

# The Detroit College Promise

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## Checklist:

- Submit your application by the deadline (class of 2009: 6/1/2009, class of 2010: 1/15/2010, classes of 2011-2014: 12/1/2010; classes of 2015 and beyond: December 1 of your 9th grade year).
- Complete the federal financial aid form at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This form must be updated each year.
- Apply to a college/university and receive an acceptance letter.
- Complete the Scholarship Acceptance form below.
- Mail or fax both the financial aid letter from the college you will be attending AND the scholarship acceptance form to The Detroit College Promise by **September 15** for the Fall term or **January 15** for the Winter term.
- Update your contact information online as it changes.

## Scholarship Acceptance and Authorization to Release Education Records

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize my college / university as designated below, through its agents and employees, to release any financial aid, demographic or academic information to The Detroit College Promise or its agents to facilitate their analysis of my scholarship eligibility and the educational and economic impact of this scholarship on the Detroit Public Schools and the Detroit community.

This release is authorized as long as I receive scholarship funds. To rescind this Authorization, I must submit a written notice to the Office of the Registrar of my school of choice, which would result in the termination of The Detroit College Promise scholarship.

I also give permission to The Detroit College Promise to use information regarding my scholarship to promote The Detroit College Promise.

My signature below indicates that I have read this form, and authorize the release of the records described. My signature also indicates that I have read and agree to adhere to the scholarship conditions as set forth in this document, **INCLUDING PAGE 2. I understand that failure to adhere to these requirements may result in the termination of this scholarship.**

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone and email address: \_\_\_\_\_

College attending: \_\_\_\_\_ College Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

DPS High school: \_\_\_\_\_ DPS graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or fax to:

The Detroit College Promise  
30100 Telegraph Road, Suite 408  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
Fax: 248/646-3119 Telephone: 248/646-3269

**PLEASE READ ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS ON PAGE 2**

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**ELIGIBILITY:**

**1. Class of 2009:**

(a) be enrolled at Cody AND be a Detroit resident from 12/1/2008 through graduation AND apply by 6/1/2009.

**Class of 2010:**

(a) be enrolled at Cody, Douglass, Cass Tech, Central, Pershing or Trombly from 1/15/2010 through graduation, AND

(b) be a Detroit resident from 1/15/2010 through graduation, AND

(c) complete our application by 1/15/2010.

**Classes of 2011, 2012, 2013 or 2014:**

(a) be enrolled at ANY DPS high school from 12/1/2010 through graduation, AND

(b) be a Detroit resident from 12/1/2010 through graduation, AND

(c) complete our application by 12/1/2010.

**Classes of 2015 and beyond:**

(a) be enrolled at ANY DPS high school from December 1 of your 9th grade year through graduation, AND

(b) be a Detroit resident from December 1 of your 9th grade year through graduation, AND

(c) complete our application by December 1 of your 9th grade year.

Note: students may need to provide additional documents to verify high school enrollment and residency.

2. Students must fill out the FAFSA financial aid form and send us their financial aid letter by the deadline below.

3. Students must fill out this form and send it to us by the deadline below.

4. Students must be admitted to and enrolled at a Michigan public college or university.

5. For Cody students to continue receiving the scholarship after their first year, they must make regular progress toward a degree or certification by:

(a) maintaining a 2.0 grade point average, AND

(b) completing a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, AND

(c) being in good standing.

(d) If the GPA drops below 2.0 or the student is not in good standing, a student may be reinstated by taking additional classes that bring the GPA up to 2.0 and put the student in good standing.

5. Students must submit the scholarship acceptance form, the financial aid letter, and (for Cody students after their first year), their cumulative transcript by **September 15** for the Fall Term or **January 15** for the Winter term.

**EXTENT OF BENEFITS**

We intend to award scholarships to all DPS students who meet the conditions above. For the classes of 2009 and 2010, the scholarship award is \$500 per year (\$250 per semester) towards the balance due for undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees, if any, after application of federal, state and college grants based on the FAFSA. For the class of 2010, if FAFSA related grants pay 100% of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees, we will provide \$50 in the first term in the form of a book voucher in the student's account. These awards are for 4 years for Cody graduates (8 semesters), and 1 year (2 semesters) for graduates of other DPS schools. We plan to increase the scholarship award each year, and will announce the award for the 2011-2012 college year in early 2011. The scholarship is valid for college terms ending 10 years from high school graduation (example: through June 2020 for the class of 2010).

**DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

All funds are paid directly to the college / university, up to twice per year. Payments are made after the drop/add period of the fall and winter semesters as defined by each college / university, generally at the same time that Michigan Educational Trust Funds are billed. Any refunds will be paid directly to The Detroit College Promise. Although we anticipate being able to provide these scholarships as indicated, ultimately all scholarship awards are contingent on adequate funding.

**EXCEPTIONS**

No exceptions to the above requirements will be allowed unless approved by The Detroit College Promise Executive Director or its designee. Appeals are initiated by contacting the Executive Director.