PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE: 
A COLLABORATION BETWEEN CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE, 
THE CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE FOUNDATION, AND 
PINAL COUNTY SCHOOLS

This educational initiative was launched in 2001 by a caring community who believed that college should be a reality for every Pinal County student, regardless of financial limitations. The purpose of this is to encourage young people to stay in high school, graduate, and move on to college. More than a decade later, the promise continues.

STEPS TO COMPLETE THE PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE PLEDGE FORM

1. Visit centralaz.edu/promise

2. Click on the “Enroll in Promise” button and complete the Promise Pledge form in its entirety.

3. Student and parents will receive a confirmation email from Central Arizona College notifying them that the Promise Pledge form was received. (Please keep this document for your records.)

*Note: Once the confirmation email is received your Promise Pledge process is complete. The College and Foundation will communicate with you during your high school experience to provide reminders on GPA and community service requirements.

The Promise for the Future educational initiative provides funding for any tuition need that has not been met. Promise for the Future tuition funds will be applied after all other financial aid has been applied to the individual student account (excluding student loans). Students must maintain in-state residency and graduate from a public or charter high school in Pinal County to be eligible. Central Arizona College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Central Arizona College provides equal opportunity in employment and educational programs and activities. Discrimination is prohibited based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, military status, genetic test information, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. To access public disclosure documents visit www.centralaz.edu/srtk.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the eligibility requirements for Promise for the Future?
A: You must live in Pinal County with your parents or guardians and attend 8th grade in Pinal County.

Q: What are the requirements to remain eligible for Promise for the Future upon high school graduation?
A: Promise students must live in Pinal County, graduate from a Pinal County high school, graduate with a cumulative GPA of a 2.75 or better, and complete 20 hours of community service.

Q: When can I sign up for Promise for the Future?
A: The Promise Coordinator from the Central Arizona College will visit your 8th grade class in the spring. Please verify exact date with your child’s school. This begins your time to sign the Promise Pledge online.

Q: What is the deadline to fill out the Promise Pledge?
A: You must complete and file the Promise Pledge by your 8th grade promotion.

Q: Where do I go to sign up for the Promise Program?
A: All students sign-up online at www.centralaz.edu/promise. The directions and “ENROLL in PROMISE” button is active during a sign-up period. You will receive confirmation that we have received your Promise Pledge with the email you used during the application process.

Q: Do I have to graduate from a Pinal County public high school?
A: Yes, to be an eligible Promise student, you must receive a Pinal County high school graduation certificate or diploma. It is your responsibility to fulfill the requirements of the Promise for the Future program.

Q: Is the 2.75 GPA weighted or unweighted?
A: The high school GPA required is a cumulative, weighted 2.75 GPA.

Q: How many hours of community service do I have to complete before I graduate from high school? Where do I submit this information?
A: You must complete a total 20 hours of community service. The Promise student will be sent a verification application by financial aid during their senior year and at that time the student will verify completed hours.

Q: How are my Promise tuition funds determined?
A: Promise funding is for any tuition need not met by other funding resources. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if you are eligible for federal funding assistance. You may also be receiving other scholarships or grants from other entities. CAC Financial Aid personnel will review all of this information to determine how much tuition financial aid you can receive from other sources. Promise funding is awarded after all other financial aid has been applied to your account (excluding student loans). This occurs after the registration period known as Class Changes - Add/Drop.

Q: What if I do not need Promise tuition funds this semester?
A: As a Promise student, you are eligible for Promise tuition funds, as needed, for four consecutive semesters (excluding summer semesters) provided you enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, complete 9 credit hours, and you maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. The Financial Aid office monitors your financial need. However, if your financial situation changes, you should contact your advisor or the Financial Aid office as soon as possible.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about Promise for the Future?
A: Send an email to promise@centralaz.edu where a staff member will answer your question(s) promptly.

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