

The Kalamazoo Promise

The Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship Acceptance Form

PURPOSE

To provide each Kalamazoo Public Schools graduate with the opportunity to attend post-secondary education with up to a 100% tuition scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All students who graduate from Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS), 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 public State of Michigan university or community college.
 - a. Make regular progress toward a degree or certification as defined by Satisfactory Academic Standards 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.
 - 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 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 (WMU or KVCC only). The scholarship may only be used at one school a semester, all summer sessions are considered one semester.

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 bachelors 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:

- The Kalamazoo Promise application form.
- The 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.
- The Kalamazoo Promise scholarship transfer form if changing school of choice.
- The Kalamazoo Promise summer school exception form in order to take summer classes at colleges 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 the fall, winter and summer/spring 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 Board, its Appeals Committee or their designee. Appeals are initiated by contacting The Kalamazoo Promise Executive Administrator.

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ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS

Any public State of Michigan university or community college is eligible for use of The Kalamazoo Promise.

- Alpena Community College
- Bay de Noc Community College
- Central Michigan University
- Delta College
- Eastern Michigan University
- Ferris State University
- Glen Oaks Community College
- Gogebic Community College
- Grand Rapids Community College
- Grand Valley State University
- Great Lakes Maritime College - Division of Northwestern Michigan College
- Henry Ford Community College
- Jackson Community College
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College
- Kellogg Community College
- Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University
- Kirtland Community College
- Lake Michigan College
- Lake Superior State University
- Lansing Community College
- Macomb Community College
- Michigan State University
- Michigan Technological University
- Mid Michigan Community College
- Monroe County Community College
- Montcalm Community College
- Mott Community College
- Muskegon Community College
- North Central Michigan College
- Northern Michigan University
- Northwestern Michigan College
- Oakland Community College
- Oakland University
- Saginaw Valley State University
- Schoolcraft College
- Southwestern Michigan College
- St. Clair County Community College
- University of Michigan
- University of Michigan Dearborn
- University of Michigan Flint
- Washtenaw Community College
- Wayne County Community College
- Wayne State University
- West Shore Community College
- Western Michigan University

Scholarship Acceptance and Authorization to Release Education Records

I, _____, hereby authorize my school of choice as designated below, through its agents and employees, to release any financial aid, demographic or academic information to The Kalamazoo Promise and the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research to facilitate their analysis of my scholarship eligibility and the educational and economic impact of this scholarship on the Kalamazoo Public Schools and the Kalamazoo community.

This release is authorized for the duration of the time that I receive scholarship funds. In order to rescind this Authorization, I acknowledge that I must submit written notification of rescission to the Office of the Registrar of my school of choice. This rescission would result in the termination of the scholarship.

I also give permission to The Kalamazoo Promise to use information regarding my scholarship in promotion of The Kalamazoo Promise.

My signature below indicates that I have read this Authorization to Release Educational Records and that I authorize the release of records as described above.

My signature also indicates that I have read and agree to adhere to the scholarship conditions as set forth in this document. **I understand that failure to adhere to these requirements may result in the termination of this scholarship.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

School of Choice: _____

College Student Identification Number: _____

Return completed form to:

The Kalamazoo Promise
 125 West Exchange Place • Kalamazoo, MI 49007
 (269) 337-0037 • www.kalamazoopromise.com

TO BE COMPLETED BY The Kalamazoo Promise

Approved: _____ Robert Jorth - Executive Administrator, The Kalamazoo Promise	Fund Level _____	Date _____
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