Purdue Promise Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

Award Information

CONGRATULATIONS! Your anticipated aid for 2014-15 includes Purdue Promise, noted on your financial award letter as “Purdue Promise Fund.” However, it is important to note that the award is not official at this point.

Finalizing and Accepting your Purdue Promise Award

Your Purdue Promise scholarship is not finalized until we confirm your 21st Century Scholars (TFCS) award eligibility from the State, and you complete any edits on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if needed. Also, if the Division of Financial Aid requests more documentation from you, then the requested documentation will need to be submitted in order to verify that your combined family income is $50,000* or less. You must also sign your Purdue Promise Support Program Agreement during Summer Transition, Advising, and Registration (STAR).

The Purdue Promise Award

Your TFCS award covers regularly assessed fees at Purdue University. Purdue Promise will meet full financial need through the combination of the TFCS award, grants, scholarships, and Federal Work Study (FWS). Financial need is defined by the federal government as the University’s standard Cost of Attendance minus your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). The annual standard cost of attendance is determined by Purdue University using federal guidelines to include: tuition and fees, housing and food (a set amount regardless of living on or off campus, or which residence hall is selected), books and supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses. The EFC measures your family’s financial strength, and is used to determine your eligibility for financial aid during one school year.

Purdue Promise annually meets remaining financial need with institutional funds (University money) after all federal, state, and private funds have been awarded. Some of the federal financial aid may include Federal Work Study. FWS is an on-campus job opportunity, normally 8-12 hours per week, for which a regular paycheck is earned throughout the academic year. This allotment is not paid up front; so when you see it on your award notification, you need to realize that this amount is a total that you may accumulate as you work during the academic year.

Support Component

As a Purdue Promise award recipient, you will be expected to participate in a structured academic and co-curricular success program all four years. The Purdue Promise support program combines financial aid with intentional support in academic, leadership, social, and life skills development. You must visit the Student Success at Purdue staff in the Purdue Memorial Union, Rooms 217 and 219 to review and sign the Purdue Promise Support Program Agreement and other paperwork when you come to STAR. You will receive more
information about this via mail soon. If you need more information, please contact Purdue Promise staff at (765) 494-9328.

**Award Renewal**

Renewal of the Purdue Promise Award is contingent on actively participating in the support program, maintaining eligibility for the TFCS award, continuing to file the FAFSA by March 1st each year, and remaining a full-time student in good academic standing at the Purdue University, West Lafayette campus.

**Summary – Your To Do List**

To finalize your Purdue Promise award, the following must be completed:

- Complete any FAFSA edits, as necessary, by May 15, 2014.
- Make sure you signed your TFCS Senior Affirmation Form.
- Accept admission to Purdue’s West Lafayette campus via myPurdue by May 1, 2014.
- Visit Purdue Promise in Purdue Memorial Union, Rooms 217 and 219 during STAR.

To get started on Purdue Promise program requirements:

- Register for STAR via myPurdue.
- Apply for a learning community.
- Register for Boiler Gold Rush (BGR) via myPurdue. Purdue Promise will cover the $320 fee.
- Sign a housing contract by May 5, 2014 if planning to live on campus.#

**Notes**

* The combined family income limit is subject to change based on enrollment and University funding. The combined family income requirement must be met during enrollment as a first-time freshman. Beyond initial enrollment, continued funding is contingent upon meeting program eligibility requirements.

^ TFCS will not cover differential and rehabilitation & restoration fees.

† Purdue Promise covers differential fees charged by Technology, Engineering and Management but it does not cover flight fees or additional fees associated with Study Abroad. Purdue Promise funding is also not available to professional students.

> The Purdue Promise award is renewable for up to 7 additional consecutive semesters, fall and spring only; thus being a total 4-year, or 8-semester, package.

# Make smart choices. View your housing and food allotment on your Cost of Attendance in your financial aid package. Choose a combined housing and meal plan option that costs equal to or less than the designated amount for room and board in your 2014-15 aid package. Choosing more expensive options may require out-of-pocket expenses.