



Two FREE years of college through the Muskegon Area PROMISE provides a way for students to continue their education past high school, expanding their knowledge and enhancing their skills.

Who is Eligible for The PROMISE?

Tuition free **PROMISE** scholarships are available to students attending the following 16 high schools:

Calvary Christian Schools
Fruitport Community Schools
Holton Public Schools
Mona Shores Public Schools
Montague Area Public Schools
Muskegon Catholic Schools
Muskegon Covenant Academy
Muskegon Public Schools
Muskegon Heights Public School Academy
North Muskegon Public Schools
Oakridge Public Schools
Orchard View Schools
Ravenna Public Schools
Reeths-Puffer Schools
Western Michigan Christian
Whitehall District Schools

How Does The PROMISE Work?

Scholarships will fund either a certificate program, a two-year Associate's Degree or the first two years of a Bachelor's Degree at Muskegon Community College or Baker College of Muskegon.

Students are encouraged to apply for all scholarship opportunities available to them. Other scholarships and grants will be awarded first before the **PROMISE** Scholarship is awarded.

The **PROMISE** covers tuition (valued at the current Muskegon Community College rate), books, and mandatory fees.

Students will have a maximum of four years from high school graduation to use **PROMISE** Scholarship monies to earn a maximum of 62 credits, the equivalent of an Associate's Degree from Muskegon Community College.

The amount of the **PROMISE** Scholarship may be adjusted each year based on any revised financial aid information.

What Do You Need To Do?



LIVE within the boundaries of the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).



GRADUATE with a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher from a high school located within the boundaries of the MAISD.



APPLY for federal student aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the verification process as requested each year (www.fafsa.gov).



ENROLL at either Muskegon Community College or Baker College of Muskegon.

No scholarship application is needed for the **PROMISE** award. Rather, students will be notified with a letter of eligibility and asked to accept the award in writing each spring.

Students must successfully complete their coursework to maintain eligibility. Each college's *Satisfactory Academic Progress* policies apply.



Making the PROMISE Possible!

GOLD LEVEL FUNDERS:

ADAC Automotive, Alcoa Foundation,
Hines Corporation, Nichols, Quality Tool & Stamping,
Verplank Trucking Company, Dan & Sheryl Kuznar Family,
Community Foundation for Muskegon County

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Why do **YOU** need to further **YOUR** education?

In days past, the West Michigan job market offered a good living without college or even a full high school education. Today we live in a globally-oriented, knowledge-driven world where **53%** of Job postings require a certificate, an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree.*

By 2025, this number is projected to rise to **64%****

Of Muskegon's current workforce, only **31%** have these types of post high school degrees*

This is where the Muskegon Area PROMISE comes in.

* W.E. Upjohn Institute 2014 ** Talent 2025

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