

Kalamazoo Promise and Related Scholarships

Summary of Ideas, Progression, and Accomplishments

Kalamazoo Promise

Year Announced **Year Implemented** **Number of students affected**

2005 2006

Funding Strategy **Type of Promise** **Stage of Promise**

IMPLEMENTED

Announced in 2005, the Kalamazoo Promise stated that any KPS student graduating from high school would be granted up to 100 percent of tuition and fees at any public college or university, depending on enrollment time as a KPS student. Few simple rules apply, such as an overall 2.0 GPA in college courses. The funding of this program has been maintained by anonymous donors, and has tremendous rises in high school graduation, enrollment in Kalamazoo public schools and advanced placement courses (71% increase in the last two years), and college attendance. There has been a 17% increase in enrollment since the announcement, and Kalamazoo is promised to receive 15 million dollars extra in additional revenue due to this enrollment increase.

Denver Scholarship Foundation

Year Announced **Year Implemented** **Number of students affected**

Funding Strategy **Type of Promise** **Stage of Promise**

IMPLEMENTED

The Denver Scholarship Foundation offers different scholarship programs to students and teachers. Since 2007, there have been 1,580 scholarships distributed (4 million dollars worth), allowing many to attend college in Colorado. Thirty seven million dollars have totaled in outside scholarships helping graduates. Twelve Denver high schools have the full-time help of DSF financial advisors, and 100,000 grants from TG was given to Montobello and West High Schools. Eligibility terms are based on financial need and the scholarships are renewable for up to five years, depending on college type. All scholarship recipients attending UC-Denver, receive matching scholarships from the university (up to 1,000). The scholarship fund is based on donors and sponsorships.

Pittsburgh Promise

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

Created by the Pittsburgh Foundation in 2007, the Pittsburgh Promise has been funded by the UPMC, foundations, corporations, and the community. Helping students not only pay for college, but also plan and prepare, the Pittsburgh Promise was presented with 100 million dollars at hand, encouraging a campaign to raise 250 million per year over the next nine. The Promise will pay up to \$5,000 each year at any Pennsylvania state-funded schools, community colleges and private schools. In order to receive the scholarship, students must receive a 2.25 or higher overall GPA, which in six out of ten high schools last year, 60 percent of students met the requirement.

Ventura College Promise

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

In order to improve college attendance rates, remove economic barriers, and improve quality of the workforce, the Ventura Promise was announced in 2006, by the Ventura College Foundation. The Ventura College Promise is a program sponsored by the Ventura College Foundation that is designed. As of 2009, the Ventura high school graduates must have a family gross income of \$85,000 or less in order to have the opportunity of enrollment fees covered for first year attendance at Ventura College. According to Robin Calote, Ventura College President, those enrolled in the college and who receive this scholarship are more likely to enroll the following years. Higher than two-thirds of students who were involved in this program were enrolled in college for a second year, when compared to students who were not involved.

El Dorado Promise

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

Announced in 2007, the El Dorado Promise would provide 50 million dollars to El Dorado Public School graduates to attend any Arkansas or out-of-state accredited college or university. As of 2007-2008, there has been an overall 3% increase in enrollment in the district and a 12% increase in enrollment in kindergarten. Also, to the economy's benefit Union County home sales were up 4.3 percent in 2007, compared to the Michigan's overall 8.8 percent decrease in 2007.

Washington Promise

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

Approved in 2007, Washington is offering a four year scholarship to foster kids, welfare kids, and low income 7th and 8th graders under the conditions of no trouble with the law and a C average. However, as there is no permanent funding, there could be a stop to the signing list of this program. It is assured that in two and a half years, when Washington has to make its first tuition payment, there will be enough money for the class of 2012, however no guarantee after that.

Bay Commitment Scholarship

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

Granted to those who are first in their family to go to college and have been in the Bay City schools for six or more years, the scholarship provides 2,000 dollars to those attending SVSU or Delta for their first year. Attempting to make the program permanent, a goal has been set at 4 million, and thus far approximately 1.5 million has been raised. Private donors have been investing their money.

Muskegon Opportunity

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

The idea of the Muskegon Opportunity began in 2006 to give a scholarship of two years to all who graduate from the Muskegon County high schools. The funding would be by state and federal assistance programs, and is attempting to become a four-year program for the graduating high school class of 2013. The scholarship will be used for colleges, post-secondary schools, and technical training schools in the Muskegon region.

Jackson Legacy Program

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

The Jackson Legacy Program has been implemented for two years, and there are 510 enrolled in the program thus far. The funding is done local donors, such as the Hurst Foundation, and those who wish to remain anonymous. The goal has been set to raise 5 million dollars as of last march, and 2.1 million dollars has been raised since then, and will not only boost education but the economy as well.

Southfield, Michigan

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

Only in the planning stage, Southfield is looking to model a scholarship program after the Kalamazoo Promise. There already have been donations made, and there are hopes that the implementation will boost the economy by home ownership growth.

San Francisco Promise

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

The idea of the San Francisco Promise was brought up and promised to sixth graders in 2007. The funding for the 350 public schools involved includes money from the city budget, San Francisco University, federal government and other donors. This Promise helps students from sixth grade to stay on track for college and a promised spot at the San Francisco State University.

Detroit College Promise

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

Offering scholarships for up to four years for those graduating from Detroit Public Schools, the Detroit College Promise will pay for those attending public colleges or universities in Michigan, if they have been attending a Detroit Public School for at least four years. The hope for the scholarship is not only that it will improve education in Detroit, but also have a greater migration to Detroit, improving the city economically as well. The funding for this scholarship includes individual donors and non-profit businesses. The scholarship is active for ten years after graduation, and covers four years of undergraduate tuition and obligatory fees.

Battle Creek Legacy Scholars

Year Announced Year Implemented Number of students affected

Funding Strategy Type of Promise Stage of Promise

IMPLEMENTED

The Legacy Scholar program was created in 2005 to induce more high school diplomas, as well as college degrees in Battle Creek. However, the program was expanded when the W.K. Kellogg Foundation gave four million to the cause to ensure its development. The program pays for two years of tuition and books for attendance to Kellogg Community College, if the high school graduate has attended a school in Battle

Creek Public or Lakeview district. Becoming a Legacy Scholar begins in sixth grade, as some students are specifically targeted and generally over 700 sixth-graders qualified for the program each year. To continue being a Legacy Scholar, the student must remain in a Battle Creek Public School or Lakeview School District, as well as graduate on time.