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Detroit scholarship program urges 9th graders to sign up by Dec. 1

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Detroit — A nonprofit group that offers partial college scholarships to Detroit students is reminding ninth graders to sign up by the Dec. 1 deadline to become eligible for the funds.

Representatives of the Detroit College Promise are visiting all 33 high schools in Detroit Public Schools to sign up as many freshmen as possible for the scholarships. Students can register by filling out a one-page application at <http://www.detroitcollegepromise.com/scholarshipapplication.pdf>.

"Our scholarship allows any DPS student to receive money for college, as long as they sign up and complete high school," Nat Pernick, the program's executive director, said in a news release. "We are encouraging all students to register."

According to Detroit College Promise, 2,311 students signed up last year, and 1,500 have registered so far this year. DPS students can sign up for the scholarship program starting in kindergarten through Dec. 1 of their ninth-grade year.

This fall, 159 DPS graduates are receiving a total of \$45,000 in scholarships through the program, which also offers students help finding other scholarships, grants and financial aid to pay for college.

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