DEAR TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOLAR

Congratulations! Your hard work in school and commitment to the Twenty-first Century Scholars program will pay dividends — ensuring that you can afford a college education. You have some decisions to make about your future: Where to attend college? What to study?

I encourage you to consider Purdue University. Purdue is no ordinary university. It is world-renowned, and one driving reason for that is our commitment to the student experience — to your experience.

As a Twenty-first Century Scholar, you will find financial, social and academic support in the Purdue Promise program. This program combines grant aid and work-study for four years to ensure that you can get through college. Purdue Promise is just one of many programs that help our incoming students adjust to college life and coursework.

High school students often equate “science, engineering and agriculture” with Purdue, yet we offer 200 academic majors. More than 400,000 Purdue graduates represent a growing global community of leaders in many disciplines — science, business, technology, the arts, health care, engineering, politics, communication, education and agriculture.

I encourage you to contact Purdue’s Student Access, Transition and Success Programs office with questions or to sign up for Purdue Promise. I wish you the best in your future endeavors, and hope that you will be one of our Boilermakers next August.

Boiler up!

Dr. France A. Córdova
President, Purdue University
Who is eligible?

To be considered for the Purdue Promise program, a student must:

• Be a resident of Indiana and a Twenty-first Century Scholar in good standing as confirmed by the Twenty-first Century Scholar central office
• Be an incoming freshman who will start his or her career at Purdue-West Lafayette for the first time in the fall semester
• Come from a family with a total combined student and parent income of $40,000 or less per year
• Agree to participate fully in the Purdue Promise support program

The combination of grant aid, staff attention and support services make Purdue Promise one of the strongest Twenty-first Century Scholars support efforts in Indiana. Emerging Urban Leaders and Purdue Opportunity Awards eligibility requirements are available on the Purdue Promise website.

How can I get involved as a college freshman?

• Fulfill the Twenty-first Century Scholars requirements, including filling out the Affirmation Form and graduating from high school
• Apply to Purdue early in your senior year and be admitted
• Complete the FAFSA before Purdue’s March 1 deadline and list Purdue University as your first-choice school
• Accept your offer to attend Purdue by May 1
• In late spring, if you meet all eligibility requirements, you will receive more information about the program from the Division of Financial Aid and the Student Access, Transition and Success Programs office
• During your summer registration (STAR) visit to Purdue, you will need to meet with Purdue Promise staff to review and sign required paperwork

For more information about the Purdue Promise program, please contact Student Access, Transition and Success Programs at 765-494-9328 or sats@purdue.edu, or visit www.purdue.edu/purduepromise.

What is Purdue Promise?

Purdue Promise combines strong support services with financial aid to help eligible Purdue Opportunity Award, Emerging Urban Leaders and Twenty-first Century Scholars thrive at Purdue. The support services are designed to help students succeed both academically and socially. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years, a total of eight semesters.

What makes Purdue Promise unique?

Purdue Promise has four full-time professional staff members and specially trained student leaders. They assist students who have been awarded and chosen to take part in the required support component of Purdue Promise.

The Purdue Promise support program includes:

• A freshman college course focused on achieving success at Purdue
• Orientation programming and learning community opportunities for freshmen
• Upper-level courses (one credit per year) designed to refine career decisions and develop employment and leadership skills
• Leadership and volunteer opportunities
• Tutoring and study tables
• Academic progress reviews
• Mentoring of freshmen by upper-level Purdue students as well as by faculty and staff from across the campus
• Social and cultural activities

Keep in mind that acceptance is conditional on verification of your financial aid eligibility.