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DPS Opens College 'Promise' Program To All Students

Program Offers Money To DPS Students Who Attend College

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DETROIT -- The Detroit Public Schools College Promise, modeled after The Kalamazoo Promise, is now available to all DPS students, beginning with the graduating class of 2011.

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All DPS students will be eligible to receive grants that can be used at any Michigan public college or university.

School officials said they are offering the financial incentive to students and families, who enroll in DPS and live in Detroit.

The scholarship is "place-based," which means it is offered to all students who live in Detroit, graduate from DPS and complete the simple online paperwork.

The scholarship will pay any balance due for undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees after application of FAFSA related federal, state and college grants. For the high school graduating class of 2010, the maximum award was \$250 per semester.

"I need as much financial aid as I can get," said DPS student Christina Smith.

Co-founder and Executive Director of DPS College Promise Dr. Nat Pernick said the district expects the fund will increase as the donor's list grows.

The Detroit College Promise began as a pilot program at Cody High School for the class of 2009.

For Cody Students, the scholarship will cover all four years of college, but it will only cover one year of college for all other DPS High School students.

Once the DPS student gets to college, he or she must remain a full-time student.

The application deadline for students in grades 9-12 is December 1, 2010.

To apply for the scholarship, [click here](#).

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