


The Detroit College Promise

You've got to believe 

Greetings,

The Detroit College Promise is a tax exempt non-profit which strengthens Detroit's education culture by offering scholarships to Detroit Public School graduates, simply for living in Detroit, attending DPS schools and registering on time. The scholarships are good at any Michigan public college or university.

We are seeking your assistance to provide encouragement and hope to students, and make them aware of the advantages of a higher education. We have all overcome difficulties, surmounted obstacles, and become successful in some area of life. It is important that students hear these testimonies and draw inspiration from those who came before them.

Please take 15 minutes to write a letter of encouragement to a 9th grade Detroit Public School student who is making a commitment to work hard, graduate from high school and attend college.

Our goal is to give students an idea of where they can be in ten years if they go to college. We need to share stories of success with them, to illustrate how to overcome difficulties and challenges, and give them a **vision of tomorrow** that their world – which may be a world of crisis – might not provide. In this letter, you can write about your experiences, difficult circumstances, psychological/physical/emotional or social obstacles, and most importantly how you dealt with them. Your story may connect with a student. It may illuminate some strength they forgot they had, or it may highlight a tool they can use to topple a barrier.

Each letter will be presented to a high school freshman student along with their scholarship certificate and will become a part of their Detroit College Promise experience. Your words may keep the student on track in high school when negative environmental factors try to pull them down. They may refer to it as years pass to gain hope during difficult life struggles, or they may remember it years from now and pay the favor forward to another student working against impossible obstacles. No matter how the letter is received, it can be just as important as the promise of a scholarship in keeping students on track to graduate and attend college.

Please take a few moments to write this letter, and pass this request on the family, friends, and co-workers and ask them to do the same!

Thank you for your words of encouragement!

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To protect your privacy, if you are NOT using business letterhead, please do not use your last name, but do identify your profession and position.

If you are a public official or recognizable person, please use your full name. Your letter may be duplicated and given to all students.

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