

Application Deadline

There will be no exceptions to the deadlines.

You are encouraged to re-apply as soon as Spring Semester grades become available for this scholarship by **NO later than June 7, 2019**. If any information changes, the Michigan City Promise Scholarship director must be notified as soon as possible. Award notifications are sent within 3 weeks of receiving the completed application.

Basic & Performance Eligibility (see www.michigancitypromise.com for full details on eligibility)

- Complete and sign this application.
- Attend Michigan City High School (MCHS). Bring MC Promise your final, **official transcript** from MCHS.
- Demonstrate that you live in an owner-occupied home within Michigan City corporate city limits. Proof of home ownership for the purposes of MC Promise will require that the parent or legal guardian own a home with a **current Homestead Exemption**. Proof of a Homestead Exemption can be obtained from: LaPorte County Auditor's Office (219-326-6808 Ext. 2226/2485).
- Proof of legal guardianship/custodianship in those situations where a parent is not the legal guardian.
- Complete an application for financial aid (FAFSA) by the **Indiana deadline date (4/15/2019)**, regardless of eligibility for such assistance, and disclose all scholarships and aid to the Michigan City Promise Scholarship Program on the **disclosure of FAFSA**.
- Graduate with a cumulative **grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher** from Michigan City High School.
- Provide a letter of acceptance/admission to an accredited Indiana based public or private college or university.
- Begin college within 16 months of graduation from high school. Students entering the military after high school must apply for the MC Promise Scholarship in their senior year of high school to be able to defer for their years of service.
- Complete a total of **40 hours of community service** while in high school (grades 9-12). Hours must be recorded and approved with supervisor's signature.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit this completed application to the MC Promise Program office before June 7, 2019. If any information changes, MC Promise needs to be notified as soon as possible.**

Amount of Scholarship (see michigancitypromise.com for full details on eligibility): The amount of the scholarship award has been established as a maximum of \$5,000 per year for four years. Scholarship amount will be determined by the number of years the student has attended Michigan City Area Schools:

- 7th to 12th grade – Eligible for up to 100% of the scholarship amount
- 9th to 12th grade – Eligible for up to 80% of the scholarship amount
- 10th to 12th grade – Eligible for up to 70% of the scholarship amount
- 11th to 12th grade – Eligible for up to 60% of the scholarship amount
- 12th grade – Eligible for up to 25% of the scholarship amount

The Michigan City Promise Scholarship is a secondary scholarship. All other grants and scholarships will be applied first, including 21st Century Scholarships. 21st Century Scholars must sign up by June 7th of 8th grade to be eligible for 21st Century Scholarships.

Continuing Eligibility

- Reapply by June 7, 2019 and provide the program office with a copy of his/her most current grade transcripts and proof of residency and continued parental or guardian/custodian home ownership. Applications are available at www.michigancitypromise.com.
- Provide a detailed account of all scholarships and financial aid received including the source and amount of such awards. (See Section IV)
- Be enrolled in college credit producing courses and in an undergraduate degree-seeking program after his/her first year of study. The Michigan City Promise Scholarship cannot be utilized toward a graduate degree.
- The student must maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. Failure to maintain **12 credit hours** will result in loss of the scholarship.
- Maintain at least a **2.0 cumulative GPA** (measured on an annual basis) during four consecutive years of college and release those grades to the Michigan City Promise Scholarship Program.
- Promise Scholarship recipients **must perform 40 hours of community service per year of award**. Continuing eligibility hours are due August 31st each year, before the scholarship will be renewed for college/university. Service must be pre-approved by Promise director.
- Failure to complete assigned community service hours will result in the student being required to pay back any funding received from the City of Michigan City.
- An interruption in the student's college education lasting more than one semester shall be cause for ineligibility. Once a student becomes ineligible, the student may not rejoin or restart participation in Michigan City Promise Scholarship program.
- The scholarship is available to eligible students for 4 years of college within a 5 year timeframe.
- The student's parents/guardians must continue to live and maintain home ownership in Michigan City, monitored through proof of a Homestead exemption, until the student completes his/her 4th year of college. The Scholarship will be immediately cancelled should the homeowner move out of Michigan City.
- Should it be determined a student or parent has deliberately deceived or provided fraudulent information, the scholarship will be immediately cancelled and the student may be subject to legal action to recover any portion of the scholarship fraudulently obtained.

Authorization of Release of Records and Acknowledgement of Program Requirements

I hereby authorize representatives of the Michigan City Promise Scholarship to receive academic information, class schedule, financial status (including information regarding financial aid, scholarships, and billing) or other information from my high school or college/university necessary to process my application. I have attached proof of home ownership (homestead exemption), grade transcripts, proof of FAFSA, and disclosure of all other scholarships. I understand that a list will be publicly released acknowledging all recipients, amount received, and the college/university attended. Failure to meet the requirements of the Michigan City Promise Scholarship Program will result in the loss of eligibility.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date