Student Checklist

Senior Year

☐ Meet with guidance counselor and/or advisor
☐ Solidify community service hours with guidance counselor
☐ Requirement of at least 10 hours prior to graduation
☐ Register for college acceptance tests (if you haven’t taken one):
  - SAT – www.collegeboard.com
  - ACT—www.actstudent.org
☐ Finish college essay(s)
☐ Apply to prospective colleges or universities
☐ Complete FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Jan/Feb)
  - www.fafsa.ed.gov
☐ Complete NHP Application (before March 1)
☐ Attend orientation at college or university

Students who need additional academic support should contact their guidance counselor or go to: www.newhavenpromise.org for additional services.

New Haven: Delivering on a Promise

This past year, New Haven embarked on groundbreaking education reform—School Change—¡tional recognition and acclaim. Collaboratively working with unions and charters, the New Haven Public Schools continue to make strides in improving the school district so that children get the education they deserve. We have partnered to launch New Haven Promise, a visionary scholarship and support program for New Haven public school students and the capstone of School Change. Promise communities are those 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 will work closely with the school system to provide colleges and universities with resources to help students transfer and complete their college education. In addition, New Haven Promise will work with employers to help students complete their college education and enter the workforce.

New Haven Promise will be a catalyst for reduction in high school dropouts, crime, and incarceration; an increase in high school graduates, quality of life, and homeownership; and a culture of college- and career-readiness, high expectations, and hope for our young people and our City. It will help motivate children to believe they can succeed and promote a laser focus 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 efficiently as a group. As a Promise city we make a statement to our young people—New Haven’s future—that we believe they are worth investing in and in doing so place a value on education as the best possible return on that investment. Education can be the silver bullet to ending poverty, reducing crime, and creating wealth—let’s build a city together that promotes this belief.

Richard C. Levin
President, Yale University
Dr. Reginald Mayo
Superintendent of New Haven Public Schools
William W. Ginsberg
President and CEO, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
John DeStefano, Jr
Mayor, City of New Haven

New Haven Promise: Class of 2013
MAKING THE PROMISE OF COLLEGE A REALITY

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 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 refund 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.
• A list of these schools is available on the New Haven Promise website and Rules Book.
• 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 purpose of promoting college education as an aspiration for all New Haven Public School (NHPS) students, assisting graduating seniors from NHPS to pursue further education after high school, and enhancing the growth, stability, and economic development of the City of New Haven.

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 creating a competitive workforce and increasing homeownership. By providing economic access to non-college-bound students, and incentives to young people who want to learn, New Haven Promise helps reinforce a set of core values that make cities great.

School Change, has set three distinct goals:

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

NHP Class of 2013

- Eligible for 75% of the scholarship
- Criteria requirements cover grades 10-12
- Must meet all eligibility requirements listed
- 30 hours of community service
- Residency in New Haven is required and factored
- See Rules Book for details
- Program description and requirements on reserve side

NHP Scholarship Acceptance Form

Complete the application and return it to the NHPS counseling office or downloaded from www.newhavenpromise.org.

Step One—Sign the NHP Pledge

NHP Pledge Form must be filled out to enroll in program. (Deadline: Nov. 30 of Senior Year)

- The form may be obtained from the guidance counseling office or downloaded from www.newhavenpromise.org.
- The form must be returned to the guidance counseling office.

Step Two—Apply for the NHP Scholarship

NHP Application Form must be filled out prior to March of a student’s senior year.

- The form may be obtained from the guidance counseling office or downloaded from www.newhavenpromise.org.
- The form must be returned to the guidance counseling office.

- Once the application has been approved, NHP will mail the student a letter indicating the amount of the scholarship.

Step Three—Tell Where you’re going

The form must be completed on a student who has been accepted to a participating college or university.

- The form may be obtained from the guidance counseling office or downloaded from www.newhavenpromise.org.
- The form must be mailed to:
  New Haven Promise
  501 Crescent Street—SCSU Buley Library
  New Haven, CT, 06515

Facts About New Haven Promise

Who is eligible?

- New Haven students who are admitted and enrolled in a Connecticut in-state public or a 4-year college or university.
- 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.

Academic Performance

- Achieve a cumulative 3.0 grade average (GPA) or better upon graduation from New Haven Public Schools.

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Funding

- The tuition benefit will be equal to or exceed the cost of education. This $2,500 contribution will be the “last money in,” meaning it will only be made available to the student who is determining costs after all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted.

- The term “total cost of education” shall include all cost of education. This $2,500 contribution will be the “last money in,” meaning it will only be made available to the student who is determining costs after all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted.

- The tuition benefit will be scaled based on family income.

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

Extent of Benefits

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Terms of Scholarship

- The tuition benefit will be eligible for federal or other financial assistance as described below (if applicable). It is in the student resident who graduates from a New Haven public school and attends a Connecticut in-state public or private 4-year college or university.

- For those students at public 4-year institutions for whom other scholarships and grants cover all or a portion of their costs, NHP will provide either the difference between tuition and the other scholarships/grants or $2,500, whichever is greater, as long as there is an unmet deficit between the total cost of education and the scholarships/grants from all sources. (The student will be 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. This figure starts at $2,500 initially and will be “last money in,” meaning it will only be made available to the student who is determining costs after all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted.

- The term “total cost of education” shall include all cost of education. This $2,500 contribution will be the “last money in,” meaning it will only be made available to the student who is determining costs after all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted.

- Students are eligible for two years of scholarships for 4-year institutions for up to five years after graduation from high school and for four years of scholarships for a 4-year institution for up to five years after graduation from high school. When these three and five year windows expire, respectively, the student will no longer be eligible for funding. If the student has begun her or her education but has not yet completed 12 credits or more, enrollment will be full-time. Students enrolling from a years–4 year institution are eligible for up to four years of scholarships total.

Student Checklist

Sophomore Year

- Complete NHP Pledge Form (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
- 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 school campus visits
- Work on college essay(s)
- Register for and take the PSAT
- Build relationships with teachers in order to complete letters of recommendation in the future
- Explore summer opportunities that will prepare you for college