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1. **Promise Renewal requirements for DCCCD** 2.0 cumulative (overall) GPA and required check in with Success Coach
2. **Approved non-credit CEU programs/CE** and revision of the minimum contact hours required for DCCCD. Clarification of number CEU programs covered by Promise
3. **DCCCD Financial Aid file completion** due before Spring Priority Registration opens
4. **Concurrent enrollment** clarification for DCCCD
5. **Addition of policies** for Midwestern State, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Prairie View A&M University, Austin College, and Tom Joyner Foundation

**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 include a last-dollar provision to cover the cost of textbooks.

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 education beyond high school and successful careers.
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 and does not include the cost of textbooks or other learning materials.

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, Austin 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 Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress each year. 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 higher education partner, please see the section for that college or university.)

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 any college credit program (certificate or associate degree) or in approved non-credit workforce training certificate programs (CEU Programs) through continuing education as long as these non-credit programs are approved by THECB and qualify for reimbursement by the state. See Appendix B for current list of approved non-credit programs.
- Continue on and earn an associate degree after completing a CEU program.
- 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, before Spring Priority registration begins.
- Check in with their Success Coach, at minimum, once per semester. Face to face check in is not required. Check in must be acknowledged by a Promise Success Coach as being completed satisfactorily.

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 non-credit continuing education courses that are not part of a state-approved credential (e.g. institutional awards) or are not listed to fill a demand occupation in the local market.
- Use the Promise award towards more than one CEU program.
- Use Promise scholarship towards study abroad courses.
- Purchase textbooks, supplies, or other items with Promise award funds.
- Use the award at another non-Promise college/university outside the DCCCD.
- Use Promise funds upon return to DCCCD after attending another institution.
- Can not receive Promise funding for concurrent enrollment in a DCCCD college and another institution.
- 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 Policy (SAP):
   Which indicates that a student must maintain:
   a. 2.00 cumulative (overall) GPA on a 4.00 scale on all credit based hours completed at the colleges of DCCCD
   b. Completion of 67% of all attempted credit hours at the colleges of DCCCD.

   Failure to comply with either the 2.00 GPA or 67% completion ratio will place the student on a Warning period of one full term or semester in which the student will maintain eligibility for the Dallas County Promise program as well as any other Financial Aid. If the student continues to fall below these standards at the end of the Warning period then the student will be removed permanently from the Dallas County Promise and/or Rising Star program and Suspended from Financial Aid until such time the student meets those standards.
   c. If the student attempts credit hours in excess of 150 percent of the minimum number of hours required to complete the scholar’s program of study, the student will be removed from the Dallas County Promise and/or Rising Star Program as well as be Suspended from Financial Aid.

   In an Associates program the minimum number of hours to complete the program is 60 college level credit hours. Under this 150% standard an allowance of up to 90 college level credit attempted hours is made for completion.

2. Does not register for fall or spring semesters or complete 18 credit hours per academic year or declare a CEU program during the three years in the Promise 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. Use Promise funds upon return to DCCCD after attending another institution.

6. Can not receive Promise funding for concurrent enrollment in a DCCCD college and another institution.

7. “Stop Out” Appeal not approved.
8. Knowingly falsifies or enters major discrepancies of any information on their Promise/Rising Star application, admissions application, or FAFSA / paper FASFA / 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](https://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
  - 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.
  - Some students may be asked to use the validation process on eConnect to pair their admissions application file with their Pledge.
- **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 Rising Star 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, 2018 and are due February 8, 2019 for eligible non-participating Promise high schools. Contact the Rising Star advisor at the college of your choice to see if your high school is eligible.

4. Please refer to the Rising Star Manual and website 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, 2019 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 a credit or CEU Program leading to a credit degree or certificate. These programs must be classified as “reimbursable” by the State of Texas. See Appendix B.
   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](http://www.dcccd.edu/sap). As listed above, a student who does not maintain the SAP standards may be removed from the Dallas County Promise and/or Rising Star program.
   d. Students will receive warning – adding and dropping classes will affect financial aid and may also affect Promise eligibility.

2. Renew their FAFSA/TASFA by March 8 each year

3. Check in with their Success Coach, at minimum, once per semester. Face-to-face check in is not required. Check in must be acknowledged by a Promise Success Coach as being completed satisfactorily.

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](http://dallascountypromise.org) for updates and changes to the Promise program.

- **Contact**: Student.Success@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 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](http://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:

1. 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.
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.
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
   - 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. Students intending to apply for Mustang Scholars are eligible for an application fee waiver. Please contact the SMU Admission Office for more details.
2. Submit a Mustang Scholar essay of 500 words or less by January 15 using an online form available at [www.SMU.edu/mustangscholars](http://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 and CSS PROFILE® by January 15, 2019. Talk to your high school counselor about a CSS PROFILE® fee waiver. Students not eligible to submit a FAFSA may submit the TASFA.

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

- This scholarship is good for eight consecutive semesters or until you complete your bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first.
- Students must remaining in good academic standing to renew this scholarship.
- Students must submit new financial aid forms annually.

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 graduates from a participating Dallas County Promise high school located in Dallas County (Texas)
- Be a Texas resident
- 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. Students intending to apply for Mustang Scholars are eligible for an application fee waiver. Please contact the SMU Admission Office for more details.
• 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® by January 15, 2019. Talk to your high school counselor about a CSS PROFILE® fee waiver. Students not eligible to submit a FAFSA may submit the TASFA.
• Selected candidates will be notified with their admission offer.

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 3.500 cumulative SMU GPA while meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
- This scholarship is good for five consecutive semesters or until you complete your bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first
- Students must submit new financial aid forms annually
Section IV: Midwestern State University

At Midwestern State University (MSU), the Dallas County Promise is funded by MSU endowment dollars and is an extension of their Mustangs Guarantee Program.

All Dallas County Promise (Promise) students who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend MSU as a first-year or transfer student. To be eligible for Dallas County Promise/Mustang Guarantee students must be Texas residents, admitted to MSU, Pell Grant eligible, and have a combined annual family Adjusted Gross Income of $50,000 or less.

The Dallas County Promise program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition and mandatory fees for 15 or more credit hours each semester for up to four academic years (summer terms and non-MSU enrolled hours are not included) that are NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student. All MSU partnership requirements are specified in the sections below.

In addition to mandatory tuition and fee expenses covered by the MSU Mustangs Guarantee Program and the Dallas County Promise, scholars should budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, installment plan fees, post office box rental fees, late fines, reinstatement fees, late registration fees, etc.

In accordance with NCAA rules, current and prospective student-athletes will be offered awards on an individual basis; certain forms of assistance, such as those offered through the Dallas County Promise / Mustangs Guarantee Program, may not be awarded to a student-athlete.

A. First Year Student Enrollment at Midwestern State University
Students eligible to attend MSU after high school graduation within the parameters of the Promise program must meet **ALL** of the following criteria. High school students who do not meet the Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at MSU.
1. Eligibility
2018-19 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Midwestern State University as a new, 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
2. Meet all Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Have a combined family adjusted gross income of $50,000 or less as reported on the FAFSA.
4. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant program as determined by the FAFSA.
5. Be a US citizen and a Texas resident.
6. 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 four-year eligibility period.
   b. Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
   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.

Students who graduate from high school with their associate degree are also eligible to enroll directly to Midwestern State University and will complete the same steps as outlined below.

2. Application
   • Meet all Promise deadlines for pledge, admission applications, FERPA waiver, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment
   • Be accepted for admission to Midwestern State University for a Fall term on/before February 8, 2019. The $40 application fee will be waived for students with a complete Promise Pledge on file.
   • Have a complete financial aid file on/before May 31, 2019 which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
   • To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Promise but for all of MSU’s competitive scholarships, scholars are required to apply for admissions and financial aid by March 1, 2019.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers contact Sarah McLemore at sarah.mclemore@msutexas.edu.
3. Payments and Renewal
Once a Promise student is enrolled at MSU, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Maintain a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day each fall and spring semester (non-MSU enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring term
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of MSU’s Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the MSU Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor’s degree within four (4) years of enrollment at MSU

Promise scholars may receive other private and institutional scholarship or financial aid funds which will be used towards the fulfillment of the MSU mandatory tuition and fees as part of the Mustangs Guarantee Program. Once tuition and fees are covered in full, any remaining scholarship or financial aid accepted by the student, will be used to cover MSU housing and dining costs. After all financial obligations to MSU are paid in full by aid received, a refund will be issued to the student to pay for any remaining educationally related expenses as long as there are remaining funds in the student’s account.

A Promise Scholar at MSU May:
- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at MSU for further details)

A Promise Scholar at MSU Must:
- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by May 31 each year.

A Promise Scholar at MSU May Not:
- Transfer the award to another college/university outside MSU.
- Return to MSU 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.
B. Transfer Enrollment to Midwestern State University
Students are eligible to transfer to MSU within the parameters of the Promise program must meet all of the following criteria. High school students who do not meet the Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at MSU through the Promise program.

1. Eligibility
Scholars who remain Promise eligible and complete an associate degree from DCCCD with at least a 2.000 GPA and other key criteria can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only scholarship to MSU. Students wishing to transfer to MSU before completing an Associate degree are ineligible to receive a Promise Scholarship and would fall into the MSU standard transfer scholarship policies and process.

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:
1. Promise Scholars must maintain Promise eligibility at DCCCD and must enroll at MSU the fall or spring semester after graduation from DCCCD with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)
2. Be a US citizen and a Texas resident
3. Have a combined family adjusted gross income of $50,000 or less as reported on the FAFSA
4. Be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant program as determined by the FAFSA
5. Students must be accepted for transfer admission to MSU no later than April 1 for the fall semester or November 1 for the spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer
6. Students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year on or before January 15.
7. Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
   a) Promise scholars may not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.
   b) Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
   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 MSU May:
- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at MSU for further details)
A Promise Scholar at MSU Must:
- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by May 31 each year.

A Promise Scholar at MSU May Not:
- Transfer the award to another college/university outside MSU.
- Return to MSU 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
2018-2019 Promise Scholars must declare their intent to transfer to MSU by March 15, 2020 with their DCCCD success coach or Rising Star advisor during their first year at DCCCD.

Additionally, prospective Promise Transfer Scholars must:
1. Be admitted to MSU by April 1 for fall or November 1 for spring semesters including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities. The $40 application fee will be waived for students with a complete Promise Pledge on file.
2. Have a complete financial aid file on/before May 31 for fall or December 1 for spring which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
3. To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Promise but for all of MSU’s competitive scholarships, scholars are encouraged to apply for admissions and financial aid by January 15 for fall or November 1 for spring.

3. Payments and Renewal Criteria
Once a Promise student is enrolled at MSU, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Maintain a minimum of at least 15 credit hours each fall and spring semester (non-enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall term
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of MSU’s Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the MSU Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor’s degree within three (3) years of enrollment at MSU

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers contact Sarah McLemore sarah.mclemore@msutexas.edu.
Section V: Texas A&M University-Commerce

At Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce), enrolled Dallas County Promise students are funded by A&M-Commerce institutional dollars which is an extension of their Pride Promise PLUS Guarantee Program.

All Dallas County Promise (Dallas Promise) scholars who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend A&M-Commerce as a first-year or transfer student.

Students enrolling in A&M-Commerce directly after graduating from high school, including students completing an associate degree in high school, are eligible for a last-dollar tuition scholarship to cover the remaining balance of any tuition for 15 or more credit hours each semester for up to four academic years (summer terms and non-A&M-Commerce enrolled hours are not included) NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student AND a one-time $500 Promise incentive to be awarded for the Fall semester.

For students completing an associate degree after attending a DCCCD college, A&M-Commerce as part of the Dallas County Promise program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition for 15 or more credit hours each semester for up to four semesters NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits, and/or waiver programs received by the student.

To be eligible for Dallas County Promise & the A&M-Commerce Pride Promise PLUS Guarantee, students must be Texas residents, admitted to A&M-Commerce, have Expected Family Contribution (EFC) between $0 and $5,576 and a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) $50,000 or less.

Once transferred to A&M-Commerce, the Pride Promise PLUS will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied. Dallas County Promise scholars who receive the A&M-Commerce Pride Promise PLUS Guarantee Program should plan to budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: institutional fees, housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, etc.
A. First Year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at Texas A&M University-Commerce – Traditional HS Diploma

Students who graduate from high school with their high school diploma are eligible to enroll directly to Texas A&M University-Commerce and be considered for a last-dollar scholarship for 15 or more credit hours each semester for up to eight semesters (four years). Once enrolled at A&M-Commerce, the Pride Promise PLUS will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied.

Students enrolling directly to A&M-Commerce from high school will also receive a one-time $500 Promise incentive to be awarded for the Fall semester. The $500 incentive is in addition to any other financial awards a student receives up to the cost of attendance.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

1. Eligibility

2018-2019 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Texas A&M University-Commerce as a new, 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 from a participating high school in the 2018-2019 school year
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) between $0 and $5,576 or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by TASFA.
4. Have a family adjusted gross income of $50,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
   a. Dallas 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 four-year eligibility period.
   b. Dallas Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
   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 semester.
International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at A&M-Commerce.

2. Application

- Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for pledge, admission applications, FERPA waiver, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment
- Apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Commerce for a Fall term on/before March 1, 2019.
- For the 2019-2020 school year have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before March 8, 2019 which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
- To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Commerce competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Commerce and to have applied for financial aid by April 1, 2019 for Fall 2019.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid contact Carlos.Ruiz@tamuc.edu.

3. Payments and Renewal

Once a Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from high school with a high school diploma is enrolled at A&M-Commerce, they must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving Promise financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered for a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day each fall and spring semester (non-A&M-Commerce enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.00 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Commerce Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Commerce Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor's degree within eight (8) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Commerce.

A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May:

- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at A&M-Commerce for further details at scholarships@tamuc.edu)
A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce Must:
- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by April 1 each year.

A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May Not:
- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Commerce.
- Return to A&M-Commerce and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in award account.

B. First Year Dallas County Promise Student Enrollment at Texas A&M University-Commerce – Graduate from HS with Associate Degree and HS Diploma

Students who graduate from high school with their associate degree are eligible to enroll directly to Texas A&M University-Commerce and be considered for a last-dollar scholarship for 15 or more credit hours each semester for up to four semesters (two years). Once enrolled at A&M-Commerce, the Pride Promise PLUS will pay for the remainder of tuition after federal, state and institutional grants and/or scholarships are applied.

Students enrolling directly to A&M-Commerce from high school will also receive a one-time $500 Promise incentive to be awarded for the Fall semester. The $500 incentive is in addition to any other financial awards a student receives up to the cost of attendance.

High school students who do not meet the Dallas Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid.

1. Eligibility
2018-2019 graduates are eligible to participate in the Dallas County Promise program at Texas A&M University-Commerce as a new, 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 from a participating high school in the 2018-2019 school year
2. Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for pledge, admissions application, financial aid application, orientation, and enrollment.
3. Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) between $0 and $5,576 or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by TASFA.
4. Have a family adjusted gross income of $50,000 or less.
5. Must be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
6. Must start classes the fall semester after their high school graduation.
   a. Dallas 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 two-year eligibility period.
   b. Dallas Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
   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 semester.

International students currently are not eligible for the Dallas County Promise program at A&M-Commerce.

2. Application
   • Meet all Dallas Promise deadlines for pledge, admission applications, FERPA waiver, financial aid applications, scholarships, orientation, and enrollment
   • Apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Commerce for a Fall term on/before March 1, 2019.
   • For the 2019-2020 school year have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before March 8, 2019 which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
   • To ensure prospective students are eligible to apply for other A&M-Commerce competitive scholarships, Dallas County Promise students are encouraged to be admitted to A&M-Commerce and to have applied for financial aid by April 1, 2019 for fall 2019.

For more information about applying for admission, scholarships or financial aid contact Carlos.Ruiz@tamuc.edu.

3. Payments and Renewal
   Once a Dallas Promise Scholar graduating from high school with an associate degree is enrolled at A&M-Commerce, they must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving Promise financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:
   • Be registered for a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day each fall and spring semester (non-A&M-Commerce enrolled hours are not included)
   • Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester
• Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.00 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
• Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Commerce Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Commerce Undergraduate Catalog
• Complete a bachelor’s degree within four (4) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Commerce.

A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May:
• Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at A&M-Commerce for further details at scholarships@tamuc.edu)

A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce Must:
• Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
• Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by April 1 each year.

A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May Not:
• Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Commerce.
• Return to A&M-Commerce and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
• Transfer the award to another individual.
• Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in award account.

C. Transfer Enrollment to Texas A&M University-Commerce

1. Eligibility
Scholars who remain Dallas Promise eligible and complete an associate degree from DCCCD with at least a 2.000 GPA and other key criteria can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only scholarship to A&M-Commerce. Students wishing to transfer to A&M-Commerce before completing an Associate degree are ineligible to receive a Dallas Promise/A&M Commerce Pride Promise PLUS. Such transfers would have to meet the A&M-Commerce standard transfer scholarship policies and process.

Transfer eligibility criteria is as follows:
1. Dallas Promise Scholars must maintain Dallas Promise eligibility at DCCCD and must enroll at A&M-Commerce the fall or spring semester after graduation from DCCCD with their transferable associate degree (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching)
2. Be a Texas resident for tuition purposes.
3. Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) between $0 and $5,576 or the equivalent demonstrated need as defined by TASFA.
4. Have a Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) $50,000 or less.
5. Student must be accepted for transfer admission to A&M-Commerce no later than April 1 for the fall semester or November 1 for the spring semester of the year in which the student intends to transfer.
6. Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year on or by April 1.
7. Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
   a) Dallas Promise scholars may not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.
   b) Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
   c) “Stop Out” rule is applicable. Students who enter the Dallas 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.

Transfer students who do not meet the Dallas Promise deadlines and criteria will be responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by scholarships and/or financial aid. International students currently are not eligible to receive the tuition benefit at A&M-Commerce through the Dallas Promise program.

A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May:
- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at A&M-Commerce for further details at scholarships@tamuc.edu)

A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce Must:
- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by April 1.

A Dallas Promise Scholar at A&M-Commerce May Not:
- Transfer the award to another college/university outside A&M-Commerce.
- Return to A&M-Commerce and receive funds after or while attending another institution.
- Transfer the award to another individual.
- Receive a refund of any unspent Dallas Promise dollars in his/her award account.
- Have a gap in enrollment between when they complete an associate degree and when they enroll in A&M-Commerce as part of Promise.
2. Application
2018-2019 Dallas Promise Scholars must declare their intent to transfer to A&M-Commerce by March 15, 2020 with their DCCCD success coach or Rising Star advisor during their first year at DCCCD.

Additionally, prospective Dallas Promise Transfer Scholars must:
4. Be admitted to A&M-Commerce by April 1 for fall or November 1 for spring semesters including submitting official transcripts from all previously attended and/or currently enrolled colleges/universities.
5. Have a complete FAFSA and/or TASFA on/before April 1 for fall or December 1 for spring which includes the submission of all required documents if chosen for verification.
6. To ensure prospective students are considered not only for Dallas Promise but for A&M-Commerce’s competitive scholarships, scholars are encouraged to be admitted and apply for financial aid by April 1 for fall or October 15 for spring.

3. Payments and Renewal Criteria
Once a Dallas Promise scholar is enrolled at A&M-Commerce, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal criteria are as follows:

- Be registered in a minimum of at least 15 credit hours through the 12th class day for each fall and spring semester (non-enrolled hours are not included)
- Earn at least 12 credit hours at the end of each fall and spring semester/term
- Maintain a minimum end of year institutional cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be checked at the end of each fall and spring semester. Students falling below a 2.00 GPA at the fall semester will be given a warning and will still be eligible for Promise in the Spring.
- Meet and maintain minimum standards of A&M-Commerce’s Satisfactory Academic Progress as set forth in the A&M-Commerce Undergraduate Catalog
- Complete a bachelor’s degree within four (4) semesters of enrollment at A&M-Commerce.

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid contact Peggy.Borchardt@tamuc.edu.
Section VI: Prairie View A&M University

At Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), the Dallas County Promise is funded by PVAMU endowment dollars. Select Dallas County Promise (Promise) students who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend PVAMU as a transfer student.

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 at DCCCD, and plan to earn an Associate of Arts degree or Associate of Science degree from DCCCD prior to attending PVAMU.

In accordance with NCAA rules, current and prospective student-athletes will be offered awards on an individual basis; certain forms of assistance, such as those offered through the Dallas County Promise, may not be awarded to a student-athlete.

A. Transfer Enrollment at Prairie View A&M University

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) will select up to 15 Promise Scholars attending DCCCD to receive a Dallas County Promise scholarship to complete their bachelor’s degree at PVAMU or for up to three years, whichever comes first.

Scholars who remain Promise eligible and complete at least 50 hours and an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from DCCCD with at least a cumulative 3.500 GPA and other key criteria can receive a last-dollar, tuition-only scholarship to PVAMU. Students wishing to transfer to PVAMU before completing an Associate degree are ineligible to receive a Promise Scholarship and would fall into the PVAMU standard transfer scholarship policies and process.

1. Eligibility

- Students must be a current Promise Scholar attending a Dallas County Community College in good standing
- Be a Texas resident
- Fulfillment of the requirements for the Dallas County Promise program (including the planned completion of an associate degree).
- The PVAMU 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.
• 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).
• Students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year on or before January 15.

A Promise Scholar at PVAMU May:
• Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at PVAMU for further details)

A Promise Scholar at PVAMU 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.
• Start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  o Promise scholars may not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.
  o Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
  o “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 PVAMU May Not:
• Transfer the award to another college/university outside PVAMU.
• Return to PVAMU 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 Selection
Application Selection is through a holistic review based on academic and extra-curricular achievement and financial need.
• Submit a transfer application for admission to PVAMU at least one semester before intended entry.
• Submit an official transcript(s) from all previously attended postsecondary institutions.
• Submit a scholarship essay of 500 words. The essay topic: What do you expect to gain by earning a college degree and why do you want to go to Prairie View A&M University?
• Submit your FAFSA or TASFA to PVAMU
3. Payments and Renewal
Once a Promise Scholar is enrolled at PVAMU, scholars must maintain specific criteria in order to continue receiving financial aid. The renewal requirements are as follows:

- Maintain a 2.500 cumulative PVAMU GPA while meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress, success fully complete 75% of courses attempted, and maintain full-time student status.
- File a FAFSA or TASFA each year at PVAMU by January 15.
- Complete a Bachelor’s degree within six consecutive semesters after entering PVAMU
- No disciplinary offenses

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 936-261-1000 (Option 3) or email at admissions@pvamu.edu.
Section VII: Austin College

At Austin College (AC), the Dallas County Promise (Promise) is funded by Austin College endowment dollars and is intended to place an AC education within students’ reach by combining with other grants and scholarships to meet AC tuition and fees. Selection is based on academic quality, interview and need.

Select Dallas County Promise (Promise) students who graduate from a participating Dallas County high school (see Appendix A) and meet the requirements of the Dallas County Promise Program are eligible to attend Austin College as a transfer student.

AC will select up to two transfer students to receive a two-year Promise Scholarship. The Dallas County Promise program will cover the remaining balance of any tuition and mandatory fees for 15 or more credit hours each semester for up to three academic years that are NOT covered by other grants, scholarships, exemptions, benefits and/or waiver programs received by the student. All Austin College partnership requirements are specified in the sections below.

In addition to mandatory tuition and fee expenses covered by the Dallas County Promise, scholars should budget for additional items that include, but are not limited to: housing and food, transportation, supplies (both academic and personal), parking fees, installment plan fees, post office box rental fees, late fines, reinstatement fees, late registration fees, etc.

A. Transfer Enrollment Dallas County Promise Scholarship
AC will select up to two transfer students to receive a two-year 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 AC.

1. Eligibility
The AC transfer award is competitive and is contingent on the student completing 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.

- Students must be a current Promise Scholar attending a Dallas County Community College in good standing
- Be a Texas resident
- Fulfillment of the requirements for the Dallas County Promise program (including the planned completion of an associate degree)
- The Austin College transfer scholarship award is competitive contingent on the completion of an Associate of Arts degree or Associate of Science degree within three years of graduating from high school. It is not open to students completing their associate degree while in high school.
- Students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) each year on or before January 15.
- Must start classes the semester after their associate degree completion.
  - Promise scholars may not skip a fall or spring semester during the three-year eligibility period.
  - Promise scholars may receive the scholarship benefit for fall and spring terms but NOT for summer or mini terms.
  - “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 Austin College May:**
- Receive other private and institutional scholarship funds (contact the Financial Aid Office at Austin College for further details)

**A Promise Scholar at Austin College Must:**
- Accept all gift aid for which they are eligible, including Pell and state grants.
- Complete their financial aid file, including verification, by May 31 each year.

**A Promise Scholar at Austin College May Not:**
- Transfer the award to another college/university outside Austin College.
- Return to Austin College 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

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

All materials must be submitted by August 1 for fall admission or January 15 for spring term admission including:

- A transfer admission application via Apply Texas or Common App including one admission essay (topic of your choice; 250-500 words). There is no application fee.
- Submit a FAFSA or TASFA
- Registrar’s Report or Advisor/Counselor Recommendation Letter
- Academic Report or Professor Recommendation Letter
- Official College Transcript(s), sent directly from each institution attended

3. Payments and Renewal

Promise scholars must maintain the following to remain eligible:

- Maintain a satisfactory disciplinary and criminal record while at DCCCD & AC.
- Maintain a 2.500 cumulative AC GPA while meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress, successfully complete 75% of courses attempted, and maintain full-time student status.
- Complete a Bachelor’s degree within six consecutive semesters after entering AC.
- File a FAFSA/TASFA each year by January 15.

For more information about applying for transfer admission, scholarships or financial aid as well as fee waivers contact transfer counselor at transfer@austincollege.edu.

Section VIII: Paul Quinn College

Paul Quinn College Promise offer for transfer Scholars will be released Fall 2019.

Section IX: Tom Joyner Foundation

Students interested in becoming a teacher of science, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and early childhood can apply for the Tom Joyner Foundation TQI Scholars. TQI scholars start their journey tuition free in a Dallas County Community College and transfers to any number of HBCUs to complete their bachelor’s degree tuition free.

For full details, visit: http://dallascountypromise.org/tom-joyner-foundation
Appendix A: 2018-2019 Participating High Schools

The following schools were 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. Students must have been enrolled in a Promise high school as of October 26, 2018 and graduated from a Promise high school in the 2018-2019 school year to be Promise eligible.

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
Appendix B: 
2018-2019 Promise-Eligible CEU Stand-Alone Programs and CE Institutional Awards at DCCCD

All credit course programs at DCCCD are Promise-eligible. Only the following non-credit CEU programs are Promise-eligible as of 10/03/2018 for students entering DCCCD directly from high school. Note: Promise-eligible programs for Parent Promise candidates can be found online: https://www.dcccd.edu/pc/scholother/scholarships/dallaspromise/promise-parents/pages/awards.aspx.

College Abbreviation Key
BHC = Brookhaven College  
CVC = Cedar Valley College  
ECC = El Centro College  
EFC = Eastfield College  
MVC = Mountain View College  
NLC = North Lake College  
RLC = Richland College

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