

## STEP 1

7th - 11th grade  
**SIGN UP FOR NEW HAVEN PROMISE "PLEDGE"**

**PLEDGE HERE**

Go to "Start Your Application" section. It can be completed in a matter of minutes.

**DO NOT USE NHPS.NET EMAIL.**

**Tips:** Signing up early will help Promise best work to ensure that students are fully prepared to earn their Scholarships and be aware of opportunities that will help pay for college.

Students and parents will receive Promise news, summer program information, community service opportunities, FAFSA workshops, and much more.

## STEP 2

12th grade  
**COMPLETE SENIOR APPLICATION BY THE DEC 23 DEADLINE**

**SENIOR APPLICATION**

If you have pledged before, go to "Continue Your Application" section. If not, go to "Start Your Application" section.

**DO NOT USE NHPS.NET EMAIL.**

**Parent must have a separate email address and will receive an email to authorize the application if student is under 18.**

**Tips:** You will see a series of Promise leveraged scholarships at partner institutions and other benefits in the portal. Applicants are encouraged to check ALL the boxes that may be of interest to maximize college affordability.

If you are below or just above 3.0 GPA heading into your final semester, we recommend that you apply to **Passport to Promise** as a simple precaution. Passport requires a short essay and a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor etc. It is a competitive scholarship for up to 20 students each year.

Complete the application even if you are thinking of going **out-of-state**. Don't miss the paid internship and career benefits that are available to out-of-state Scholars. (see step 5)

## STEP 3

By the end of 12th grade  
**MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS TO EARN PROMISE:**

- You must be a New Haven resident AND attend [New Haven Public Schools or approved charter schools](#) in the City of New Haven **CONTINUOUSLY** for at least **grades 9-12**.

Length of residency/enrollment	Qualifying percent
Pre-K-12	100%
K-12	100%
1-12	95%
2-12	95%
3-12	95%
4-12	90%
5-12	85%
6-12	80%
7-12	75%
8-12	70%
9-12	65%
10-12	0%
11-12	0%
12-12	0%

- Have a 90% attendance record or better. (Miss no more than 72 days in high school)
- Have a cumulative 3.0 weighted GPA or higher by high school graduation (2.5-2.99 GPA for Passport to Promise applicants)
- Have a positive disciplinary record during high school (no expulsions).
- Complete 40 **Promise-approved** community service hours over four years of high school and log them on the [servo.city](#) portal by **May 1** of the senior year. Check out the [SERVICE REQUIREMENTS](#).

## STEP 4

In July following high school graduation

### APPLICATION RESULT ANNOUNCED

Students who meet all the requirements will receive an Award Packet with Scholarship Acceptance Form and next steps. Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification.

You become a Scholar after returning the Scholarship Acceptance Form and Survey to New Haven Promise office and signing the online Memorandum of Understanding form (scholarship rules and regulations).

**Tips:** Completing FAFSA is required for all scholars except for those unable to do so.

Applicants are encouraged to email New Haven Promise upon receiving their financial aid packages in March or April to get Promise **scholarship estimates**.

If deemed likely to earn Promise, applicants may see scholarship estimated amounts in their Albertus, ECSU, Quinnipiac, UConn, and UNewHaven financial aid packages as early as February. The amounts are **pending** earning New Haven Promise in July.

## STEP 5

### COLLEGE MATRICULATION

To activate your scholarship, you **must register full-time (at least 12 credit hours)** at one of the [Connecticut Colleges and Universities](#).

- At a 4-year public college, Promise covers up to full tuition for up to 4 years (8 semesters).
- At a 2-year community college, Promise covers up to full tuition for up to 2 years (4 semesters).
- At a private college, Promise covers up to \$2,500 a year for up to 4 years (8 semesters).

**Tips:** The amount of New Haven Promise scholarship is based on three factors – tuition, length of residency & enrollment (see table in step 3) and the amount of federal Pell Grant a scholar receives.

**Passport to Promise** scholarship is \$1,000 for the freshmen year only. Recipients who achieve 2.0+ GPA and earn at least 24 credit hours in the first year will automatically advance to receive a regular New Haven Promise award for the remainder of their studies for up to 3 years.

**Scholarship Deferment:** New Haven Promise Scholars can defer their award for a maximum of 2 semesters within the five years following high school graduation. Commonly, it happens when you go out-of-state, take a gap, or have academic, financial or personal reasons. Fill out the [Deferment Form HERE](#).

**Out-of-state Scholars** can activate their award no later than sophomore year if transferring back to an in-state college. They are also eligible for Promise's paid internship opportunities, career development programs and alumni programs after graduation.

Matriculating immediately after high school graduation can maximize your financial aid award offered by colleges and universities.

## STEP 6

### MAINTAIN YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

**To maintain your scholarship once you're in college, you must**

- obtain a 2.0 GPA or higher per semester
- attempt at least 12 credit hours you've never taken before each semester (not including withdrawals or retakes)
- complete FAFSA once a year
- be in good standing at your college (not on hold)

**Tips:** For a full list of scholarship rules and regulations, refer to the memorandum of understanding form you sign every year.

You will hear from Promise about scholarship warning and next steps if falling short of the requirements. You may incur a financial penalty if not in good standing.

You can **transfer your scholarship** within the [Connecticut Colleges and Universities](#). You must file a [transfer form](#) and notify New Haven Promise office once you are admitted to a different college.

Scholarship funding is only available for up to 8 semesters of undergraduate study.