Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship Important Information for Kalamazoo Valley Students Revised July 2021

The Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship provides up to 145 credit hours towards a bachelor degree, within 10 years of high school graduation. It also covers certificate programs, associate degrees, and Career Academies. The Promise covers tuition (contact hours) and mandatory fees at Kalamazoo Valley based on your funding level. This scholarship does not cover the cost of books and supplies.

The Financial Aid Office will award the Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship to all eligible students who have indicated Kalamazoo Valley as their college choice on their Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship Acceptance Form (SAF). This form is available on the Kalamazoo Promise website and must be completed. You can access the SAF under the forms section at kalamazoopromise.com. A Welcome form (from Kalamazoo Promise Services Department at Kalamazoo Valley), is also required to place an award on a student's account. All students utilizing The Kalamazoo Promise at Kalamazoo Valley must have a Welcome form on record and meet regularly with Kalamazoo Promise Services. Promise students who successfully complete at least 12 credit hours at Kalamazoo Valley and have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA may opt out of these services, but all are strongly advised to continue meeting with Promise advisors at Kalamazoo Valley.

This scholarship will be awarded initially based on 15 contact hours for the fall and winter semesters. Your final award will be adjusted to reflect the total contact hours enrolled after the college's official drop/add period. Eligible students attending Kalamazoo Valley are not required to enroll full-time (minimum of 12 credit hours) to access their Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship.

To maintain good standing scholarship status, you must complete and pass 75% of your credit hours attempted each semester with a minimum semester or cumulative 2.0 GPA. If you do not meet these standards, your Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship status cannot remain in good standing. Arrangements for a probationary semester may be put in place if you are on the roster and meet regularly with the Kalamazoo Promise Services Department.

Kalamazoo Promise Reinstatement Procedures: Promise students with scholarships in probation status, who do not meet the Promise academic standards, may be moved to suspension status. To be considered for reinstatement, you will be required to complete a minimum number of credit hours with a minimum grade of 2.0. Please contact Kalamazoo Valley's Kalamazoo Promise Services Department to determine your reinstatement process as well as how many credits you will need to complete.

If you plan to attend Kalamazoo Valley during the summer semester, you must complete a Kalamazoo Valley Summer Intent Form. These forms will be available through the Kalamazoo Valley Financial Aid Office and on our website beginning in March.

Only one 100% tuition-specific scholarship may be received during a semester. Therefore, you will not be eligible for any additional tuition-specific awards (ex: Tuition Incentive Program – TIP) if your Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship is processed at 100%. However, if your Kalamazoo Promise eligibility is less than 100% and you are eligible for another tuition-specific scholarship, we may be able to process the second scholarship to cover the balance of your tuition charges.

We encourage you to read and accept the Financial Aid Terms and Conditions by accessing your My Valley account.

You are encouraged to apply for Promise Plus funds by submitting a Promise Plus application online at kvcc.edu/financialaid.

You are also encouraged to apply for other types of financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can apply on-line at <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>. By completing this application, you may be eligible for other financial aid funds that could assist you in paying any remaining costs, (if you are not eligible for 100% of your tuition) books and supplies, transportation, and living expenses. If you do not complete the FAFSA, we cannot determine your eligibility for additional financial aid, which means you will be responsible for any additional expenses.



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