

The Harrisburg Promise Scholarship

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is committed to providing a quality and accessible higher education opportunity for all students, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status. Unfortunately, many students never make it to HACC because they cannot afford higher education. We are committed to providing a pathway to college for underprivileged youth through the Harrisburg Promise.



In the Harrisburg Promise, participating students from at-risk areas will be supported from seventh grade through the end of high school with mentoring and college-preparedness activities. Because we believe finances should never be a barrier to receiving an education, students who have been successful under the Harrisburg Promise will then become eligible to receive the Harrisburg Promise Scholarship to attend HACC. This scholarship will provide much-needed funds to attend and complete classes that will prepare them for a career.

In the Harrisburg area, poverty is a serious concern. In fact, over 80 percent of students in the Harrisburg and Steelton-Highspire school districts qualify for free or reduced price lunches. Unfortunately, poverty can be a vicious cycle. Without acquiring the funds to climb out and achieve something greater, at-risk youth sometimes find themselves battling the same social and financial hardships that their parents and grandparents faced. These hardships can leave them with little to no funding to pay for college and to change the trajectory of their lives. Providing students with scholarships to attend school could be the first step in breaking the cycle of poverty, allowing them to create a different path for themselves, their children and their community.

Please consider an investment in the future of Harrisburg's youth by giving to the Harrisburg Promise Scholarship. YOU can empower at-risk boys and girls to leave a positive lasting impact on their families and community through accessible education.

For more information, please contact the HACC Foundation at foundation@hacc.edu.

"I like the Harrisburg Promise because it helps us get ready for college, and they support us so we can go all the way!"

- Harrisburg Promise Student



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