



PROMISE

MICHIGAN CITY PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

- Complete and sign this application.
- Attend and graduate from Michigan City High School (MCHS) or Marquette Catholic High School.
- Demonstrate that you live in an owner-occupied home within Michigan City corporate city limits. Proof of home ownership for the purposes of MC Promise will require that the parent or legal guardian own a home with a **current Homestead Exemption**. Proof of a Homestead Exemption can be obtained from: LaPorte County Auditor's Office (219-326-6808 Ext. 2226/2485) **OR**
- Demonstrate that you have lived in a rental home within the Michigan City corporate city limits for your four years in high school. Proof of residency in a rental property may include the following documents (in the parent/legal guardian's name) include: Utility bills, financial statements, income tax statements, insurance statements or other documents that support your residency for all four years of high school.
- Proof of legal guardianship/custodianship in those situations where a parent is not the legal guardian.
- Complete an application for financial aid (FAFSA) by the **Indiana deadline date**, regardless of eligibility for such assistance, and disclose all scholarships and aid to the Michigan City Promise Scholarship Program. **Attach proof of FAFSA.**
- Graduate with a cumulative **grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher** from Michigan City High School or Marquette Catholic High School
- Provide a letter of acceptance/admission to an accredited Indiana based public or private college or university.
- Begin college within 24 months of graduation from high school. Students entering the military after high school must apply for the MC Promise Scholarship in their senior year of high school to be able to defer for their years of service.
- Complete a total of **40 hours of community service** while in high school (grades 9-12). Hours must be recorded and approved with supervisor's signature. Documentation of High School Community Service must be submitted with your application.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit this completed application to the MC Promise Program on or before the first Friday in June of their senior year of high school. If any information changes, MC Promise needs to be notified within 30 days.**

Amount of Scholarship: The amount of the scholarship has been established as a maximum of \$5,000 per year for four years. (for undergraduate degrees) Scholarship amount will be determined by the number of consecutive years the student has attended Michigan City High School or Marquette High School and lives in a home owned or rented by that student's parent or legal guardian in Michigan City corporate city limits.

- 9th -- 12th grade – Eligible for up to 100% of the scholarship amount
- 10th -- 12th grade – Eligible for up to 75% of the scholarship amount
- 11th -- 12th grade – Eligible for up to 50% of the scholarship amount
- 12th grade – Eligible for up to 25% of the scholarship amount

*Michigan City Promise Scholarship is a secondary scholarship. All other scholarships, including 21st Century, will be applied first. (Students must sign up by June 30th of 8th grade to be eligible for 21st Century Scholarships.) The Michigan City Promise Scholarship applies only to undergraduate degrees. *The scholarship shall apply only to tuition and college fees, including laboratory, student activity and registration fees. The Promise Scholarship will continue as long as funding is available.*