

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, and receive, 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 (scholarships are not awarded for Summer semesters):

**Fall 2020**  
February 28, 2020

**Spring 2021**  
October 2, 2020

### Criteria

- Participation in the GSU Dual Degree Program (must have enrolled in DDP the semester prior to the scholarship application term)
- Must have met with DDP Transfer Specialist each semester as required by DDP, and enrolled full-time up through final semester at community college
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale at time of application and time of transfer
- Eligible for the Federal Pell Grant at time of application, and continuing eligibility 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

### Application Procedures

1. Complete an application for admission to GSU (recommend completion 2-3 weeks in advance of scholarship deadline).
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. (If more than two Recommendation Forms are submitted, only the first two received by the Director will be reviewed.)
5. Complete the FAFSA application online for determination of Pell Grant eligibility (eligibility must be verifiable within two weeks after scholarship application deadline.)
6. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities you have attended. Official transcripts can be submitted directly to GSU with admissions application, or to the Director of DDP with scholarship application materials.
7. GSU Promise Scholarship 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 4.0 scale to maintain scholarship eligibility.
- Enroll full-time – a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours – each semester at GSU (exception for final semester at GSU, so long as all graduation requirements are being met.)
- Actively participate in the GSU community and assist with DDP activities as needed.
- Every semester, submit a statement to the Director of DDP that describes your active participation in the GSU community (i.e. DDP activities, student clubs, programs, committees, community service, etc.) and/or your local community (ongoing volunteerism, service projects, etc.) This is due on December 15 for Fall semester, and May 15 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 (not including summer 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:

GSU Dual Degree Program  
Attn: Jessica Specht, Room A2128  
1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484

**Contact Us:** Jessica Specht • Director of DDP • 708.534.4494 • [dualdegree@govst.edu](mailto:dualdegree@govst.edu)



- **Illinois Dreamers and undocumented applicants are only eligible for the book stipend portion of the GSU Promise Scholarship.**
- If awarded, students are responsible for retaining Pell eligibility throughout the duration of the scholarship at GSU (this requirement is waived for undocumented students.)
- Students must include social security number on GSU's secure admissions application in order for FAFSA information to be retrieved and Pell eligibility to be verified on time (Dreamers and undocumented applicants are not advised to complete the FAFSA. An Illinois Residency Affidavit will be required in place of the FAFSA.)
- If your FAFSA is selected for verification by GSU's Office of Financial Aid, 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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Currently eligible for the Federal Pell Grant      Yes      No

Current GPA of at least 2.75      Yes      No

Enrolled in DDP prior to the current semester      Yes      No

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

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cel Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated semester enrollment at GSU \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated GSU Major \_\_\_\_\_

## List of previous colleges/universities you have attended

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

## Application Checklist (All requirements, including receipt of transcripts, must be met by the application deadline)

Completed GSU Promise Scholarship application

Personal statement

Two (2) sealed recommendation forms<sup>1</sup>

Official transcripts from all colleges or universities you have attended

Transcripts have been sent to<sup>2</sup>:      Director of DDP      GSU Admissions

Completed and updated FAFSA with GSU's Financial Aid code (009145) included in "School Selection" section

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*\* If applying for multiple scholarships, only one set of official transcripts and two Recommendations Forms are required. Duplicate documents are not necessary.*

<sup>1</sup> See Recommendation Forms for remote delivery options

<sup>2</sup> Recommended to be delivered electronically to [apotranscripts@govst.edu](mailto:apotranscripts@govst.edu)