Documentation Requirements

Scholarship recipients must submit:

- A New Haven Promise Pledge form.
- A New Haven Promise Application form.
- A New Haven Promise Scholarship Acceptance form.
- A college 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 (includes home and school addresses, phone numbers, and email).
- A New Haven Promise Transfer form if changing school of choice.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

- All funds will be paid directly to the educational institution. Payments will be disbursed after the drop/add period of the fall, and spring semester, as defined by each educational institution.
- Any refunds due to the scholarship will be paid directly to New Haven Promise.

Eligible Schools

- All New Haven Public Schools and approved public charter schools in the City of New Haven.
- Connecticut in-state public colleges or universities.
- Connecticut in-state nonprofit colleges or universities listed as New Haven Promise participants.
- A list of these schools is available on the New Haven Promise website, New Haven Promise Application and the Scholarship Acceptance Form. (See Rules Book for details.)
New Haven Promise

Making the Promise of College a Reality

New Haven Promise (NHP) is a visionary program for the purposes of promoting college education as an aspiration for all New Haven Public School (NHPS) students, ensuring graduating students from NHPS pursue further education after high school, and enhancing the growth, stability, and economic development of the City of New Haven.

School Change, has set three distinct goals:

- Reduce the achievement gap, bringing New Haven students to the Connecticut average on assessments.
- Halve the dropout rate in five years.
- Make sure that every graduating student has the aspiration, academic ability, and the financial resources to attend and succeed in college.

The mission of New Haven Promise is to improve the school district—by complementing and promoting school Change, the NHPS education reform initiative—and support economic development in New Haven by growing a competitive workforce and increasing homeownership. By providing economic access to two- and four-year colleges and universities to young people who want to learn, New Haven Promise helps reinforce a set of core values that make cities great.

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Who is eligible?

NHP Scholarship:

- New Haven students who are admitted to and enroll in a Connecticut-in-state public 2- or 4-year college or university and who meet the following residency, civic behavior, and academic performance criteria:

- Residency:
  - Be a New Haven resident and attend New Haven Public Schools or approved public charter schools in the City of New Haven;

- Civic Behavior:
  - Have a positive disciplinary record;
  - Complete the community service requirement;
  - Achieve 3% attendance or better during high school (grades 9-12);

- Academic Performance:
  - Achieve a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA) 2.5 GPA during the years s/he is enrolled in post-secondary education; to college.

- Maintain a 2.5 GPA during the years s/he is enrolled in post-secondary education and attendance Benefit or other financial assistance as described below.

Terms of Scholarship:

- The scholarship benefit will be eligible and benefit from other scholarship or grants cover over 50% of the total cost of education and the scholarship agreements from all sources, and further subject to guidance from the NHP Board.

- For students matriculating at Connecticut-in-state nonprofit colleges or universities NHP will contribute up to a maximum of $2,500 per year toward the total cost of education and the scholarships/grants or $2,500, whichever is greater, for whom other scholarships and grants cover up to a maximum of $2,500 per year toward the total costs of tuition, fees, room, and board. The term “total cost of education” shall include the costs of tuition, fees, room, and board.

Facts About New Haven Promise

Apply to prospective colleges or universities

- Check to graduation

- Register for college acceptance tests (if you prepare you for college future)

- Enroll in Advance Placement classes to graduation

- Complete NHP Pledge (Nov. 30)

- Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor to request letters of recommendation in the

- Build relationships with teachers in order to graduation

- Explore summer opportunities that will prepare you for college

Student Checklist

Junior Year

- Complete NHP Pledge (Nov. 30)
- Become familiar with NHP requirements
- Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor
- Enroll in Advance Placement classes
- Arrange community service hours (10 hours)
- Take leadership positions in extracurricular activities
- Research colleges and schedule campus visits
- Work on college essay(s)
- Apply for Federal Student Aid (Jan/Feb)

Senior Year

- Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor
- Solidify community service hours with counseling
- Requirement of at least 20 hours prior to graduation
- Register for college acceptance test(s)
- File federal and state financial aid
- Apply to prospective colleges or universities
- The tuition benefit will be eligible and benefit from other scholarship or grants cover over 50% of the total cost of education and the scholarships/grants or $2,500, whichever is greater, for whom other scholarships and grants cover up to a maximum of $2,500 per year toward the total costs of tuition, fees, room, and board.