

# The Detroit College Promise

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## Detroit based scholarships

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This page lists all known college or university scholarships intended for or particularly well suited for City of Detroit residents entering a college or university. You should consult your high school counselor or college financial aid office for other possibilities. Email [NatPernick@hotmail.com](mailto:NatPernick@hotmail.com) or call Dr. Pernick at 248/646-3269 to report any additions or changes.

### 1. Detroit College Promise

Anticipated starting date: high school graduating class of 2010

Number of scholarships: unlimited (contingent upon funding)

Scholarship details: tuition and mandatory fees for up to 4 years / 130 credits

Major requirements:

- Graduation from a Detroit Public Schools (DPS) high school
- Detroit Public School attendance and Detroit residency for at least 4 continuous years

See [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information

### 2. Broad Future Teacher Award

Number of scholarships: unlimited

Scholarship details: a scholarship structured as a loan forgiveness program, which includes tuition, fees and room and board to Michigan State University (MSU). Opportunity for summer transition to teaching fellowship in the Detroit Public Schools.

Major requirements:

- Available to DPS graduates interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree and teacher certification at MSU
- 3.2 GPA or higher
- Admission to MSU
- ACT or SAT scores will be considered
- Writing sample
- Interview
- Recommendation of high school teacher, counselor, or community representative
- Commitment to teach in DPS or another approved urban setting upon program completion

Click [here](#) for more information

### 3. Coleman A Young Foundation

Program has been operating since 1986, currently 38 awardees (10 per year)

Number of scholarships: about 10 per year

Scholarship details: \$5000/year for 4 years, not restricted to Michigan colleges / universities, also intensive mentoring program

Major requirements:

- Student has overcome significant hardship
- Student likely would be unable to go to college otherwise

Click [here](#) for more information

### 4. Detroit Compact

Program has been operating since 1990, currently 500 awardees (125 per year)

Number of scholarships: unlimited

Scholarship details: tuition and mandatory fees to designated public college and universities, varies for other institutions

Major requirements:

- ACT/SAT results of 21 / 990 or better in reading and math only and 3.0 GPA for public college and university scholarship

- ACT of 18 / GPA of 2.5 for community college scholarship

- 95% attendance in high school

Click [here](#) for more information

## **5. Detroit Economic Club Scholarship**

Number of scholarships: up to 2 per year

Scholarship details: \$2000 per year, renewable

Major requirements:

- High school senior in public or private high school in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County

- Nominated by high school counselor

Click [here](#) for more information

## **6. Detroit Tigers Willie Horton Scholarship**

Number of scholarships: 1 per year

Scholarship details: Up to \$5000, not renewable

Major requirements:

- Graduating senior at Northwestern High School in Detroit

Click [here](#) for more information

## **7. Doss (Lawrence P.) Scholarship**

Number of scholarships: 5 per year

Scholarship details: Up to \$5,000 per year for 4 years

Major requirements:

- Graduating senior from Detroit Public Schools

- Pursuing a career in accounting, finance, management or business

- Acceptable evidence of community service.

- Financial need

- A commitment to return to Detroit for a minimum of four years following graduation.

- A commitment to become a mentor to later Doss scholarship recipients.

Click [here](#) for more information

## **8. Ewald Foundation (H. T.) Scholarship**

Number of scholarships: 2 to 18 per year

Scholarship details: \$500 to \$3500 per year for 4 years

Major requirements:

- Graduating senior residing in metropolitan Detroit area

- Financial need

- Based on overall scholarship record (top half of class), character

- Recommended by principal or assistant principal

- A commitment to return to Detroit for a minimum of four years following graduation.

- A commitment to become a mentor to later Doss scholarship recipients.

Click [here](#) for more information

## **9. Ordonez Family Scholarship**

Number of scholarships: 1 per year

Scholarship details: Up to \$2500 per year, renewable

Major requirements:

- Attended a southwest Detroit high school for their entire secondary education

Click [here](#) for more information

## **10. Otis M. Smith Scholarship**

Number of scholarships: 4 per year

Scholarship details: Up to \$3000, nonrenewable

Major requirements:

- Single mother
- Resident of Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County
- Attend or will attend Wayne State University, University of Michigan (any campus) or Catholic University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Click [here](#) for more information

## **11. Rose (Jalen) Foundation**

Number of scholarships: 5 year

Scholarship details: \$2500 per year for 4 years

Major requirements:

- Graduating senior residing in Detroit
- Financial need
- Good standing, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or higher

Click [here](#) for more information

## **12. Steve Smith Scholarship**

Number of scholarships: 1 per year

Scholarship details: Up to \$10,000 per year for 4 years

Major requirements:

- Graduating senior from Detroit Pershing High School
- Must attend Michigan State University

Click [here](#) for more information

## **13. University of Michigan-Dearborn Opportunity Scholarship**

Number of Scholarships: 12 for full tuition, unlimited for partial tuition

Scholarship details: partial tuition recipients-\$2000 renewable for up to 4 years; full tuition scholarships also include select fees

Major Requirements:

- GPA of 3.0
- Enrollment in a public or charter high school in school districts with an economic disadvantaged status
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident; Michigan residency

Click [here](#) for more information

## **14. Virgil K. Lohring Scholarship**

Number of scholarships: 1 per year

Scholarship details: Up to \$1500, not renewable

Major requirements:

- Graduating senior at Southwestern High School in Detroit
- Show leadership and academic achievement
- Demonstrate greatest improvement from freshman year, according to committee

Click [here](#) for more information

## **15. Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program**

Program has been running since 1986

Scholarship details: students who show academic success in 8th grade are pre-selected in the 9th grade. Provides tuition for 32 credit hours for each of four years (eight semesters maximum). Scholarship recipients must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours each fall and winter semester of the four year award.

**Requirements for pre-selection:**

- 3.0 GPA or better at the middle school level
- Completion of 6th, 7th and 8th grade in DPS Schools
- Recommendation by middle school principal and counselor
- Excellent reading and mathematics scores on the Metropolitan Achievement Test
- Students and their parents must sign an agreement which states that they will meet the performance standards of the scholarship program delineated in the Student/Parent Contract.

***Requirements for scholarship:***

- 3.0 GPA or better at the high school level
  - 21 or higher on ACT
  - Admission to a Michigan public university 4-year college
  - Financial need is not a factor
  - Attendance at the Fall orientation for parents and students
- Click [here](#) for more information and forms (each university has its own website)

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