Purdue Promise Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

Award Information

Enclosed is your financial award letter which outlines your anticipated aid for the 2012-13 academic year. In this letter, the Purdue Promise Award appears 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 scholarship

Your Purdue Promise scholarship is not finalized until we confirm your Twenty-first 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 total family income is $40,000 or less. You must also sign your Purdue Promise Support Program Agreement during Summer Transition, Advising, and Registration (STAR).

The Purdue Promise Award

Your Twenty-first Century Scholarship covers regularly assessed fees* at Purdue University. Purdue Promise will meet full financial need through the combination of the Twenty-first Century Scholarship, other grants, scholarships, and Federal Work Study. Financial need is defined by the federal government as the college’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 that include: fees, housing (a set amount whether living on or off campus or which residence hall is selected), food, books, supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses. The Expected Family Contribution measures your family’s financial strength, and is used to determine your eligibility for financial aid during one school year.

Purdue Promise 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). FWS is an on-campus job opportunity, normally 8-12 hours a 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 will accumulate as you work during the academic year.

Support Component

Purdue Promise recipients will take part in a structured academic and co-curricular success effort all four years. Some of the support elements include a learning community experience, college success courses, mentoring, tutoring, leadership and social/cultural opportunities. You must visit the Student Access, Transition and Success Programs (SATS, Engineering Administration Room 212) office in order to fill out and sign the Purdue Promise Agreement Form when you come to STAR in the summer. You will receive more information about this via mail soon. If you need more information, please call the SATS office 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 (http://www.purdue.edu/dfa/all/sap.php) at the Purdue University, West Lafayette campus. The Purdue Promise Award is renewable for up to eight consecutive semesters (fall and spring semesters only).

* TfCS will not cover differential and rehabilitation & restoration fees.

**Purdue Promise will not cover additional program fees such as Aviation Technology Fees.