

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 be absent:

2nd semester of freshman year	5 days or less
Sophomore year	9 days or less
Junior year	8 days or less
Senior year	7 days or less

(3 tardies equal an absence)



RIGOR/QUALITY

Graduate college-ready.
Minimum annual grade point average (unweighted):

2nd 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:

2nd 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) and complete the financial aid process. [†]The Promise Scholarship is for tuition only. Fees and books are additional. See Harper's website for current tuition and fees.

Visit 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, 2018**

**If you need assistance in completing the application, please call:
Felicia Walter at 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. 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)/Legal Guardian(s) complete next page.

