

# THE NORTHPORT PROMISE

## Qualifications and Application for Financial Assistance

### **ABOUT THE NORTHPORT PROMISE:**

**The Northport Promise is not a public program. The Northport Promise is not tax-supported. Benefits from The Northport Promise are not guaranteed for any recipient or potential recipient. Members of The Northport Promise committee have the absolute right to, at their sole discretion; amend the terms and conditions of The Northport Promise at any time.**

Financial assistance from The Northport Promise is made available through the fund-raising efforts of The Northport Promise Steering Committee, a group of local residents who believe in the Northport Public Schools, in the ability of Northport students to excel in life through education and hard work and in the importance of the Northport Public Schools to the overall health and well being of the community.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NORTHPORT PROMISE:**

To qualify for financial assistance from The Northport Promise each individual seeking assistance must:

1. Graduate from Northport High School, Northport, Michigan.
2. Attend Northport Public Schools, Northport Michigan for at least four full years prior to graduation.
3. Be admitted to and enrolled in any public Michigan University, College, Junior College, Community College or Vocational School, make regular progress toward a degree, maintain a 2.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester or term. A public Michigan post-secondary institution means the school is recognized and supported by the State of Michigan. If the student's GPA drops below 2.0 a student may be reinstated if he/she is able to bring their GPA back to at least a 2.0 by the end of the next semester or term. Funds from The Northport Promise are only available for four years following graduation from Northport High School unless the student's education is interrupted by military service. Students who do not attend a post secondary education program for more than two consecutive semesters are no longer eligible for support from The Northport Promise.
4. Participate in school sponsored projects and programs throughout their high school academic career in the Northport Public Schools. Participation in projects and programs includes, but is not limited to, participation in sports and other extra

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curricular activities, in-school special activities, community service, etc. Each year The Northport Promise Steering Committee will post on its Web site and make available, upon request, hard copies of a list of activities for students who are seeking to meet this objective. Students at the Northport Public Schools must submit to The Northport Promise Steering Committee an annual report of their \*activities and their parent's activities in support of the Northport Public Schools throughout their high school career. In addition, the parents or guardians of each student seeking financial assistance from The Northport Promise must be actively involved in school projects and programs through their child's academic career in the Northport Public Schools. *Participation in projects and programs includes, but is not limited to, volunteering at sports events and other extra curricular activities and assisting in school fund raising projects. Each year The Northport Promise Steering Committee will post on its Web site and make available, upon request, hard copies of a list of activities for parents who are seeking to help their child qualify for post secondary education funding from The Northport Promise.*

5. Request funding from The Northport Promise. Students must request funds each year. At the time of their request, they must present documentation that they have met the criteria in requirement 3 to receive continuing support from The Northport Promise. If for some reason a student must drop out of college mid-term, the student must take an incomplete, finish that semester's course work and re-enroll the following semester. Applications for benefits offered by The Northport Promise area available on The Northport Promise Web site or by calling [number]. To receive funds from The Northport Promise, each eligible student and their families must agree to the terms and guidelines set by The Northport Promise committee. The Northport Promise pays funds directly to the post-secondary institution based on invoices submitted by each student participating in The Northport Promise.

## **Additional Information, Qualifications and Requirements:**

6. Children of seasonal employees who may reside outside of Michigan for a period of time during each school year may still qualify for The Northport Promise if they attend Northport each of the four years of high school for at least six months of that year, attend another school during the period they are not living in the Northport area and have residency status that allows them to qualify for attendance as a resident student at a Michigan public post-secondary institution. Children of families who are resident aliens will be considered for assistance by The Northport Promise as long as they possess valid authorization to live in the United States and as long as they apply for and obtain US citizenship, whether or not their parents do, as soon as they meet the naturalization requirements of the United States.
7. Students, parents and guardians are solely responsible for the coordination of any other financial aid, grants, scholarship or educational funding programs that may be available for participating students and to seek the assistance of accounting,

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legal or other advice pertaining to the coordination of funding opportunities and tax or other ramifications. Students and/or their parents are solely responsible for all educational costs other than those provided for by The Northport Promise as specified in this document.

8. The Northport Promise offers financial assistance for every graduate of Northport High School, Northport, Michigan who attends a Michigan public institution of higher learning and who requests assistance in paying for that education from The Northport Promise. Financial assistance is based on the number of years the student attends the Northport Public Schools in Northport Michigan. Dispersal of funds to any Northport High School graduate is contingent on the ability of The Northport Promise Steering Committee to raise sufficient funds to support their efforts. Should over 300 students become enrolled in the Northport Public Schools, The Northport Promise Steering Committee reserves the right to restrict the funding for students in the Northport Public School District or whose families demonstrate a reasonable effort, as defined by The Northport Promise Steering Committee, to move into the Northport Public School District.

Years Attended Northport Public Schools	Percentage of Financial Support offered by The Northport Promise
13-12 Years	100%
11 Years	95%
10 Years	90%
9 Years	85%
8 Years	75%
7 Years	65%
6 Years	55%
5 Years	50%
4 Years	50%
3 Years	0%
2 Years	0%
1 Year	0%

\*A student who leaves the Northport Public School system for a period of time, but who reenters at least four years before graduation, will have their prior attendance counted in determining the percentage of financial support for which they are eligible.

9. Requests for variance from Northport Promise guidelines will be reviewed by The Northport Promise Steering Committee. All decisions of The Northport Promise Steering Committee are final and binding.

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## **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

I am requesting funding from The Northport Promise financial assistance program:

DATE:  
STUDENT NAME:  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:  
STREET ADDRESS:  
CITY/STATE/ZIP:  
PHONE NUMBER:  
MOBILE PHONE NUMBER:  
EMAIL:

QUALIFYING INFORMATION:  
YEARS ATTENDED NORTHPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS:  
GRADUATION DATE:  
SELECTED POST SECONDARY SCHOOL:

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the terms for financial assistance from The Northport Promise and that the information I've provided about residency and enrollment in the Northport Public Schools is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature:

Address: (If different than above)

City/State/Zip:

Phone Number:

Submit the complete four page copy of this form as your Northport Promise Financial Aid application. Keep a copy of the form for your files.