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Student and Parent Information Sheet

The Saginaw Promise is working to affect Saginaw's economy and quality of life by eliminating barriers to postsecondary education through information, programming, and the awarding of a "last dollar" scholarships for its graduating students to earn a program certificate or degree. **Students must live in, attend school and graduate from a high school within the Saginaw Promise Zone.**

How to apply?

Complete the Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) on-line scholarship application by visiting <https://www.saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/> (application opens November 1, 2026/submission deadline is February 12, 2027) and complete FAFSA on-line at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. **Note:** When completing the SCF scholarship application, review all available scholarships and check off those scholarships that pertain to applicants. ***To be considered for Saginaw Promise Scholarship, students must 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, Zilwaukee, 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 two continuous years, with the final year being 12th grade.**
- **Students must graduate from a high school within the Promise zone.**
- **Scholars must be enrolled at an accredited public or private, postsecondary college, university, or technical/Trade school within the state of Michigan. Students 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 can only be used at colleges, technical schools or universities in Michigan and applied to "costs of attendance."**
- **Saginaw Promise Scholarships are "last dollar" scholarships.** The amount awarded is determined last and is based on what other financial aid received, such as funds, scholarships or grants awarded toward "costs of attendance." Size of the SPZ award will be determined by financial information provided by financial aid officer completing the "General Scholarship Financial Information Form."
- **The SPZ Scholarship can be applied to two semesters of an academic year.**

- **Saginaw Promise Scholarships are available for up to two years for postsecondary education and used within six years from high school graduation.** (Students must complete the SCF application within 2 years of high school graduation to be eligible for the Saginaw Promise scholarship.)
- **Students must complete FAFSA and the Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) Scholarship application each of the two years they would like to receive a SPZ scholarship.**
- **Saginaw Promise scholarship payment is paid directly to the financial aid office of the institution attended by student.**
- **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 below:**

o Time in District	Percentage of Scholarship
K-12	100%
1-12	100%
2-12	100%
3-12	100%
4-12	100%
5-12	100%
6-12	100%
7-12	100%
8-12	100%
9-12	100%
10-12	100%
11-12	50%
12 Only	50%
GED	50%

Saginaw Promise Outcomes to date:

- Since 2012, the Saginaw Promise has awarded \$1,515,062 in scholarships to **804** students.
- Graduation rates have increased, and dropout rates have decreased.
- FAFSA completion has grown among students in the Saginaw Promise Zone.
- **Saginaw Promise scholars earned 323 program certificates and degrees through 2024! Source: 2024 National Student Clearinghouse Report.**

Important Dates and information to Remember:

- **Complete the Saginaw Community Foundation Scholarship application on-line by visiting <https://www.saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/> (Starting November 1, 2026); submission deadline is February 12, 2027) to apply for the Saginaw Promise and to be reviewed for 200 + other scholarships managed by the Saginaw Community Foundation.**
- **Complete FAFSA on-line: [FAFSA.EDU.GOV](https://fafsa.ed.gov)**
- **Important: Answer the two questions on the on-line application regarding length of residency and years of school attendance within the Saginaw Promise Zone.**
- **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.**
- **TIP (Tuition Incentive Program): Confirm eligibility for TIP before you graduate from high school.**
- **www.saginawpromise.org for information about the Saginaw Promise, scholarship, or helpful resources.**