutional (school), private, and other sources of assistance used in determining eligibility for most Title IV student financial aid, including amounts of financial assistance used to replace the expected family contribution. The student's estimated financial assistance is determined by the school and may be obtained from the school's financial aid office.

**A lender** is a private education lender as defined in Section 140 of the Truth in Lending Act and any other person engaged in the business of securing, making, or extending private education loans on behalf of the lender.

**A period of enrollment** is the academic year, academic term (such as semester, trimester, or quarter), or the number of weeks of instructional time for which the applicant is requesting the loan.

**A private education loan** is a loan provided by a private education lender that is not a Title IV loan and that is issued expressly for postsecondary education expenses, regardless of whether the loan is provided through the school that the student attends or directly to the borrower from the private education lender. A private education loan does not include (1) An extension of credit under an open-end consumer credit plan, a reverse mortgage transaction, a residential mortgage transaction, or any other loan that is secured by real property or a dwelling; or (2) An extension of credit in which the school is the lender if the term of the extension of credit is 90 days or less or an interest rate will not be applied to the credit balance and the term of the extension of credit is one year or less, even if the credit is payable in more than four installments.

**Title IV student financial aid** includes the Federal Pell Grant Program, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program, the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, the Federal Perkins Loan Program, and the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program. To apply for Title IV federal grants, loans, and work-study, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA,) which is available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID, or from the school's financial aid office.

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## **SECTION 6: PAPERWORK REDUCTION NOTICE**

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**Paperwork Reduction Notice:** According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0101. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 0.25 hours (15 minutes) per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resource, gather and maintain the data needed and complete and review the information collection.

**If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4651

**If you have any comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, contact your lender.**