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## ***Student and Parent Information Sheet***

The Saginaw Promise is an economic initiative working to affect Saginaw's economy and quality of life by promoting and supporting a culture of postsecondary education for all of its graduating students through information, programming and the awarding of **"last dollar"** scholarships.

### **How to apply?**

- **Complete the Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) on-line scholarship application (available online Nov. 1, 2021—submission deadline is February 15, 2022) at [saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/](http://saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/) and complete FAFSA on-line at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> starting October 1, 2021). Note: When completing scholarship application, review all available scholarships and check off those scholarships that pertain to applicant. **\*To be considered for Saginaw Promise Scholarship, student must check off Saginaw Promise and respond to two questions; length of residency and length of school attendance within Promise Zone.****

### **Eligibility:**

- Students, their parents and/or their legal guardians, must reside within the boundaries of the Saginaw Promise Zone which includes the cities of Saginaw and Zilwaukee and Kochville Township and the geographic boundaries of Buena Vista Township designated to the Saginaw Public School District.
- Students must attend schools within the Saginaw Promise Zone and reside within the Promise Zone for at least three continuous years, with the final year being 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students must graduate from a high school within the Promise zone.
- Student must be admitted and enrolled at an accredited public or private, postsecondary college, university or technical school within the state of Michigan. **Student must be enrolled in a program leading to a degree or certificate.**

### **Saginaw Promise Awards: Saginaw Promise scholarship awards and criteria are as follows:**

- **The SPZ scholarship may only be used at colleges, technical schools or universities in Michigan.**
- ***SPZ awards are to be used for tuition and mandatory fees only.***
- ***Awards vary and are based on whether you attend a two year college/or certificate program or plan to attend a four year university.***
- **Saginaw Promise Scholarships are "last dollar" scholarships.** The amount awarded is determined last and is based on what other financial aid is received, such as funds, scholarships or grants awarded for tuition and mandatory fees. **For example, if you receive no other scholarships or grants,** the SPZ award will provide the tuition and fees necessary to obtain an associate's degree or its equivalent at Delta College to be used at any community college or accredited technical /vocational school in the State of Michigan toward a 2 year degree. If you receive other funds or scholarships, the SPZ award will cover remaining tuition and mandatory

fees only. Size of the SPZ award will be determined by financial information provided by financial aid officer completing the “General Scholarship Financial information Form”. **If you plan to attend a 4 year university**, and have need of dollars for tuition and mandatory fees, our maximum award is \$2,000 for the school year, \$1,000 per fall, winter or summer semesters.

- **Saginaw Promise Scholarships are available for two years of postsecondary education and must be used within six years of high school graduation.** (Students must complete the SCF application within 2 years of high school graduation to be eligible for the Saginaw Promise scholarship.)
- **You must complete FAFSA and the Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) Scholarship application each of the two years you would like to be considered to receive a SPZ scholarship.**
- **All Saginaw Promise scholarship payments are paid directly to the Financial Aid office of the institution you attend** (fall and winter semesters). Scholarships are also based on how long you have lived in the Promise Zone and how many years you have attended schools within the Promise Zone.
- **The Saginaw Promise scholarship will be pro-rated based on the number of years the student with his/her parent(s), custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) have resided in the Promise Zone using the sliding scale.**

○ Time in District	Percentage of Scholarship
K-12 or 6-12.....	100%
7-12.....	80%
8-12.....	75%
9-12.....	65%
10-12.....	25%
11-12.....	0%
12 Only.....	0%
GED.....	10%

**Saginaw Promise Outcomes to date:**

- Since 2012, the Saginaw Promise has awarded **\$1,025,049** in scholarships to **590** students.
- Graduation rates have increased and dropout rates have decreased.
- FAFSA completion has grown amongst students in the Saginaw Promise Zone.
- Saginaw Promise scholars have attended **38** community colleges, universities and technical schools throughout Michigan.
- Saginaw Promise scholars have earned program certificates and degrees!

**Important Dates and information to Remember:**

- **Complete the Saginaw Community Foundation Scholarship application on-line** (starting November 1, 2021); **deadline is February 15, 2022.** *This is the application used to apply for the Saginaw Promise and to be considered for 200+ other scholarships.*
- **FAFSA.EDU.GOV: Complete FAFSA on-line-- starting October 1, 2021; upload FAFSA form noting EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) with the Saginaw Community Foundation application; this form will be used to confirm that you have completed FAFSA.**
- **\*Remember—you must check off Saginaw Promise Scholarship and answer the two questions on the on-line application to be considered for the Saginaw Promise Scholarship.**
- **Students must apply for Saginaw Promise Scholarship within two years of high school graduation; scholars have 6 years from high school graduation to use Saginaw Promise scholarship.**
- **Confirm whether you are eligible for TIP (Tuition Incentive Program) before you graduate from high school.**
- **www.saginawpromise.org: Provides important and helpful information about the Saginaw Promise, application process for the Saginaw Promise Scholarship and resources for navigating postsecondary education for students and parents 24/7.**

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