

Eligibility

1. All students who graduate from Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS), 2006 and beyond, are residing in the district, and have been KPS students four years or more. (Enrollment and residency must be continuous.)
2. Admitted to and enrolled at any school listed on the application and acceptance forms.
 - a. Make regular progress toward a degree or certification as defined by Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of the school.
 - b. Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average at the post-secondary institution.
 - c. Be enrolled as a full time student, typically 12 credit hours a semester. Exceptions to this requirement are made for all students at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and all students enrolled during summer semester.
 - d. If the GPA drops below 2.0, a student may be reinstated if he/she is able to bring their GPA back to at least a 2.0.

Extent of Benefits

The tuition benefit will be graduated on the basis of length of continuous attendance and residency in the Kalamazoo Public School system.

Length of Attendance	Benefit	Length of Attendance	Benefit
K-12	100%	7-12	75%
1-12	95%	8-12	70%
2-12	95%	9-12	65%
3-12	95%	10-12	None
4-12	90%	11-12	None
5-12	85%	12-12	None
6-12	80%		

Terms of Scholarship

This scholarship program provides up to four (4) years of tuition (in state) and mandatory fees for post-secondary education (per the scale above). The students must be a full-time student, taking 12 credit hours per semester minimum. Individual summer school classes will be covered as long as the class applies toward the degree or certification program in which the student is enrolled and is taken at their designated school of choice. A summer school request form must be completed AND approved in order to take summer classes away from the school of choice. The scholarship may only be used at one school a semester; all summer sessions are considered one semester.

The Kalamazoo Promise will be awarded at Michigan Colleges Alliance (MCA) institutions at the % above based on the average tuition and fees for the College of Literature, Science and Arts, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Each MCA institution will match (through institutional grants and other non-loan sources) the tuition and fee cost differential between its annually published tuition and fees and this rate. Use of Promise scholarships at MCA institutions is available only to KPS students who graduate in spring 2015 and beyond and who begin college in the fall of 2015 and beyond.

Students who apply for and are awarded a Heyl Scholarship to attend Kalamazoo College are no longer eligible for the Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship at Kalamazoo College, even if they decline the Heyl Scholarship or they become ineligible for the Heyl Scholarship for any reason during their time at Kalamazoo College.

Mandatory fees are defined using the same definition as the Michigan Educational Trust and are determined by each educational institution.

The post-secondary education must be completed within 10 years of the date of high school graduation. Exceptions to this requirement are granted for military service.

Four years shall be defined as the receipt of a bachelor degree or 130 credit hours towards a degree, whichever occurs first. This education must be pursued per the requirements listed above.

Documentation Requirements

Scholarship recipients must submit:

- ✓ A Kalamazoo Promise application form.
- ✓ A Kalamazoo Promise scholarship acceptance form.
- ✓ A transcript from the previous semester indicating as a minimum: classes taken, grades and credit hours for those classes and cumulative GPA. (Provisions may be made to have this submitted by the post-secondary institution.)
- ✓ All changes to contact information as they occur. This includes home and school addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.
- ✓ A Kalamazoo Promise scholarship transfer form if changing school of choice.
- ✓ A Kalamazoo Promise summer school request form in order to take summer classes at other than the school of choice.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

All funds will be paid directly to the educational institution. Payments will be paid after the drop/add period of each semester as defined by each educational institution.

Any refunds due to the scholarship will be paid directly to the Kalamazoo Promise.

Exceptions

No exceptions to the above requirements will be allowed unless approved by The Kalamazoo Promise administration.

Information for Seniors & Parents



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Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship Process

Step 1 ■ Application Form:

This form is a one-page form that is filled out as early as possible during the fall of the student's senior year. It may be obtained from the high school guidance office or downloaded from www.kalamazoopromise.com.

The application is used to make sure that the student and The Kalamazoo Promise are in agreement on the eligibility percentage for the scholarship. It is also used to identify colleges and universities that a student is interested in attending with The Promise scholarship.

Once the application has been approved, The Promise will send the student a certificate indicating the amount of the scholarship. The Promise will also make the student's scholarship and contact information available to the schools the student listed on their application.

Step 2 ■ Scholarship Acceptance Form:

This form is a one-page form that is completed once a student has been accepted to the college or university of their choice. This form is usually filled out in the spring or summer of the student's senior year.

A copy of this form is returned to the student with their accepted scholarship certification. *(The form may also be obtained from the high school guidance offices or The Promise website.)*

This form is an agreement between the student and The Promise on what each party will do in order to maintain the scholarship.

It provides The Promise with the legal permission to have access to a student's academic and financial aid information. This information is used by The Promise to evaluate the continuing eligibility of the student to receive The Promise funding.

No Scholarship can or will be paid without both of these forms being completed.

Online Student Accounts:

- Every student who receives The Kalamazoo Promise has an on-line account at www.kalamazoopromise.com.
- This account provides the student with all the information concerning their scholarship. This includes all payments made, credits paid and earned, grades by semester and college or university, and digital copies of their scholarship documents.
- It also provides a student with an easy way to update their contact information—a requirement in order to continue receiving scholarship funding.
- Students access this account by going to the Account Login portion of the website and following the “register here” process.

Senior Year Checklist:

- Complete **The Kalamazoo Promise Application** (Sept. / Oct.)
- Register at The Kalamazoo Promise website. www.kalamazoopromise.com
- Apply to prospective colleges / universities (Sept. / Oct.)
- Apply for other scholarships: www.kalfound.org www.fastweb.com
- Retake college acceptance tests if needed
ACT - www.actstudent.org
SAT – www.collegeboard.com
- Complete **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Jan. / Feb.) www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete **The Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship Acceptance Form** *(as soon as accepted at school of choice)*
- Attend orientation at college or university.

Appeals:

Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements of The Kalamazoo Promise, but have a significant history of residency and enrollment with KPS may be able to appeal their eligibility. Appeals are initiated by contacting the Administrator of The Kalamazoo Promise.

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