



**Dallas County Promise
Policies and Procedures**



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PROMISE

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Executive Summary: *Dallas County Promise (known as Promise) is a transformational effort between school districts, colleges, universities, workforce, and communities to reduce the financial burden on students while completing a postsecondary degree or credential.*

Through the Promise, participating colleges provide scholarships to students who graduate from one of 43 Promise high schools with either a diploma or associate degree. The Promise scholarship covers the gap between need-based financial aid and the cost of tuition for up to a time limit or the completion of a degree per institution.

The Promise program is awarded to students attending a Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) college, regardless of GPA or income. Scholarships may be awarded to students attending other participating schools based on merit and need. Students need only meet the program deadlines and submit the Promise Pledge. In addition to the financial award, Promise scholars will be guided by a success coach, who will help the student with deadlines and access to additional scholarship opportunities.

For students who meet certain GPA and financial need requirements and plan to enter a school within the DCCCD, there is also an opportunity to qualify for a Rising Star Scholarship, which will cover the cost of text books.

A growing list of college and universities are involved in the success of the Promise program, and funding is available for all qualifying students.

The Goal of Promise:

To provide the necessary financial, educational, and career support to prepare students for middle-skill careers and careers that require a bachelor's degree.

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Section I: Dallas County Community College District

At the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD), the Dallas County Promise (Promise) is an expansion of its existing Rising Star Scholarship Program and is supported by the Dallas County Community College District Foundation.

All students, regardless of income or grade point average, who graduate in 2018-19 from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the Promise deadlines, will receive sufficient funding to pay the full cost of tuition for up to three consecutive academic years or degree completion, whichever comes first, at any college within the Dallas County Community College District. An academic year includes fall, spring and summer semesters. Promise funding is only available for a student's first degree.

Promise scholars who meet income requirements and have a seventh semester unweighted high school GPA of 3.000 or higher will also receive the **Rising Star Scholarship** which covers any gap between a student's need-based financial aid and the cost of tuition and textbooks.

Additionally, Dallas County Promise Scholars will be paired with and supported by a DCCCD Success Coach and will have access to additional transfer scholarships to attend partner four-year universities, including University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas), Midwestern State University, Prairie View A&M, Paul Quinn University, Autin College, and Southern Methodist University (SMU). Some transfer offers have additional merit and need-based qualifications.

Beyond the expenses funded by Dallas County Promise and/or Rising Star, there are other college costs that scholars should budget for, including supplies, transportation, rent, and food.

A. Eligibility

2018-19 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Enrolled in a participating high school (see Appendix A) as of October 26, 2018 and graduate from a participating high school during the 2018-2019 school year.

- a. Students graduating in December 2018 are Promise eligible; however, Promise funding does not begin until the fall semester following high school graduation.
 - b. Students must graduate between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 to be eligible for Promise in Fall 2019.
2. Meet all Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, and enrollment.
3. Are a U.S. Citizen eligible for in-state tuition or are a Non-U.S. Citizen eligible for in-state tuition that complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) application.
 - a. Students who have not met Texas residency requirements must file an appeal with Dallas County Promise to be considered for the Dallas County Promise and/or the Rising Star scholarship. The appeal process will be published in March 2019 on DallasCountyPromise.org.
 - b. Students classified for residency as international or out-of-country students are not eligible for the Promise. Students who have questions regarding their eligibility for in-district or in-state residency status for tuition purposes should visit their college Admissions office.
4. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
 - a. Promise scholars and Rising Star scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.
 - b. Promise scholars and Rising Star scholars may enroll in fall, spring, summer, winter or May terms after enrolling in their initial fall semester.
 - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise or Rising Star Program and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semesters.

Dallas County Promise does not have an initial GPA or income requirement to receive tuition assistance at DCCCD, however students must meet the cumulative GPA requirement and Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester. There is no cap on the number of 2018-19 graduates that can receive the Promise gap funding or Rising Star scholarships at a DCCCD college or at UNT Dallas. However, transfer scholarships to SMU are limited. (For specific requirements and eligibility by school, please see the section for that school.)

High school students who do not meet the Dallas County Promise deadlines and choose to attend a Promise Partner college will be responsible for all tuition and costs not covered by other scholarships or financial aid.

A Promise Scholar at DCCCD May:

- Enroll in either college credit courses or workforce training certificate programs through continuing education as long as these programs are reimbursed by the state.
- Receive other scholarship funds (contact financial aid office for further details).
- Use Promise program dollars towards the completion of developmental classes.
- Decline Rising Star designation if awarded, but the Promise Scholar would forfeit all Rising Star specific benefits.

A Promise Scholar at DCCCD Must:

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Only use Promise dollars towards a first degree. Students who graduate with an Associate degree from high school may not use Promise dollars to attend DCCCD to complete an additional associate degree or Workforce Training Certificate.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by the end of the fall semester each year.

Note: Dual credit students can receive Dallas County Promise after high school graduation to complete the balance of hours needed for an associate degree up to degree completion.

A Promise Scholar at DCCCD May Not:

- Use Promise scholarship towards continuing education courses that are not part of a state-approved credential.
- Use Promise scholarship towards study abroad courses.
- Purchase non-required textbooks, supplies, or other items with Promise award funds.
- Use the award at another non-Promise college/university outside the DCCCD.
- Return to DCCCD after attending another institution or be concurrently enrolled in a DCCCD college and another institution, unless the student submits and receives approval for their dual enrollment request and/or are within one semester of degree completion at DCCCD.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.
- Enter the Promise Program during the summer prior to the scholar's first semester in the program.

Immediate Ineligibility Criteria

Should a student fail to adhere to any/all policies, Dallas County Promise invokes the right to remove a student's eligibility. It is the scholar's responsibility to keep contact information up to date with Dallas County Promise, Rising Star, and the awarding institution's registrar's office. Incorrect contact information does not prevent a student from becoming ineligible.

A Promise/Rising Star scholar will become immediately ineligible for his/her award if the scholar:

1. Does not comply with the DCCCD Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP):
 - a. 2.0 cumulative (overall) GPA; measured at each semester
 - b. Complete 67% of all attempted credit hours
 - c. Credit hours exceed 150 percent of the minimum number of hours required to complete the scholar's program of study, up to 90 hours.
2. Does not register for fall or spring semesters or complete 18 credit hours per academic year (675 contact hours for CE courses) during the three years in the program at DCCCD
3. Does not re-apply for next academic year's FAFSA/TASFA by March 8, 2019
4. Is suspended or expelled by the campus for violating the DCCCD Student Code of Conduct
5. Return to DCCCD after attending another institution or be concurrently enrolled in a DCCCD college and another institution, unless submit and receive approval for their dual enrollment request and/or are within one semester of degree completion at DCCCD.
6. "Stop Out" Appeal not approved
7. Knowingly falsifies or enters major discrepancies of any information on their Promise/Rising Star application, admissions application, or FAFSA / paper FAFSA / TASFA Application

Eligibility for the Dallas County Promise program is consistent with the same eligibility requirements with respect to a student's criminal record as those in the federal Title IV programs that includes the Federal Pell Grant program.

Promise Reinstatement Policy

If a student is suspended from or becomes ineligible to receive the Promise Program because of qualifying special circumstances (i.e. military, pregnancy, documented illness, etc.), the student may appeal to DCCCD Promise with information on the mitigating circumstances that resulted in his or her loss of eligibility. The appeal must include supporting documentation regarding the circumstances. The student will be notified by the Promise Program within five business days after a decision has been made regarding the appeal.

B. Application

To receive the Dallas County Promise and be eligible for the Rising Star scholarship, 2019 graduates must meet three key deadlines:

- **February 8:** Complete the Dallas County Promise Pledge at www.DallasCountyPromise.org and submit a parent signature on the FERPA form if under 18 at the time of Pledge completion.
- **February 8:** Complete DCCCD admissions application and validate their pledge on eConnect.
 - Students who previously took dual credit courses at DCCCD need only to update their contact information with the DCCCD college in which they intend to enroll.
- **March 8:** Submit FAFSA or TASFA with a DCCCD college listed.
- **July 31:** Complete DCCCD registration for the fall semester.

Seniors in a Promise high school must complete the Promise Pledge by February 8 to be eligible for both Promise and Rising Star. Students that miss any of the deadlines are not eligible to receive either scholarship.

C. Rising Star Program at DCCCD

Graduates in a Promise high school attending a DCCCD college are also eligible for gap funding to cover the difference between their need-based financial aid and the cost of tuition and textbooks by meeting additional criteria.

1. Promise Scholars who (1) meet all Promise deadlines, (2) have financial need, and (3) have a seventh semester unweighted high school GPA of 3.000 or higher will also receive the Rising Star Scholarship to cover any costs beyond need-based financial aid up to the cost of tuition and textbooks at DCCCD. Please note that the maximum funding amount for Dallas Promise-Rising Star combined is \$5,500, to be used over a three-year eligibility period.
 - a. Dallas County Community College District determines financial need through the use of the Federal Methodology either through the submission of the FAFSA to the Department of Education or submission of the TASFA to the appropriate DCCCD college: www.dcccd.edu/PC/FA
 - b. Promise Scholars complete the Promise Pledge by February 8, 2019, to be eligible for both Promise and the Rising Star Scholarship. Students that miss any of the deadlines are not eligible to receive either scholarship.
2. The applicant should request final official high school transcripts from his/her high school counselor or registrar be submitted to the College Admissions Office. **An official graduation transcript will be required by the College Admissions Office as evidence that the applicant has completed requirements for high school graduation.**

3. Even if a high school is not on the participating school list, students can still apply. Rising Star applications open October 1 and are due February 8 for non-participating Promise high schools.
4. **Please refer to the Rising Star Manual for additional information specific to the Rising Star program.**

D. Payments and Renewal

Promise scholars will never directly receive funds from Dallas County Promise. After a Promise scholar's eligible state and federal grant or gift financial aid have been transmitted, the Dallas County Community College Foundation will fund any remaining tuition balance with the dollars that DCCCD has designated for the Promise scholarship.

To receive their initial financial aid award from DCCCD, Promise scholars must complete the following:

1. Promise Scholars must register on or before July 31, 2018 to remain eligible for the Promise program.
2. Promise Scholars must identify and declare a program of study (major or career path) before the first academic semester of the scholar's initial enrollment in Promise.
3. Promise scholars must complete pre-advising before registration begins to select courses that apply toward the scholar's degree and/or certificate plan.

To maintain eligibility to renew the Promise award, scholars must complete the following:

1. Successfully complete at least 18 hours over the course of the academic year. An academic year includes fall, spring and summer semesters.
 - a. Promise/Rising Star scholars must enroll in credit or developmental courses leading to a credit degree or certificate. Enrollment in continuing education (CE) at the Scholar's DCCCD college. These courses must be classified as "reimbursable" by the State of Texas.
 - b. Scholars may not receive Promise funding for more than 36 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring, and summer semesters).
 - c. Scholars must meet DCCCD Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy in order to remain in the program: www.dcccd.edu/sap
 - d. Students will receive warning – adding and dropping classes will affect financial aid and may also affect Promise eligibility.
2. Maintain a cumulative 2.00 GPA; reviewed each semester
3. Renew their FAFSA/TASFA by March 8 each year

E. Additional Considerations

- **Correct Contact Information:** The student is responsible for notifying Dallas County Promise and their college when his/her contact information changes by emailing info@dallascountypromise.org. (Include full name and student ID.) Incorrect information does not prevent a student from becoming ineligible. Once a student is enrolled, correct contact information must be on file with the student's scholarship success coach (i.e. DCCCD Rising Star Advisor, DCCCD Success coach, SMU Rotunda Scholar Advisor, etc.)
- **Determining Program Eligibility:** Only designated staff members of Dallas County Promise, DCCCD, UNT Dallas, SMU, or other partner college/university may determine a student's eligibility.
- **Policy Changes:** Policies may be subject to change without notice. It is a student's responsibility to refer to the policies as posted at dallascountypromise.org for updates and changes to the Promise program.
- **Contact Questions:** If you have additional questions that were not covered in this policy document, please email Eric.Ban@dallascountypromise.org.

Section II: University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas)

At the University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas), the Dallas County Promise (Promise) is funded by the UNT Dallas endowment dollars.

All students, regardless of income or grade point average, who graduate in 2018-19 with an Associate degree from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the UNT Dallas Promise deadlines, will receive sufficient funding to pay the full cost of tuition for up to three academic years or degree completion, whichever comes first. An academic year includes fall, spring and summer semesters. Promise funding is only available for a student's first bachelor's degree. Additionally, Dallas County Promise Scholars will be paired with and supported by a UNT Dallas success coach.

Students who enter a DCCCD college under Promise and complete their associate degree within three years with a GPA of 2.000 or higher will have automatic acceptance to UNT Dallas and will receive sufficient funding to pay the full cost of tuition for up to three academic years or degree completion whichever comes first.

Beyond the expenses funded by UNT Dallas' Dallas County Promise, there are other college costs that scholars should budget for, including supplies, transportation, housing, and food.

A. First-Year Enrollment UNT Dallas Promise Scholarships

1. Eligibility

2018-19 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at UNT Dallas as a first-year student if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Attend a participating high school (see Appendix A) for the full 2018-2019 school year and graduate in the 2018-2019 school year with an associate degree.
 - a. Students graduating in December 2018 are Promise eligible; however, Promise funding does not begin until the fall semester following high school graduation.
 - b. Students must graduate between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 to be eligible for Promise in Fall 2019.
 - c. High school students that do not meet the Dallas County Promise deadlines or do not graduate with their associate degree from high school and choose to attend UNT Dallas as a first-year student will be responsible for all tuition and costs not covered by other scholarships or financial aid.
2. Meet all Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Are a U.S. Citizen or are a Non-U.S. Citizen eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) application based on Texas residency requirements.
 - a. Students who have not met Texas residency requirements must file an appeal with the UNT Dallas to receive Dallas County Promise.
 - b. Students classified as international students currently are not eligible for admission to UNT Dallas or for the Promise scholarship.
4. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
 - a. Promise scholars must enroll in the fall and spring semester during their first year and must not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.
 - b. Promise scholars may enroll in fall, spring, summer, winter or May terms after enrolling in their initial fall semester.
 - c. "Stop Out" rule is applicable. Students who enter the Promise and sit out for one long semester (fall or spring), must complete an appeal form if they fail to enroll each fall and spring semesters.

A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas May:

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at UNT Dallas for further details)

A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas Must:

- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by June 3 each year.

A Promise Scholar at UNT Dallas May Not:

- Transfer the award to another college/university outside UNT Dallas.
- Return to UNT Dallas and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Promise dollars in his/her award account.

2. Application

All students graduating from a Dallas County Community College District Early College High School program with an Associate degree by the end of Summer 2019 are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program and attend the University of North Texas at Dallas by completing the following:

1. Complete the Promise Pledge at DallasCountyPromise.org by February 8, 2019 along with a signed FERPA form if under 18.
2. Submit the UNT Dallas application through applytexas.org by February 8, 2019.
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at FAFSA.org and list UNT Dallas OR Texas residents who are non-citizens need to complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) and submit to UNT Dallas by March 8, 2019.

Priority consideration for other UNT Dallas scholarships is given to students who are admitted by December 1, 2018.

3. Payments and Renewal

Once enrolled at UNT Dallas, Promise scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

1. Maintain a 2.500 cumulative GPA and while meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
 - a. GPA is calculated at the end of each year, inclusive of the summer semester, with progress reports each semester. Developmental course GPAs do not factor into the UNT Dallas GPA.
 - b. Program specific requirements for higher GPAs may be required for certain academic programs.
 - c. Please refer to the UNT Dallas established policies on repeated courses.
2. Successfully complete 30 semester credit hours per academic year. An academic year includes fall, spring, and summer semesters.
3. Complete a bachelor's degree within three years of entering UNT Dallas.

B. UNT Dallas Promise Transfer Process

1. Eligibility

All Promise scholars who remain Promise eligible and complete an Associate degree from DCCCD with at least a 2.000 GPA can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only scholarship to UNT Dallas. Students wishing to transfer to UNT Dallas before completing an Associate degree are ineligible to receive a Promise Scholarship and would fall into the UNT Dallas standard transfer scholarship policies and process.

2. Application

2018-19 Promise scholars must declare their intent to transfer to UNT Dallas by March 15, 2020, with their DCCCD success coach or Rising Star Advisor in their first year at DCCCD.

Beginning July 1 in the year prior to transfer (i.e. July 1, 2020 if starting Fall 2021) and no later than January 1 (i.e. January 1, 2021 if starting Fall 2021) Promise scholars must complete the following:

1. Submit a **Transfer** Apply TX application (if have 30 or more semester credit hours) on www.applytexas.org for UNT Dallas.
2. Submit a \$40 non-refundable application fee or fee [waiver](#).
3. Submit official transcripts from ALL previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities.

3. Payments and Renewal

Once enrolled at UNT Dallas, Promise scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

4. Maintain a 2.500 cumulative GPA while meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
 - a. GPA is calculated at the end of each year, inclusive of the summer semester, with progress reports each semester. Developmental course GPAs do not factor into the UNT Dallas GPA.
 - b. Program specific requirements for higher GPAs may be required for certain academic programs.
 - c. Please refer to the UNT Dallas established policies on repeated and dropped courses.
5. Successfully complete 30 semester credit hours per academic year. An academic year includes fall, spring, and summer semesters.
6. Complete a bachelor's degree within three years of entering UNT Dallas.

Section III: Southern Methodist University (SMU)

At Southern Methodist University (SMU), the Dallas County Promise (Promise) is an expansion of its existing Mustang Scholars Program and is funded by SMU. The Mustang Scholars program places an SMU education within students' reach by combining with other grants and scholarships to meet SMU tuition and fees. Selection is based on academic quality, interview and need. Student must be a Texas resident, qualify for a Pell Grant or have equivalent need, and complete a special application. SMU is expanding the eligible high schools to include all 2018-19 Dallas County Promise high schools.

A. First Year Enrollment Dallas County Mustang Scholarship

The Mustang Scholarship is awarded to students graduating from high schools located in Dallas County (Texas). The scholarship specifically seeks to identify talented students from low-socioeconomic backgrounds.

SMU will select up to ten high school seniors to receive a four-year Mustang Scholarship. This is a last-dollar scholarship (combined with other need-based grants and scholarships) to provide full tuition and fees for up to eight consecutive semesters at SMU. It is available exclusively to students who meet the eligibility requirements.

Selection is through a holistic review based on academic and extra-curricular achievement, financial need, and leadership potential as demonstrated throughout high school and in the application and interview process.

1. Eligibility

- Graduation from a public, private or charter high school located in Dallas County (Texas)
- Texas residency
- Verified Pell Grant eligibility as defined by the FAFSA or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by the TASFA
- Additional eligibility requirements for the Mustang Promise Scholarship
- Priority given to students with a cumulative "A" average (3.500 GPA) in grades 9-12

2. Application

1. Submit an [application for admission](#) to SMU by January 15, 2019. The supporting materials may be submitted until February 15. The \$65 application fee will be waived upon submission of the Mustang Scholar essay.
2. Submit a Mustang Scholar essay of 500 words or less by January 15 using an online form available at www.SMU.edu/mustangscholars.
 - a. The Mustang Scholar essay topic: Discuss how the following quote applied to your academic career in high school and how it will apply to your time at SMU: "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."- General Colin Powell
3. Submit your [FAFSA](#) or [TASFA](#) and the [CSS PROFILE®](#) by January 15, 2019. Talk to your high school counselor about a CSS PROFILE® fee waiver.
4. Selected candidates will be invited to interview with the selection committee in mid-March and the scholarship recipients will be notified by April 1.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers, contact Jackie Romero, Admission Counselor, at 214-768-2058 or jmromero@smu.edu.

3. Payments and Renewal

- Maintain a satisfactory disciplinary and criminal record while at DCCCD and SMU.
- Maintain a 2.500 cumulative SMU GPA, successfully complete 75% of courses attempted, and maintain full-time student status.
- This scholarship is good for eight consecutive semesters or until you complete your bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

B. Transfer Enrollment Dallas County Mustang Promise Scholarship

SMU will select up to five high school seniors to receive a two-year Mustang Promise Scholarship. This is a last-dollar scholarship (combined with other grants and scholarships) to provide full tuition and fees. It is available exclusively to students who meet the requirements below, have fulfilled the requirements for the Dallas County Promise program, and plan to earn an Associate of Arts degree or Associate of Science degree from DCCCD prior to attending SMU.

1. Eligibility

- Students must be 2018 - 2019 graduates from a participating Dallas County Promise high school located in Dallas County (Texas).
- Texas residency.
- Verified Pell Grant eligibility as defined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
- Fulfillment of the requirements for the Dallas County Promise program (including the planned completion of an associate degree).
- Priority given to students with a cumulative "A" average (3.500 GPA) in grades 9-12.
- Students must complete the Dallas County Promise Pledge by January 15.
- SMU Promise Scholars must accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.

2. Application

Selection is through a holistic review based on academic and extra-curricular achievement, financial need, and leadership potential as demonstrated throughout high school and in the application and interview process.

- Submit a freshman application for admission to SMU by January 15, 2019. The supporting materials may be submitted until January 15, 2019. The \$65 application fee will be waived upon submission of the Mustang Scholar essay.
- Submit the Mustang Scholar essay of 500 words or less by January 15, 2019 using an online form available at www.SMU.edu/mustangscholars.
The Mustang Scholar essay topic: Discuss how the following quote applied to your academic career in high school and how it will apply to your time at SMU:

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."- General Colin Powell
- Submit your FAFSA and CSS PROFILE® or TASFA by January 15, 2019. CSS PROFILE® fee waivers are available through students' high school counselors.
- Selected candidates will be invited to interview with the selection committee in mid-March 2019, and the scholarship recipients will be notified by April 1, 2019.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers, contact Jackie Romero, Admission Counselor, at 214-768-2058 or jmromero@smu.edu.

3. Payments and Renewal

The SMU transfer award is contingent on the student completing at least 50 hours and an Associate of Arts degree or Associate of Science degree within three years of graduating from high school while earning a 3.500 cumulative GPA from a DCCCD school. This normally requires two years of study following high school graduation. Early entry to SMU in less than two years will be reviewed according to the student's likelihood to complete an SMU bachelor's degree within five semesters of entry to the University. *(Note: Associate of Applied Arts degrees and Associate of Applied Science degrees do not meet this requirement.)*

Promise scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

- Maintain a satisfactory disciplinary and criminal record while at DCCCD and SMU.
- Maintain a 2.500 cumulative SMU GPA while meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress, success fully complete 75% of courses attempted, and maintain full-time student status.
- Complete a Bachelor's degree within five consecutive semesters after entering SMU.
- File a FAFSA/TASFA and CSS Profile each year at SMU.

Appendix A: 2018-2019 Participating High Schools

These schools are invited to participate in Promise because they are either a TEA-approved Early College High School that is co-sponsored by a DCCCD college, or because they are a co-sponsor with a DCCCD college of a collegiate academy that has produced graduates with a degree from a DCCCD college by Spring 2017.

Students attending a district's alternative campus are eligible so long as the student's transcript reflects the name of a participating high school.

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

Brookhaven Early College HS

Newman Smith HS

R.L. Turner HS

Cedar Hill ISD

Cedar Hill Collegiate HS

Cedar Hill HS

Dallas ISD

Bryan Adams HS

David W. Carter HS

Dr Wright L. Lassiter Jr Early College HS

Emmett J. Conrad HS

Franklin D. Roosevelt HS

H. Grady Spruce HS

Hillcrest HS

James Madison HS

Justin F. Kimball HS

Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy

L. G. Pinkston HS
Lincoln Humanities/Communications Magnet HS
Moises E. Molina HS
North Dallas HS
Seagoville HS
Skyline HS
South Oak Cliff HS
Sunset HS
Thomas Jefferson HS
Trinidad Garza ECHS at Mountain View
W. H. Adamson HS
W. T. White HS
W. W. Samuell HS
Wilmer-Hutchins HS
Woodrow Wilson HS

DeSoto ISD

DeSoto HS

Duncanville ISD

Duncanville HS

Garland ISD

Lakeview Centennial HS

North Garland HS

South Garland HS

Grand Prairie ISD

Dubiski HS

Grand Prairie HS

South Grand Prairie HS

Irving ISD

Jack E. Singley Academy

MacArthur HS

Lancaster ISD

Lancaster HS

Richardson ISD

Berkner HS

Richardson HS