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## 2021 FACT SHEET

Information below is through December 2021 Fall semester.

### PROGRAM FACTS

\$6.5 million in tuition funds have been provided through December 2021.

Over 4,600 students have been awarded funds since 2008

47% report as first in family to attend college

68% would not have attended college without Peoria Promise

73% of Peoria Promise recipients are employed while in school

23% are working in a career field of study while in school

### STUDENT STATISTIC

85% Peoria Public School students – 14 % Private School students 1% Home School

76% low income (based on determined EFC score from College FAFSA application)

64% diversity in students (Asian, African American, Latino, other)

70% of the available jobs in market only required a 2-year certificate

Only 40% of the population has the post secondary training needed to fill available jobs in the market. This needs to be over 60% to meet the skill requirements. Peoria Promise is an integral part of this solution.

### CAREER GOALS:

**There are currently 358 students enrolled in the 2021/2022 school year. Career goals are:**

34% Medical, 20% Business/marketing/communication, 9% Community Service,

5% Engineering, 6% Technology, 8% Education, 3% Trades, 3% Arts, 12% other/undecided.

### FUNDING:

100% **Donor Funded** Tuition Reimbursement program

NO local, state or federal tax dollars are collected

Peoria Promise is the **ONLY PROGRAM OF ITS KIND** in our community

An **OPPORTUNITY** for students to receive out-of-pocket tuition reimbursement to attend Illinois Central College.

Local employers should consider Peoria Promise an **EXTENSION of Employee benefits** for their employees children and grandchildren

Peoria Promise is a proud **HEART OF ILLINOIS UNITED WAY AGENCY.**

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Peoria Promise uses comprehensive metrics to measure and manage our results in conjunction with National Clearinghouse and Illinois Central College.

Student surveys are completed each semester with all students to ensure accuracy in our program statistics

Peoria Promise will only reimburse for successful completion of coursework with a “C” or better grade per class.

Students are now encouraged to complete College Readiness Class at ICC Peoria Promise reimburses tuition expense between 50% to 100%, based on demonstrated need as reported on the FAFSA application and after all other financial assistance has been applied.

Program will reimburse up to 12 credit hours per semester.

All high school graduates (who reside in the city of Peoria for a minimum of 4 years) who attend either public or private schools are eligible.

Students who have received a GED certificate or a valid Home School certificate are now eligible for Peoria Promise as of 2018 application.

Peoria Promise application is open annually from February 1 – May 1

***“The best investment a business can make is one that enhances the economic future of its community.” Jim Ardis - Chairman of the Board/ Former Mayor City of Peoria.***

Peoria Promise supports economic development by increasing the number of graduates who complete a college or vocational program, thereby delivering a more skilled workforce. Application and investment information can be found on our website at [www.peoriapromise.org](http://www.peoriapromise.org).

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