

2024 New Haven Promise Scholarship Memorandum

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All Scholars who are to receive New Haven Promise funding are required to acknowledge the rules and stipulations **BY INITIALIZING UNDER EACH ONE** before signing and dating at the bottom of this digital document. We encourage you to **print this agreement** for your records.

- * 1. Filing FAFSA, to completion, is a requirement, regardless of family income. If I cannot file a FAFSA application, I must contact the New Haven Promise office.

- * 2. The amount of the New Haven Promise scholarship award is based on three factors — the type of college I attend, length of residency & enrollment in New Haven public schools and the amount of my Pell Grant.

- * 3. New Haven Promise will provide a maximum of eight semesters of funding — providing the requirements are met — within the five years following my high school graduation.

- * 4. I must maintain a 2.0 GPA -- each semester and cumulatively -- or I am otherwise subject to academic warning or scholarship revocation as the New Haven Promise scholarship is merit based, not an entitlement.

- * 5. First-semester students who have a GPA below 1.0 are subject to immediate scholarship revocation. If I am below 1.0 in the fall of my first year, I recognize that funding is not guaranteed for the spring semester.

- * 6. I cannot have more than two deferment semesters — for any reason — and retain my scholarship. A deferment is defined by not receiving funding based upon missing Promise paperwork or a lack of full-time enrollment at a partner institution for a fall or spring semester.

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- * 7. I must file a transfer form — before the beginning of the semester — if I am changing colleges. Failure to do so could delay the disbursement of my award or result in an unfunded semester of deferment.

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- * 8. I must attempt 12 credit hours of classes I have never taken before each semester. Promise will NOT pay for retakes or withdrawals, which means if I do retake or withdraw a class, I must still maintain at least 12 credit hours in first-time classes.

- * 9. If withdrawing from courses and/or retaking courses brings me to fewer than 12 new credit hours, it will impact my scholarship amount in subsequent semesters and lead to scholarship warning. Multiple warnings could result in scholarship revocation.

- * 10. I understand that if I fall short of Promise's GPA or credit requirements, I must fill out the academic improvement plan (AIP) and/or credit improvement plan (CIP) that are sent to my email. Failure to do so could delay the disbursement of my award or result in an unfunded semester of deferment.

- * 11. I will ensure that all administrative marks on my transcripts are resolved before the following semester and recognize that failure to do so in a timely manner will delay or defer the disbursement of my scholarship.

- * 12. I understand that New Haven Promise must verify enrollment status after the add-drop period prior to scholarship disbursement. Scholarship checks are sent to bursar's office in early October for fall semesters and early March for spring semesters. I will not be able to draw funds prior to the transfer of funds. I also understand that New Haven Promise will inform me when the disbursement is made and calling the office will be unnecessary.

- * 13. Students who demonstrate an investment in the program that has invested in them — by participating in program-sponsored events and receptions — will receive priority status for other Promise benefits in things like the paid summer internship program.

- * 14. In order to be reached regarding Promise issues and to know about additional benefits, I must maintain updated contact information with the New Haven Promise.

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- * 15. Dealing with issues involving my scholarship is my responsibility, not my parents or others. By submitting a FERPA release form, I recognize that New Haven Promise cannot discuss my academic and financial profile with anyone other than me and that no one other than official Promise personnel are empowered to speak on the rules of the scholarship.

- * 16. If I find myself in academic difficulty, I understand that I can and should contact the New Haven Promise office, who can provide advice and resources to assure my success (203-776-6473 or info@newhavenpromise.org).

- * 17. Once I have been ruled ineligible for the scholarship, there is not a path toward reinstatement.

- * Current College ID Number

- * Current Cell Phone

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- * Preferred Email

- * My signature indicates that I read the document above and acknowledge these are the rules established and will be enforced by New Haven Promise. If I lack understanding, it is my responsibility to contact New Haven Promise to seek clarification. The New Haven Promise rules are non-negotiable.

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- * Date



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