

2012 APPLICATION FORM



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THE TEXAS MATCH THE PROMISE FOUNDATION®

encourages families to save for college by offering matching scholarships and tuition grants to participants in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® — the state's prepaid tuition plan.

Promise Fund tuition units represent a fixed amount of undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Match the Promise will award Promise Fund tuition units to approved scholarship recipients, supplementing participant contributions to the fund.

Matching Scholarship *up to \$500*

Up to \$500 of participant tuition unit purchases will be matched with the same number and type of tuition units for up to 150 top scoring applicants.

Promise Scholarship *of \$2,000*

A one-time grant of tuition units worth \$2,000 at today's prices will be awarded to the five applicants who score the highest.

The Match the Promise Foundation will accept applications postmarked **Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2012.**
(Families can also enroll in the Promise Fund during this time if they haven't already done so.)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria to apply for the Match the Promise program.

- Have a Texas Tuition Promise Fund account
- Be a Texas resident and a dependent for tax purposes of a Texas resident
- Be a student in grade six to nine
- Have a family income of \$75,000 or less

Students must write an essay about a career that interests them and submit the essay with this application. Applications will be scored by assigning points to career essays, grade averages, income levels and numbers of dependents.

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Read the Description and Application Instructions for details about the program, contribution requirements and application process.

TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

1. Provide the information requested on Pages 2-3 of this application.
2. Read and sign Page 4.
3. Include your child's career essay.
4. Include a copy of your child's school report card or transcript for the entire 2011-2012 school year.
5. Review the checklist on Page 5 to ensure the application is complete.
6. Mail the completed application, including required documentation, to the address shown on the checklist.

You can choose to download this application online, and view the Description and Application Instructions and Essay Instructions, at www.MatchThePromise.org.





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Provide the following information to apply for a scholarship from the **TEXAS MATCH THE PROMISE FOUNDATION.**

- Respond to each item on the application. If an item is not applicable, enter "N/A" as your response.
- If you can't complete an answer in the space provided, write in "see attached" and attach your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

For assistance in completing your application, please call 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570.

STUDENT

1. Provide the information below for the child on whose behalf you are submitting this application.

Name: _____

Address: _____
(include both mailing address and physical address if different)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Grade: 6 7 8 9

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

2. Provide the information below for yourself.

Please note you must be able to claim the student as a dependent for federal income tax purposes to submit this application.

Name: _____

Address: _____
(include both mailing address and physical address if different)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: () Email: _____

Relationship to Student: Mother Father Guardian Other, please specify: _____

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3. If your child has previously received Match the Promise tuition units, enter the scholarship account number here.

4. How did you learn about the Match the Promise program?

- TV/Radio Interview News Article Family, Friend or Colleague Email
- Website/Internet Promotional Event Non-Profit Organization Free Tax Preparation Site
- Other, please specify: _____





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5. Enter your child's Texas Tuition Promise Fund account number(s) below. If you are enrolling in the Promise Fund but do not have an account number yet, please indicate "pending" below. You will be asked to provide the account number before your child is approved for a scholarship or grant.

Place a check beside the Promise Fund account number you would like linked to your child's scholarship or grant if approved. Please check only one account number — this is the account that will be used to determine if the minimum contribution requirement of the Match the Promise program is met.

Please note you must enroll your child in the Promise Fund by Dec. 31, 2012, to be eligible for the Match the Promise program.

Account Number	Account Owner	Scholarship Link (check only one)
_____	_____	<input type="radio"/>
_____	_____	<input type="radio"/>
_____	_____	<input type="radio"/>

You can enroll in the Promise Fund at www.texas tuition promise fund.com or by calling 1-800-445-4723, #5, for an enrollment form.

FAMILY INCOME

6. Indicate the combined adjusted gross income for yourself and your spouse from the federal income tax return(s) filed for 2011. If you or your spouse were not required to file an income tax return for 2011, please include the income from any W-2 or 1099 tax forms received for 2011.

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If your child is approved for a scholarship or grant, you will be asked to submit a copy of your 2011 federal income tax return(s) to the Foundation. Persons not required to file an income tax return will need to submit a copy of any 2011 W-2 or 1099 tax forms.

7. Indicate the number of people in your household you and your spouse claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax return(s) filed for 2011.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

8. You must submit your child's career essay and a copy of your child's school report card or transcript for the entire 2011-2012 school year with this application. The documentation will not be returned to you.

Place a check to indicate you have included the following items.

- Your child's career essay A copy of your child's school report card or transcript

Essay instructions for your child are included in the printed application packet and online at www.MatchThePromise.org.





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CERTIFICATION

Please read and sign this page.

By signing below, I certify that:

- I have read, understand and agree to the Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions, including terms regarding scholarships, grants and tuition units.
- My child is eligible for the Match the Promise program based on residency, grade level and family income.
- I have already enrolled, or agree to enroll, my child in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. I understand I must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident alien to open a Promise Fund account. If not already enrolled in the Promise Fund, I understand I must enroll my child by Dec. 31, 2012, to be eligible for the Match the Promise program.
- I authorize the Texas Match the Promise Foundation to act on my behalf in contacting the Texas Tuition Promise Fund to verify the information in this application, verify my Promise Fund contributions and link any scholarship account to the Promise Fund account I identified in this application or identify prior to my child being approved for a scholarship or grant.
- I understand I must submit income verification no later than May 1, 2013, and the documents I submit must prove that I meet the income requirements of the Match the Promise program, to receive a scholarship or grant.
- I have already contributed, or agree to contribute if my child is approved for a scholarship or grant, at least \$100 to the linked Promise Fund account during the current Promise Fund sales period (Sept. 1, 2012 – Aug. 31, 2013). I understand all contributions must be made by Promise Fund plan due dates.
- I understand the Texas Match the Promise Foundation owns and controls the scholarship account and any applicable earnings.
- I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the Promise Fund Plan Description and Master Agreement, and agree that it will govern the scholarship account, except as shown differently in the Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions.
- The information I have provided is true, complete and accurate, and I consent to and authorize the use of my private data as described in the Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions. If I am submitting private data belonging to another individual, I am providing such private data with the knowledge and permission of that individual.
- I understand that the scholarship account will be forfeited if I provide false or misleading information on this application or supporting documentation, or on the Promise Fund application.
- I understand this application will not be considered for the Match the Promise program if it is not postmarked between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2012, if all questions are not answered, if the application is not appropriately signed, or if the career essay and a copy of the school report card or transcript are not enclosed.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

The information you provide is confidential by law. Under Ch. 559, Government Code, you are entitled to review, request and correct information we have on file about you, with limited exceptions in accordance with Ch. 552, Government Code. To request information or error correction, contact us at the address or number listed on this form.



Susan Combs Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



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CHECKLIST

Thank you for your interest in the Match the Promise program. Please review the checklist on this page to ensure your application is complete. This checklist is for your convenience only.

- Read the Description and Application Instructions for details about the program, contribution requirements and application process.
- Provide all the information requested on Pages 2-3 of the application.
- Read and sign Page 4.
- Include your child's career essay.
- Include a copy of your child's school report card or transcript for the entire 2011-2012 school year.
- Mail the completed application, including the career essay and a copy of the school report card or transcript, to the following address.

Match the Promise Foundation
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
P.O. Box 13232
Austin, Texas 78711-3232

- Make sure your application is postmarked between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2012.
- Enroll your child in the Promise Fund by Dec. 31, 2012, if you haven't already done so.

Have Questions?

Find more on Match the Promise at www.MatchThePromise.org or by calling 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570.
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