

# 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 Board of Directors have the absolute right to, at their sole discretion, to amend the terms and conditions of The Northport Promise at any time.

Financial assistance from The Northport Promise is made available through community fundraising efforts led by The Northport Promise Board of Directors, 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, a student 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 and the student is disqualified for assistance, then a student may be reinstated for financial assistance if student 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; however, a student maintains eligibility if 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 Northport Promise sponsored fundraising efforts throughout their high school academic career in the Northport Public Schools. Starting with the 2011-2012 school year, students and their parents or guardian as a condition precedent to receive the benefits of the Northport Promise are expected to:
  - Sign a participating agreement with The Northport Promise upon the student becoming a freshman whereby both the parents or guardians and students agree to

work on fundraisers each year the student is in high school. Participating agreements must be renewed annually.

- Keep a log of fundraiser involvement that must be signed off on by a Northport Promise board member at the end of each fundraising activity. First time Northport Promise recipients must provide documentation of their activities and their parents or guardians' activities in support of Northport Promise fundraising during their four years of high school to be considered for an initial award. A recording form will be provided to each student and the Northport Promise organization will maintain a data base of all volunteer activities. Note: If a parent or guardian is unable to work on fundraisers, a grandparent or family friend may work on fundraising on behalf of the student.
- Earn a minimum of 20 points per year participating in fundraising activities and 100 total points at the end of four years to qualify for a scholarship from The Northport Promise.
- Volunteer for a minimum of three events a year.
- Sell tickets for all events planned and sponsored by The Northport Promise. Parents, guardians, grandparents or family friends will be responsible for selling any tickets for gaming revenues.

Fundraising events for which students and their parents can earn points include, but are not limited to:

- Craft Fair – November 2012
- Winter Carnival Chili Contest – Last Saturday in February (February 25, 2012)
- Northport Follies – April 21, 2012
- Garage Sale – July 28, 2012, the last Saturday in July
- Donating supplies, baking for and selling at the Northport Farmer's Market. – Weekly in summer starting the third Friday in June through the third week of August
- Creating a fundraising event
- Tallying up of Tom's receipts – due quarterly
- Golf Outing - TBD
- Selling bricks for the memory/honor wall
- Community Dinners - TBD
- Knot Just a Bar event – March 11
- Developing a Fundraising Senior Project
- Assist in developing Alumni events/donor campaigns
- Donating money to the Northport Promise

Points will be awarded as follows. Events not on this list will be awarded points as determined by the Northport Promise Board of Directors.

Donate supplies, per list, for Farmer's Market baking:	3
Bake, per list, for the Farmer's Market	5
Sell at the Farmer's Market – sign up for weeks in advance	5
Plan a fundraising event	15
Participate at a fundraising event such as a craft fair, follies, garage sale,	

golf outing, Knot events or community dinners	5
Sell bricks for the memory wall	5 per brick
Develop a fundraising senior project (must be cleared with the Northport Promise Board of Directors)	15
Develop alumni events and donor campaigns	15
Collect Tom's Receipts each week for one quarter	10
Tally up Tom's Receipts for one quarter	10
Donate money to the Northport Promise	1 points for each \$25

Note: for students graduating in 2012, 2013 and 2014 the point earning requirements will be as follows:

- 2012 graduates and their families must earn a total of 12 points for students to qualify for a scholarship award.
- 2013 graduates and their families must earn a total of 37 points for students to qualify for a scholarship award.
- 2014 graduates and their families must earn a total of 62 points for students to qualify for a scholarship award.
- 2015 graduates and beyond and their families must earn a total of 100 points during their school career to qualify for scholarship funding.

For students who currently receive a Northport Promise scholarship, they and their parents will need to earn 12 points in 2012 and 25 points per year in subsequent years to keep their scholarship funding at the current levels.

Parents of elementary school students can get a head start on earning points for their students by signing up and assisting while the child is an elementary student.

If students do not earn the total of 100 credit points for assisting with the Northport Promise, but have participated at some level and have met all other criteria for assistance, they can receive a pro-rated scholarship award. For example: if as a senior a student has 80 of the 100 point requirement, they are eligible to receive 80% of what they would have received if they had participated in full.

5. Request funding annually from The Northport Promise. Students must request funds each year with an application mailed to The Northport Promise postmarked no later than May 1. With their request they must produce documentation that they meet the criteria in requirements three and four to receive or continue receiving assistance from The Northport Promise.
6. 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, 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.

7. The Northport Promise offers financial assistance to ever graduate of Northport High School, Northport, Michigan who attends a Michigan public institution of higher learning and who request assistance in paying for that education from The Northport Promise. Dispersal of funds to any Northport High School graduate is contingent on the availability of funds from Northport Promise fundraising efforts. Should 250 or more students become enrolled in the Northport Public Schools, The Northport Promise Board of Directors reserves the right to restrict the funding to students living within the boundaries of the Northport Public School District. Depending upon the amount of award available each year, Northport Promise awards are pro-rated as follows. Students who leave Northport schools for a period of time but who re-enter at least four years before graduation will have their prior attendance counted in determining their percentage of financial support for which they are eligible. The amount the individual student qualifies for relates directly to their years at Northport and also their involvement with Northport Promise fundraising efforts.

Years Attending Northport Public Schools	Percentage of Financial Support offered by The Northport Promise for the scholarship year
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%

8. Requests for variance from The Northport Promise guidelines will be reviewed by The Northport Promise Board of Directors. All decisions of The Northport Promise Board of Directors are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

# Application for Financial Support

I am requesting funds 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:

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 my residency and enrollment in the Northport Public Schools is true to the best of my knowledge. I am including with this application my Northport Promise Fundraising Log.

Student Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature:

Address: (If different from above)

Phone number:

Alternate phone number:

Email address:

Submit this form and your Northport Promise Fundraising Log (keep a copy for your files) to  
The Northport Promise, PO Box 292, Northport, Michigan 49670

