

FACT SHEET

WHAT DO I NEED TO BE ELIGIBLE?

To earn The Pittsburgh Promise scholarship, 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.

HOW MUCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY WILL I RECEIVE?

For the Classes of 2018 and beyond:

Eligible students who have been enrolled continuously since day one of 9th grade will qualify for up to \$5,000. A minimum scholarship of \$1,000 will be provided to all eligible and enrolled students.

The Promise is a “last-dollar” scholarship. This means *up to* \$5,000 (*per year*) will be applied to the student’s Remaining Balance after government grants (such as Pell, PHEAA, and FSEOG), other grants, and scholarships, including tuition remission, have been deducted, for each of four years of post-secondary education.

If a student with a maximum award of \$5,000 only requires \$3,000 to cover all expenses, we provide the \$3,000. If a student has no expenses after all other grants and scholarships are applied, they will still receive a \$1,000 minimum award from The Promise to be used for school-related expenses at their discretion.

WHAT CAN PROMISE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

For the Classes of 2018 and beyond:

The Promise scholarship helps to cover the Total Cost of Attendance. This includes tuition, fees, room, board, and books.

The Promise pays the remaining balance up to the student’s maximum annual award amount, for each of four years of post-secondary education.

LIST OF PROMISE ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOLS

City High Charter High School

Hill House Passport Academy

Pittsburgh Allderdice

Pittsburgh Brashear

Pittsburgh CAPA

Pittsburgh Carrick

Pittsburgh Milliones (UPrep)

Pittsburgh Obama

Pittsburgh Online Academy*

Pittsburgh Perry

Pittsburgh Sci-Tech Academy

Pittsburgh Westinghouse

The Academy Charter High School

Urban Pathways Charter High School

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

WHERE CAN I USE THE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP?

Students may attend any accredited college, university, trade, or technical school in Pennsylvania. 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. The Promise does not fund online education.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

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 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 and online enrollment is not funded by The Promise.

Note: At most 4-year colleges, students must complete 15 credits per semester in order to graduate in 4 years.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete The Pittsburgh Promise release form during your senior year of high school and log in to The Promise Student Portal to enter your school interest(s). Access to The Promise Student 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 The Promise Student Portal and The Promise takes it from there. Schools invoice The Pittsburgh Promise for the funds. Checks are sent directly to the school.

MORE QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.

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