



2020 Application for Assistance – WHS Bring Your Own Laptop Program

The Wellesley High School (WHS) PTSO strongly believes that all students should have access to a laptop computer for the BYOL program at the high school, regardless of economic circumstances. As a result, financial assistance for purchasing a laptop computer, for use by a WHS student, is made available to students who qualify through the centralized application process.

Each grant for a laptop computer purchase is up to \$500 (this grant covers the cost of the laptop only, not sales tax) and is determined using Federal Poverty Guidelines as described in Table 1 below. This is a one-time grant per student. Families with more than one student in the high school, may apply for each student, if needed.

Who should apply: Families requiring financial assistance to purchase a laptop computer, who meet income requirements as described in Table 1 below.

How to apply: Complete the Confidential Financial Assistance Application (Wellesley Public Schools) at <https://wellesleyps.org/students-families/financial-assistance-information/> and see #5 on that page for the Application. On the Application, write “WHS BYOL”, in the Other column.

Please note the documentation requirements on the Application, and submit those with your Application.

Where to apply: The application must be returned to the address below. Email applications will not be accepted.

Wellesley Public Schools, School Business Office
Attn: Financial Assistance (WHS BYOL)
40 Kingsbury Street
Wellesley, MA 02481

Application deadline: Applications must be received in the Business Office by October 1, 2020. Limited funds are available for this program so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

How will you hear back on acceptance for a grant? We will notify all families if they have received a grant within two weeks of receiving the application. This acceptance will be via an email from the WPS Business Office. If you are awarded a grant you will need to do the following to receive the granted funds:

1. Notify the Business Office, as soon as possible, of your acceptance, by contacting Laura Ball, at lball@wellesleyma.gov.
2. Provide the Business Office (Attn: Laura Ball) with:
 - a. A copy of your receipt providing proof of purchase of the laptop computer. Please make sure it is clear from the receipt that a laptop computer was purchased, including date, amount and store.
 - b. A name and address of where the grant should be sent.

Table 1:

The amount of financial assistance that a family may qualify for, to purchase a laptop computer for their WHS child, is based on the total household income as it relates to the Federal Poverty Guideline. To access the Federal Poverty Guidelines, click on the following link: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>.

Household Income Relative to Federal Poverty Guideline	WHS PTSO Grant
3.5 times the Poverty Guideline or less	Up to \$500 (this grant covers the cost of the laptop only, not sales tax)