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GSU Promise Scholarship

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The GSU Promise Scholarship is a competitive scholarship awarded annually. The scholarship is open to Governors State University Dual Degree Program (DDP) students who are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant and have a 2.75 or above GPA. Scholarship awards cover the full cost of tuition and fees (that is not covered by the student's Pell and MAP award grants) and a book stipend. The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of four (4) semesters (excluding summers).

Application Deadlines

The deadlines to submit an application with required documents are listed below. New scholarships will not be awarded for the Summer session.

Fall 2017	**Spring 2018**
February 17, 2017	October 2, 2017

Criteria

- Participation in the GSU Dual Degree Program
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4 point scale at time of application and time of transfer
- Eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant at time of application, and continuing eligiblility for every semester of enrollment at GSU
- Plan to enroll full-time at GSU in the fall or spring semester immediately following completion of Associate degree
- First time transfer students only (must be full time at community college at time of application)

Application Procedures

1 Complete an application for admission to GSU (recommend completion 2-3 weeks in advance of scholarship deadline in order to receive GSU student ID number).
2. Complete the GSU Promise Scholarship application.
3. Submit a personal statement that is no more than three (3) double spaced, type-written pages describing the following:
   a. Your academic/professional experience and goals and how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve those goals;
   b. Your community service, extracurricular activities, and leadership skills and experience.
4. Submit two (2) completed and signed GSU Promise Scholarship Recommendation Forms from a community college advisor/counselor, a faculty member, staff member, or administrator who are knowledgeable about your academic potential and professional character.
5. Complete the FAFSA application online before November 1 for determination of Pell Grant eligibility.
6. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities you have attended.
7. The application and all required documents must be received by the deadline.

Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities

- Maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4 point scale to maintain scholarship eligibility.
- Enroll full-time -- a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours -- each semester at GSU.
- Actively participate in the GSU community and assist with DDP activities as needed.
- Every semester, submit a statement to the committee that describes your active participation in the GSU community (i.e. student clubs, programs, committees, community service, etc.) and/or your local community (ongoing volunteerism, service projects, etc.). Also include your enrollment plans for the next semester. This is due on December 1 for Fall semester and May 1 for Spring semester.
- The scholarship covers the cost of tuition and fees that exceed the applicant's Pell and MAP grant awards and a book stipend for up to four (4) semesters. The scholarship ends when the recipient completes his or her bachelor's degree.
- Failure to meet any of the above obligations may result in termination of the recipient's scholarship eligibility.

Submit the GSU Promise Scholarship application and required documents to:

Governors State University
GSU Promise Scholarship Committee
Attn: Tiesha Walker, Dual Degree Program Director
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484

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* Students must register for classes a minimum of three weeks prior to the registration deadline.
* Students are responsible for retaining Pell eligibility throughout their time at community college and GSU.
* Students must apply for MAP by the deadline, which can be changed by the State of Illinois every year.
* If your FAFSA is selected for verification, you will have two weeks to submit all required documentation.
* *In the event you no longer meet the above criteria, you will no longer be eligible for the GSU Promise Scholarship.*

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Promise Scholarship Application

Currently eligible for the Federal Pell Grant ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current GPA of at least 2.75 ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered 'No' to either of the above, you are not eligible for this scholarship.

GSU Student ID#_____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone ( ) _____ Cell Phone ( ) _____

Email_____

Anticipated GSU Semester of Enrollment_____ Cumulative GPA_____

Anticipated GSU Major _____

List the previous colleges/universities you have attended.

College/University	Year of Attendance
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed scholarship application (All requirements, including receipt of transcripts, must be met by the application deadline)
- ☐ Personal statement
- ☐ Two (2) recommendation forms
- ☐ Official transcripts from all colleges or universities you have attended
- ☐ Completed and updated FAFSA sent to GSU Financial Aid electronically

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Term of DDP Enrollment
☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer

Year of DDP Enrollment _____

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