

FACT SHEET

➔ In order to ensure the longevity of The Pittsburgh Promise, changes to the scholarship structure have been made, starting with the Class of 2017, which will allow PPS graduates to benefit from this community gift for years to come. This Fact Sheet outlines The Promise Scholarship for the Classes of 2012-16, and for the Class of 2017 and beyond.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BE ELIGIBLE?

To earn The Pittsburgh Promise, students must have: (1) been enrolled in Pittsburgh Public Schools, or one of the four schools chartered by Pittsburgh Public Schools, and (2) been a resident of the City of Pittsburgh, continuously, since at least the beginning of 9th grade; (3) graduate from a PPS high school with a minimum cumulative, unweighted grade point average of 2.50 and an attendance record of 90% or above. Students who meet the other Promise requirements, but graduate with a cumulative, unweighted grade point average between 2.0 and 2.49 may apply for The Promise Extension Program at Community College of Allegheny County. Promise funds help pay for the program, and those who complete the year-long curriculum successfully, become fully Promise eligible and may attend the Pennsylvania school of their choice with three years of Promise funds.

HOW MUCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY WILL I RECEIVE?

Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale that rewards longevity in the school district.

<u>Continuous Residency & Enrollment Since:</u>	<u>Class of 2012 – 2016 Maximum Annual Award is up to:</u>	<u>Class of 2017 and beyond Maximum Annual Award is up to:</u>
Kindergarten	100% or \$10,000	100% or \$7,500
1st-5th grades	95% or \$9,500	90% or \$6,750
6th-8th grades	85% or \$8,500	70% or \$5,250
9th grade	75% or \$7,500	50% or \$3,750
10th–12th grades	\$0	\$0

WHAT DOES THE PROMISE PAY FOR?

For the Classes of 2012-16: The Promise helps pay for **tuition, fees, books, and room and board** (at schools providing residency) after government grants such as Pell, Pheaa, and FSEOG, and other scholarships, including tuition benefits, have been deducted. The Promise pays the remaining balance up to the student's maximum annual award amount as outlined above, for each of 4 years of post-secondary education.

For the Classes of 2017 and beyond: The Promise helps pay for only **tuition and fees** after government grants such as Pell, Pheaa, and FSEOG, and other scholarships, including tuition benefits, have been deducted. The Promise pays the remaining balance up to the student's maximum annual award amount as outlined above, for each of 4 years of post-secondary education.

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WHERE CAN I USE THE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP?

Students may attend any accredited college, university, trade or technical school in Pennsylvania (visit pittsburghpromise.org for a list). Programs must be eligible for the federal Pell grant. Promise funds are for post-secondary education only, and cannot be used for graduate level courses.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

For the Classes of 2012-2016: The Pittsburgh Promise must be used within five years of graduation from high school.

For the Classes of 2017 and beyond: The Pittsburgh Promise must be used within the four years immediately following graduation from high school.

HOW DO I STAY PROMISE-ELIGIBLE ONCE I BEGIN COLLEGE/POST SECONDARY SCHOOL?

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and complete a full time course load as defined by the school they attend, usually 12-16 credits. Check with your school for their definition of full time. Academic progress will be reviewed by The Promise at the end of each school year. Part time enrollment is not funded by The Promise.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete The Pittsburgh Promise release form during your senior year of high school and login to your student portal. Access to the portal will be provided during the fall of your senior year.

HOW DOES MY SCHOOL GET THE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP?

Students enter the name of the school they will attend in their Promise portal and The Promise takes it from there. Schools invoice The Pittsburgh Promise for the funds. Checks are sent directly to the school.

LIST OF PROMISE ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOLS

Pittsburgh Allderdice
Pittsburgh Brashear
Pittsburgh CAPA
Pittsburgh Carrick
Pittsburgh Perry

Pittsburgh Milliones (UPrep)
Pittsburgh Obama
Pittsburgh Sci-Tech Academy
Pittsburgh Westinghouse
Pittsburgh Online Academy*

City High Charter High School
Urban Pathways Charter High School
The Academy Charter High School
Hill House Passport Academy

*Pittsburgh Online Academy is the only online/cyber high school that qualifies students for The Promise scholarship.

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