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.

(See Rules Book for details.)

Student Checklist

Senior Year

- Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor
- Solidify community service hours with guidance counselor
- Requirement of at least 40 hours prior to graduation
- Register for college acceptance tests (If you haven’t taken them)
- SAT — www.collegeboard.com
- ACT — www.actonline.org
- Finalize college essay(s)
- Apply to prospective colleges or universities
- Complete FAFSA — Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Jan – July)
- www.fafsa.gov
- Complete NHP Application (before March 1)
- Apply for other scholarships
- Complete NHP Acceptance form (as soon as accepted at school of choice and received notification of acceptance)
- Attend orientation at college or university

This past year, New Haven embarked on groundbreaking education reform—School Change—structural reorganizations and investments. Collaboratively working with unions and charters, the New Haven Public Schools continue to make strides improving the school district so that children get the education they deserve.

New Haven Promise, a visionary scholarship and support program for New Haven public school students and the capstone of School Change, promises communities that invest in education and economic development through place-based scholarship programs. New Haven Promise has three goals:

- Cultivating an aspiration for college education in New Haven public school students
- Building community and parental engagement
- Growing economic development in the City of New Haven

New Haven Promise has three components for high school dropout, crime, and incarceration, an increase in high school graduation, quality of life, and homeownership. A culture of caring and success, high aspirations, and hope for our young people and our city. Ultimately, we are trying to change children’s lives by helping them succeed and promote a future for adults so that they work together to help students achieve.

New Haven Promise will be a catalyst for reduction in high school dropouts, crime, and incarceration; an increase in high school graduation; quality of life, and homeownership; and a culture of caring and success; high aspirations, and hope for our young people and our city. Ultimately we are trying to change children’s lives by helping them succeed and promote a future for adults so that they work together to help students achieve.

A responsibility of community leadership, institutions, and organizations is to promote and strengthen the capabilities of New Haven’s youth to think critically, be creative, display patience and perseverance, perform under pressure, and work effectively as a group. As a Promise city we make a commitment to our young people—New Haven’s future—that we believe they are worth investing in and doing so places value on education as the best possible return on that investment. Education can be the shot in the arm that reduces crime, reduces crime, and creates wealth—let’s build a city together that promotes this belief.

New Haven: Delivering on a Promise

New Haven Promise: Class of 2013

MAKING THE PROMISE OF COLLEGE A REALITY
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, assisting 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 averages on the CMT and CAPT.

• Halve the dropout rate in five years.

• Make sure that every graduating student has the aspiration to attend and succeed in college.

The mission of New Haven Promise is to improve the school performance criteria:

• Residency

• Be a New Haven resident and attend New Haven public schools; and

• Maintain a 2.5 GPA during the years s/he is enrolled in post-secondary education to college.

Who is eligible?

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

- Residency
- Must be a New Haven resident and attend New Haven public schools; and
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA during the years s/he is enrolled in post-secondary education to college.

- Academic Performance
- Achieve cumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or better upon graduation from New Haven public schools; and
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA during the years s/he is enrolled in post-secondary education to college. (See Italy Book for details.)

Terms of Scholarship

The tuition benefit will be the eligible student's or other financial assistance as described below (tuition is based on being a New Haven resident who graduates from a New Haven public school and attends a Connecticut in-state public a- or 4-year college or university.)

- For those students at public 2- or 4-year institutions, the tuition will be up to a maximum of $2,500 per year toward the total cost of education. This $2,500 contribution will be the “last money in,” meaning it will only be made available to the student to cover remaining costs after all other sources of financial aid have been used.
- The term “total cost of education” shall include the costs of tuition, fees, room, and board.
- Students are eligible for two years of scholarship for a- or 4-year institutions for up to three years after graduation from high school and for four years of scholarship for a- or 4-year institutions for up to five years after graduation from high school. When those three and five year windows expire, respectively, the student will no longer be eligible for funding, even if the student has begun her or his education but has not yet completed it. In either case, enrollment must be full-time. Students moving from a- or 4-year institutions are eligible for up to four years of scholarship total.

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Student Checklist

Freshman Year

• Complete NHP Pledge (Nov. 30)

• Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor

• Enroll in Advance Placement classes

• Attend community service hours (10 hours)

• Explore leadership positions in extracurricular activities

• Research colleges and schedule campus visits

• Work on college essays (5)

• Register for and take the PSAT

• Build relationships with teachers in order to request letters of recommendation in the future

• Explore summer opportunities that will prepare you for college

Sophomore Year

• Complete NHP Pledge (Nov. 30)

• Become familiar with NHP requirements

• Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor

• Enroll in Advance Placement classes

• Attend community service hours (10 hours)

• Take leadership positions in extracurricular activities

• Research colleges and schedule campus visits

• Work on college essays (5)

• Register for and take the PSAT

• Build relationships with teachers in order to request letters of recommendation in the future

• Explore summer opportunities that will prepare you for college

Junior Year

• Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor

• Enroll in Advance Placement classes

• Attend community service hours (10 hours)

• Take leadership positions in extracurricular activities

• Research colleges and schedule campus visits

• Work on college essays (5)

• Register for and take the PSAT

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Senior Year

• Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor

• Enroll in Advance Placement classes

• Attend community service hours (10 hours)

• Take leadership positions in extracurricular activities

• Research colleges and schedule campus visits

• Work on college essays (5)

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