

# A PROMISE THAT PAYS FORWARD.

## HOW IT WORKS

The criteria for the Harper College Promise Scholarship were developed by Harper College, area public high schools and northwest suburban business leaders to promote life skills and habits that will help students succeed in college and provide businesses with smart, skilled and motivated employees. The Promise Scholarship Program enables participating students to attend Harper without having to pay tuition while they earn career certifications and associate degrees. However, signing up for the Promise program does not commit a student to go to Harper. So there's no reason not to sign up!

### IN HIGH SCHOOL

The Program starts in the second semester of a student's freshman year in high school. If the student meets attendance, rigor, quality, persistence and community service requirements, the student can earn up to two years tuition at Harper College.



#### ATTENDANCE

Students may only miss the following number of days:

Second semester of freshman year	5
Sophomore year	9
Junior year	8
Senior year	7

(3 tardies equal an absence)



#### RIGOR/QUALITY

Graduate college-ready.

Minimum annual grade point average (unweighted):

Second semester of freshman year	2.0
Sophomore year	2.25
Junior year	2.25*
Senior year	2.3*

\*No semester grades of D or F



#### PERSISTENCE

✓ Meet minimum credit standards at the end of each year.

✓ Graduate on time with their class.



#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of hours per year:

Second semester of freshman year	5
Sophomore year	10
Junior year	15
Senior year	20

### AT HARPER COLLEGE

A high school student who meets the Program's requirements will earn the first semester of Harper tuition free. The student can continue to attend Harper College tuition-free, semester by semester, for up to four semesters (60 credit hours), if the student meets the following criteria.



#### RIGOR/QUALITY

Minimum grade point average:

1st semester	2.2
2nd semester	2.3
3rd semester	2.5
4th semester	2.5

No grades of D or F or withdrawal



#### PERSISTENCE

✓ A student must attend full-time each semester. (minimum 15 credit hours)

✓ A student must attend each consecutive semester (fall/spring) until their certificate or degree is completed—up to four semesters.

✓ Summer session tuition is not included in the program.



#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Service requirements must be performed through a Harper-related program.

Number of hours per semester:

1st semester	10
2nd semester	10
3rd semester	10
4th semester	10

All participants are required to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA (Social Security number required).

Visit [harpercollege.edu/promise](http://harpercollege.edu/promise) for full program details. Program requirements subject to change.

## Promise Scholarship Program Application

**This application must be received by your high school  
on or before December 15, 2017**

**If you need assistance in completing the application, please call:  
Felicia Walter 847-718-7734**

Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”) at time of entry to Harper College (“Harper”) and prior to beginning subsequent fall semesters at Harper. Please note that the student must have a Social Security number in order to file a FAFSA. (Parents are not required to have Social Security numbers in order for their students to complete the FAFSA.)

Students without Social Security numbers are encouraged to participate in the Promise Scholarship Program (the “Program”) during high school and then to pursue other scholarship opportunities at Harper if they do not have social security numbers at time of entry to the College.

### STUDENT INFORMATION (please print in ink)

Full Student Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected H.S. Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT AND PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURES

#### **For Students Under 18 Years of Age:**

**Student:** I have read and understand the requirements of the Program as summarized on Page 1 of this Application and detailed on the Harper website at [www.harpercollege.edu/promise](http://www.harpercollege.edu/promise). I am willing to comply with the Program requirements and understand that if I do not fulfill them, I will be disqualified from the Program. I also understand that my School District, with my parent/guardian’s consent, will release my name, contact information, demographic information, and Program eligibility information (including, without limitation, GPA, attendance, and testing information) to Harper for the purpose of tracking my progress as a participant in the Program. I agree to reaffirm my commitment to participate in the Program and comply with its requirements, at the beginning of each year that I continue to participate in the Program.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):** I/we have read and understand the requirements of the Program as summarized on Page 1 of this Application and detailed on the Harper website at [www.harpercollege.edu/promise](http://www.harpercollege.edu/promise). I/we understand that my/our student must comply with the Program requirements and understand that if he or she does not fulfill them, he or she will be disqualified from the Program. I/we authorize my/our student to reaffirm his or her commitment to participate in the Program and comply with its requirements at the beginning of each year that my child continues to participate in the Program.

I/we also authorize the School District to release my/our student's name, contact information, demographic information, and student record information related to Program eligibility and participation (including, without limitation, GPA, attendance, and testing information) to Harper for the purpose of tracking my child's progress in the Program. I/we authorize the School District's release of said information to Harper for each year that my child continues to participate in the Program and understand that I/we have the right to revoke this authorization in writing.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Signature

**Falsified information will result in the student's disqualification from the program.  
The information provided by you will be kept confidential and will only be used for the purposes of the Promise Program.**

**Thank you for signing up for the Harper Promise Scholarship Program.**

**Confirmation of your enrollment will be sent in January/February of your second semester of freshman year.**