

Peoria Promise Foundation

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Our Community's Future

Peoria Promise provides an opportunity for City of Peoria high school students to receive tuition reimbursement for successfully completed coursework at Illinois Central College. Peoria Promise is 100% donor-funded—absolutely no local, state or federal taxes are collected to support this program.

Through fall 2017, \$4.2 million has been raised to provide educational support to 2,400 students.

OUTCOMES

- 95 percent of Peoria Promise recipients are working, of which 90 percent are working in Greater Peoria and 75 percent are working in the City of Peoria.
- 46 percent are the first in their family to attend college—65 percent would not have been able to attend without Peoria Promise.
- 89 percent have stayed in central Illinois because of Peoria Promise.
- 87 percent have received a certificate or transferred to further education. Top career paths include medical, business, engineering, teaching and vocational.

Enrollment has increased 24 percent in the past two years. 70 percent of the available jobs only require a two-year certificate.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be residents of the City of Peoria for at least four years, graduate from an eligible high school, and maintain a "C" or better in coursework.

Peoria Promise now accepts students from all Peoria high schools including Manual, Richwoods, Peoria High, Peoria Heights, Peoria Alternative, Peoria Quest, Dunlap, Limestone, Peoria Notre Dame and Peoria Christian. Students with a GED certificate or approved home school certificate are now eligible beginning with fall 2018 enrollment.

Peoria Promise application is open from February 1st through May 1st of each year. Tuition is reimbursed each semester.

Upcoming Events

Peoria Zero K
 "All the fun, none of the run"
 June 2, 2018 – Junction City
peoriazerok.com

Denim and Diamonds: 10 Year Anniversary Gala
 October 13, 2018
 Peoria Civic Center Ballroom
peoriapromise.org/event

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Mission

To support economic development by increasing the number of City of Peoria high school graduates who complete a college or vocational program, thereby delivering a more skilled workforce for Peoria.

Vision

Education offers the very real potential to increase an individual's productivity and quality of life—the key to economic growth. For businesses, the return on investment is a city with a well-trained, employable population, and a more desirable place to live.

Celebrating 10 years of making futures bright.

How to Help

Peoria Promise relies completely on support from corporations, small business and individuals. We are **100% donor funded, focused only on continuing to grow our skilled workforce**, making a difference in the future of our community. To donate online, please visit peoriapromise.org and click on the donor tab. Pledges and gifts can also be made through the Heart of Illinois United Way.

To receive more information about Peoria Promise, schedule a meeting with Executive Director or to receive more event detail, please call (309) 999-4022 or visit our website.