

FACT SHEET

WHAT DO I NEED TO BE ELIGIBLE?

A student needs to be continuously enrolled in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, or one of 4 high schools chartered by PPS, since at least the first day of ninth grade, and maintain continuous residency in the City of Pittsburgh. Below are award levels according to school enrollment.

<u>Continuous Residency & Enrollment Since:</u>	<u>Total Amount Given is UP TO a maximum of: (class of 2008-2011)</u>	<u>Total Amount Given is UP TO a maximum of: (class of 2012 & beyond)</u>
Kindergarten	100% or \$20,000	100% or \$40,000
1st-5th grade	95% or \$19,000	95% or \$38,000
6th-8th grade	85% or \$17,000	85% or \$34,000
9th grade	75% or \$15,000	75% or 30,000
10th-12th grade	\$0	\$0

WHAT ARE THE GPA AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

You must graduate with a cumulative, un-weighted high school GPA of 2.50. Also, you must graduate with an attendance record of 90%, (not including excused absences for illness).

WHAT DOES THE PROMISE PAY FOR?

The Promise Scholarship pays for the Total Cost of Attendance (tuition, fees, books, room and board at schools providing residency) after government grants, such as Pell, PHEAA and FSEOG, and other grants and scholarships have been deducted, up to the student's maximum award amount as outlined above, for each of 4 years of education. You must attend an accredited college, university, trade & tech school in Pennsylvania (for a list of eligible schools at www.pittsburghpromise.org).

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete The Pittsburgh Promise application, available on-line at www.pittsburghpromise.org or from high school guidance counselors. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and other forms required for verification and validation by government agencies.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO KEEP THE SCHOLARSHIP ONCE I BEGIN SCHOOL?

You must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and carry a normal, full-time course load as defined by the school, which is usually 12 -16 credits at most colleges and universities. Check with your school for their definition of "full time." Transcripts will be reviewed annually at the conclusion of the school year.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO USE MY SCHOLARSHIP?

The Pittsburgh Promise Scholarship must be used within five years of graduation. In other words, students may defer for one year. Deferments for military service are available.

HOW DOES MY SCHOOL GET THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Promise eligible schools invoice The Pittsburgh Promise for the scholarship funds. Checks are sent directly to the school.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE PITTSBURGH PROMISE?

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