

Peoria Promise Foundation



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Mission

Support economic development by increasing the number of City of Peoria high school graduates who complete a college or vocational program, thereby delivering a more skilled workforce for Peoria.

Vision

Education offers the very real potential to increase an individual's productivity—the key to economic growth. For businesses, the return on investment is a city with a well-trained, employable population, and a more desirable place to live.

How to Help

Peoria Promise relies completely on the support of our very charitable community. We are 100% donor-funded, focused only on continuing to grow our educated workforce and making a difference in the future of our community. The return on investment is a city with a well-trained, employable population and a more desirable place to live. To donate online, visit peoriapromise.org and click on the donor tab.

In addition, pledges can now be made through the Heart of Illinois United Way, as Peoria Promise is an accredited United Way agency. To become a volunteer, express interest in becoming part of our board, or attend an event, call (309) 999-4022 for more information or to request a meeting with our executive director.



Our Community's Future

Peoria Promise provides an opportunity for City of Peoria high school students to receive out-of-pocket tuition reimbursement for successfully completing coursework at Illinois Central College.

Peoria Promise is 100% donor-funded—absolutely no local, state or federal taxes are collected to support this program. Through 2016, \$4 million in scholarships has been awarded to over 2,200 students.

OUTCOMES

- 95% of Peoria Promise recipients are working. 90% are working in Greater Peoria, and 75% are working in the City of Peoria.
- 46% are the first to attend college in their family, and 67% would not have attended college without Peoria Promise.
- 89% have stayed in central Illinois because of Peoria Promise.

ELIGIBILITY

Students who meet eligibility requirements have up to five years immediately following high school graduation to earn up to 64 credit hours, whichever comes first.

Students must be residents of the City of Peoria for at least four years. Peoria Promise now accepts students from all Peoria high schools. Graduates from Peoria public feeder

high schools, including Manual, Richwoods, Peoria High, Peoria Heights, Peoria Alternative, Quest, Dunlap and Limestone, and Spring 2017 graduates from Peoria Notre Dame and Peoria Christian are now eligible.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process has been extended and is now open from February 1st through May 1st of each year. This allows even more graduates to apply for tuition reimbursement. Tuition is reimbursed each semester.

With the improvements made to our program, we anticipate a 35% increase in applicants beginning with Fall 2017 enrollment.

Upcoming Events

Peoria Zero K

June 3, 2017
 1pm – 5pm
 Junction City
peoriazerok.com

Peoria Promise presents "THE EVENT"

October 14, 2017
 5:30 – 10pm
 Peoria Civic Center Ballroom
peoriapromise.org/event

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