

Beyond the Scholarship

Getting to college or a career takes more than money—it takes planning and support along the way. The Promise offers FAFSA and financial aid help, career and college exposure, and connections to resources to all PPS students that can make the path smoother.



College Tours

Seeing a campus in person can make all the difference. Each year, The Promise takes students on tours of our Preferred College Partner schools across Pennsylvania. For many, it's their first (and sometimes only) college visit. Promise Ambassadors attend every tour so they can share their experiences with classmates back home.

Promise College Fairs

The Promise College Fairs are your chance to meet with schools that partner directly with us and provide extra support and funds to Promise Scholars. Our fall fair is for seniors, and our spring fair is for juniors and the seniors who may still be deciding. At our most recent fair, students walked away with over 400 on-the-spot acceptances and more than \$2 million in scholarships. Come ready with questions and explore your options for what's next, including financial aid.

FAFSA and Financial Aid Support

Paying for college doesn't have to be confusing. The Promise offers FAFSA workshops and one-on-one support to help you and your family complete financial aid forms on time. We'll walk you through scholarships, grants, and other funding options—so you don't leave money on the table.



Promise Ambassadors

Promise Ambassadors are juniors and seniors who step up as peer leaders in their schools. They help classmates explore post-secondary options, share info about the Promise scholarship, and serve as role models. Ambassadors get paid, receive training from Promise staff, and build skills in communication, organization, and leadership, all things that look great on college and job applications. Ambassadors also receive training to support their peers with FAFSA and financial aid questions.



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Promise Coaches

At Carrick, Perry, and Westinghouse, Promise Coaches provide personalized, one-on-one planning and support to help students create a post-secondary plan and reach their goals. Promise Coaches are here to help you plan your future—and stick with you along the way. They can guide you through financial aid, connect you to scholarships, and introduce you to career and college options you may not have thought about. Coaches also provide mindset support, helping you stay motivated when things get tough. Plus, they'll connect you with outside resources and partners if you need extra support.

Post-Secondary Support

It's one thing to get into college – it's another thing to successfully complete your program or degree. The Promise offers one-on-one texting support so you can connect directly with a real staff member who's there to help you stay on track. You can text anytime for guidance, reminders, or resources to make sure you have what you need to reach graduation. **Students can text "Promise" to 412-745-2224 for support!**

Senior Celebration Day

Senior Celebration is all about **YOU** and your next step. Every PPS senior is invited to this high-energy event where we celebrate your post-graduation plans—whether that's college, trade school, the military, or entering the workforce. It's a chance to come together, have fun, and mark the big milestone of what's next.

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Need Support?

Contact: info@pittsburghpromise.org
or 412-281-7605 or fill out the form at:

