



What is Peoria Promise?

- Peoria Promise is a 100% donor-funded scholarship that provides out-of-pocket tuition reimbursement opportunities for qualifying city of Peoria students who successfully complete coursework at Illinois Central College.
- Students must successfully complete a minimum of 6 credit hours each semester to continue to receive a reimbursement award for up to 64 credit hours.

What is the purpose of Peoria Promise?

- Peoria Promise operates to the expectations of its board of directors, made up of representatives of its private and corporate donors.
- Peoria Promise aims to **encourage and enable continuing education** at Illinois Central College for eligible students who are living in the city of Peoria.
- As a result of the facilitation of higher education and skilled trades training, the program will help **increase and improve the pool of qualified workers** to Peoria businesses.
- Ultimately, Peoria Promise seeks to empower a new generation of workforce and Peoria businesses to **prosper in the City of Peoria**.

How is Peoria Promise distributed?

- **Tuition reimbursement** reinforces one's own investment to his/her education and provides an award for successful completion (grade "C" or better). **Out-of-pocket tuition expenses** are reimbursed ensuring all other financial aid and grant opportunities have been effectively utilized.
- Eligible students have up to five years immediately following high school graduation to earn up to 64 hours of course credit, whichever comes first.
- The amount of reimbursement is dependent upon a **calculated benefit percentage**. The benefit percentages were established by following best practices in the field and are based upon liberal standards. Local, state and national averages were thoughtfully reviewed and considered when determining minimum standards to qualify for an award.
- The benefit percentage scale provides an incentive for students to maximize their award by working to optimize school attendance and class completion, academic performance and community involvement. The benefit percent is evaluated each academic year allowing students the opportunity to seek improvement in each applicable area.
- The majority of qualifying students have the opportunity to receive an award of some level and ALL students have the opportunity to work toward maximizing that percent each semester.
- As a partner in Peoria Promise success, **Illinois Central College** provides student academic counseling, financial aid support and manages each Peoria Promise student account to ensure the appropriate reimbursement is distributed at the conclusion of each semester.

How does one apply for Peoria Promise?

- First, it is important to ensure that the student lives at a qualifying Peoria address and has completed at least three full grades and graduated from a qualifying public school. Only those who meet these minimum requirements can apply for Peoria Promise.
- If the student qualifies to apply, he/she may follow the Application process outlined on **peoriapromise.org**.
- Critical deadlines: Online application and required documents must be received by March 1; all additional documentation, if applicable, must be received by June 1.

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