

# Qualifications 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 fund-raising 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 with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
2. Participate in appropriate college/post-secondary planning and preparatory activities as recommended by the counselor at Northport Public School. This includes regular “check ins” with the counselor.
3. Demonstrate good citizenship in the school and community. Students with criminal charges, disciplinary challenges at the school, or excessive absences may forfeit their eligibility for scholarship funding through the Northport Promise.
4. Be admitted to and enrolled in any University, College, Junior College, Community College or Vocational School, make regular progress toward a degree, maintain a 2.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester or term.

Students who drop below the minimum levels may be able to be reinstated the following semester or term if: he or 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; 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.

5. Request funding annually from The Northport Promise. Seniors must request funds either by completing and submitting either a paper or online application by May 1 of their

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graduation year. The online application can be found on the Northport Promise website [www.northportpromise.com/online-application](http://www.northportpromise.com/online-application). Students who are in college must request funds each year by applying with a paper application or online no later than May 31. Paper applications should be mailed to The Northport Promise, PO Box 292, Northport, MI 49670. Applicants must produce documentation that they meet the criteria above 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 every graduate of Northport High School, Northport, Michigan who attends a post-secondary school 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. 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. The amount the individual student qualifies for relates directly to their years enrolled at Northport Public School. Depending upon the amount of award available each year, Northport Promise awards are pro-rated as follows.

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	45%
3 Years	40%
2 Years	35%
1 Year	30%

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.