

2021 APPLICATION FORM



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THE TEXAS MATCH THE PROMISE FOUNDATIONSM

encourages families to save for college by offering matching scholarships and tuition grants to participants in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® — the state's prepaid tuition plan.

Promise Fund tuition units represent a fixed amount of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at eligible Texas public colleges and universities. Match the Promise will award Promise Fund tuition units to approved scholarship recipients, supplementing participant contributions to the fund during the current Promise Fund sales period.

Matching Scholarship *up to \$1,000*

Up to \$500 of participant tuition unit purchases will be matched with the same type of tuition units for up to 150 top scoring applicants. Scholarship recipients with a family income of \$75,000 or less will receive a two-to-one match. All other scholarship recipients will receive a one-to-one match.

Promise Scholarship *of \$2,000*

A one-time grant of tuition units worth \$2,000 at today's prices will be awarded to the five applicants who score the highest.

The Texas Match the Promise Foundation will accept applications postmarked **Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2021.**

(Families can also enroll in the Promise Fund at www.texas tuition promise fund.com during this time if they have not already done so.)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria to apply for the Match the Promise scholarship program.

- Have a Texas Tuition Promise Fund account
- Be a Texas resident and a dependent for tax purposes of a Texas resident
- Be a student in grade five through nine
- Have a family income of \$100,000 or less

Students must write an essay about a career that interests them and submit the essay with this application.

Applications will be scored by assigning points to career essays, grade averages, family income levels and numbers of dependents.

EASY STEPS TO APPLY

Read the Description and Application Instructions for details about the program, contribution requirements and application process.

1. Fill out Pages 2-3 of this application, and read and sign Pages 4-7 (and Page 8 if applicable).
2. Include your child's career essay and a copy of your child's report card or transcript for the entire 2020-21 school year.
3. Review the checklist on Page 9 to ensure the application is complete, and mail the application and supporting documentation to the address shown.

You can download this application online, and view the [Description and Application Instructions](#) and [Student Career Essay Instructions](#), at www.MatchThePromise.org.





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Provide the following information to apply for a scholarship from the **TEXAS MATCH THE PROMISE FOUNDATIONSM**.

Respond to each item on the application.
If an item is not applicable, enter "N/A" as your response.

For Match the Promise assistance, call 800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570, or visit www.MatchThePromise.org.
(For Texas Tuition Promise Fund assistance, call 800-445-4723, opt. 5, or visit www.texas tuition promise fund.com.)

STUDENT

1. Provide the information below for the child on whose behalf you are submitting this application.

Name: _____

Address: _____
(include both mailing and physical addresses if different)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Grade: 5 6 7 8 9

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

2. Provide the information below for yourself.

*A parent or legal guardian who claimed the child as a dependent on his or her 2020 federal income tax return must submit this application since the scholarship awards are contingent on income verification. **If this applicant also owns the child's Texas Tuition Promise Fund account, you do not need to fill out Page 8 of the application.***

Name: _____

Address: _____
(include both mailing and physical addresses if different)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Student: Mother Father Guardian Other, please specify: _____

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3. Has your child previously received a Match the Promise scholarship or grant? (This is for informational purposes only.)

Yes No

4. How did you learn about the Match the Promise program?

TV/Radio Interview News Article Email Facebook Twitter Event Family, Friend or Colleague

Website/Internet Other, please specify: _____





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5. Provide the Texas Tuition Promise Fund account number that is in your child's name and you would like linked to his/her scholarship or grant if approved. This is the account that will be used to determine if the minimum contribution requirement of the Match the Promise program is met.

Please provide only one account number.

Account Number

Account Owner/Purchaser

Promise Fund Account Types:

- If your child's Promise Fund account is a **lump sum plan**, this account will automatically be relabeled as a pay-as-you-go account so that you can make additional tuition unit purchases as needed with the same account number.
- If your child's Promise Fund account is an **installment plan** that is **not paid in full**, you can use this account to meet the minimum contribution requirement.
- If your child's Promise Fund account is an **installment plan** that is **paid in full**, you will need to **open a new account** to make additional tuition unit purchases as needed. Please indicate the new account number above if applicable.

FAMILY INCOME

6. Indicate the adjusted gross income shown on the federal income tax return you filed for 2020. If you were married but filed separately, indicate the combined adjusted gross income from the income tax returns for both you and your spouse.
\$ _____ must be \$100,000 or less
7. Indicate the number of dependents that you claimed on your 2020 federal income tax return.
_____ do not include yourself or your spouse

*Be sure to indicate the adjusted gross income and number of dependents actually shown on your 2020 federal income tax return since application scores are based, in part, on these numbers. If your child is approved for a scholarship or grant, you will be asked to submit a copy of your 2020 tax return. **Do not send the tax return with your application.***

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

8. You must submit your child's career essay and a copy of your child's report card or transcript for the **entire** 2020-21 school year (last school year) with this application. The documentation will not be returned to you.

Place a check to indicate you have included these items: Career Essay 2020-21 School Report Card or Transcript

Please read the next page.





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Please read this page and provide the requested signatures on Page 6.
This consent form allows the Foundation to use your child's career essay in promotional efforts for the scholarship program.

PARTICIPATION CONSENT, LIABILITY RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Parent/Guardian:

A parent or legal guardian of the Child.

Child:

The child on whose behalf a Parent/Guardian is submitting this matching scholarship and tuition grant 2021 Application Form.

Releasees:

The Texas Match the Promise Foundation ("Foundation"), a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt public charity, the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, an agency of the state of Texas, and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, an agency of the state of Texas, legitimate news organizations and all contractors, consultants, officers, board members, directors, employees, volunteers, agents and representatives of these entities ("Releasees").

Agreement:

In consideration for Releasees facilitating Child's participation, I, (Parent/Guardian), agree on my behalf and on Child's behalf to the terms of this Participation Consent, Liability Release and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement").

Grant and Consent:

Parent/Guardian irrevocably grants the absolute, unrestricted and unlimited license, right, permission and consent to photograph, videotape, copyright, broadcast, reproduce, telecast, webcast, cablecast, use on the Internet, publish, distribute or otherwise use in any format and in any media, Child's name, photograph, likeness, voice, grade, school, city and career essay, including Third-Party Mentions, Child's choice of career and Child's receipt of any matching scholarship or tuition grant, with or without Parent/Guardian's name, Child's name or a fictitious name, and with or without any statements or testimonials made or authorized by Parent/Guardian or Child (collectively, "Authorized Materials"). Such Authorized Materials shall be used to promote the Match the Promise program, the Texas Unclaimed Property program, from which donations to the Foundation are received, and Texas 529 plans (collectively, "Authorized Use").

Parent/Guardian and Child will not receive any payment or benefit for Authorized Use of Authorized Materials. Parent/Guardian waives the right to inspect or approve any materials incorporating Authorized Materials, and Parent/Guardian waives any claim to any intangible rights, including the right of publicity or copyright, that Parent/Guardian or Child may hold in any medium of expression incorporating Authorized Materials created or used by Releasees.

Releasees shall have the exclusive right to use, and to license others to use, Child's name, image, likeness and biographical material for advertising, promotion and other dissemination of Authorized Materials and the other rights granted under this Agreement.

Parent/Guardian and Child hereby grant and assign exclusively to Releasees all rights in Authorized Materials, including publication rights and the right to fully develop any Authorized Materials in all languages for the full term of Releasees copyright (under current or subsequent copyright laws). Such rights shall include, but are not limited to the right to print, publish, license, distribute and/or market, either directly or where applicable by third parties, any marketable right associated with Authorized Materials. Any Parent/Guardian or Child who does not agree to this use should not enter this Agreement.

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PARTICIPATION CONSENT, LIABILITY RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Parent/Guardian, on behalf of Child, warrants to Releasees that Child is the sole creator and proprietor of the written career essay; Parent/Guardian, on behalf of Child, has full power to enter into this Agreement, and that said rights are not subject to any lien, or other claim or rights which may interfere with the rights herein granted; that the written career essay is original and not in the public domain or has been published in any written form; that it does not violate the right of privacy of any person; that it contains no libelous, obscene, or other unlawful matter; and that it does not violate any other right of any person or third party. Parent/Guardian and Child agree to hold Releasees harmless against any damages, including attorney's fees, sustained in any suit involving Releasees by reason of a violation of any of these warranties.

Release and Indemnity:

I expressly release and agree to indemnify Releasees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, causes of action, losses, expenses and all other amounts, of every kind, known or unknown, resulting from or connected with Authorized Use of Authorized Materials or Child's participation in the creation of Authorized Materials, including invasion of privacy, defamation, violation of any right of publicity, violation of any statutory right, personal injury or illness, property damage or any other claims, including those caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of Releasees (collectively, "Claims").

Releasees are allowed to remove readily identifiable information to the written career essay about Parent/Guardian, Child or Third-Party Mentions in order to maintain the anonymity of Parent/Guardian, Child or Third-Party Mentions during the scoring process. Parent/Guardian, Child and Third-Party Mentions agree to hold Releasees harmless in the event of any inadvertent disclosure of confidential information during the scoring process.

Parent/Guardian fully understands that Releasees will not indemnify or reimburse Parent/Guardian or Child or any other person or entity for any amount for any reason under this Agreement, and that any provisions or construction of this statement to the contrary are null and void. If, despite this release, Parent/Guardian, Child or anyone on behalf of Parent/Guardian or Child makes a claim against Releasees, Parent/Guardian and Child's agreement to indemnify Releasees includes indemnifying Releasees from any and all Claims that are brought by, or on behalf of, Parent/Guardian or Child and are in any way connected with Authorized Use of Authorized Materials.

Certification:

Parent/Guardian certifies that he/she has read this Agreement and fully understands its terms and conditions, and that this Agreement is governed by Texas law and shall be performed in Travis County, Texas. If any portion of this Agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions will remain in full force and effect. Parent/Guardian certifies that he/she voluntarily signs, and has authority to sign, this Agreement.

Contract Termination:

In the event of termination of this Agreement, the rights herein granted to Releasees remain and do not revert to Parent/Guardian or Child. Termination of this Agreement shall not deprive Releasees of the right to receive its share of sums due from licenses or contracts entered into by Releasees prior to termination.

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Signatures:

This Agreement must be signed by Parent/Guardian, Child and anyone else included in the career essay, even if not mentioned by name (for instance, if the Child mentioned a teacher who has been an inspiration to them).

Child

I consent to the disclosure of information about me, and I agree to the foregoing.

Signature of Child: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Child: _____

Parents/Guardians

I am the parent or legal guardian of the Child, and I agree to the foregoing on my own behalf and on behalf of my Child.

Both parents must sign below or you must note N/A on the second signature line if you are the minor's only parent.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Third-Party Mentions (anyone other than Parents/Guardians mentioned in the career essay, even if not mentioned by name)

I represent that I am included in the Child's written career essay, and I agree to the foregoing grants, consents, releases and indemnities as applicable to me.

Please add additional signature lines and names if needed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Mention in Essay*: _____

*Please note how you were mentioned (for instance, if the Child mentioned you as their third-grade teacher).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Mention in Essay*: _____

*Please note how you were mentioned (for instance, if the Child mentioned you as their third-grade teacher).

[See the Application Certification on the next page.](#)





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Please read and sign this page.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that:

- I have read, understand and agree to the Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions, including terms regarding scholarships, grants and tuition units.
- My child is eligible for the Match the Promise program based on residency, grade level and family income.
- My child is enrolled in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. I understand I must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident alien to open a Promise Fund account.
- I authorize the Texas Match the Promise Foundation to act on my behalf in contacting the Texas Tuition Promise Fund to verify the information in this application, verify my Promise Fund contributions and link any scholarship account to the Promise Fund account I identified in this application.
- If my Promise Fund account is a lump sum plan, I acknowledge that it will be re-labeled as “pay-as-you-go” to allow for additional tuition unit purchases with the same account number, in accordance with scholarship program terms.
- If my child is approved for a scholarship or grant, I understand I must submit income verification no later than May 1, 2022, and the documents I submit must prove that I meet the income requirements of the Match the Promise program for my child to receive the scholarship or grant.
- If my child is approved for a scholarship or grant, I agree to contribute at least \$100 to the linked Promise Fund account during the current Promise Fund sales period (Sept. 1, 2021 – Aug. 31, 2022). I understand all contributions must be made by Promise Fund plan due dates.
- I understand the Foundation owns and controls the scholarship account and any applicable earnings.
- I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the Promise Fund Plan Description and Master Agreement and agree that it will govern the scholarship account, except as shown differently in the Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions.
- I consent to and authorize the use of my private data as described in the Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions. If I am submitting private data belonging to another individual, I confirm that I am providing such private data with the full knowledge and permission of that individual.
- The information I have provided is true, complete and accurate. I understand the scholarship account will be forfeited if I provide false or misleading information on this application or supporting documentation, or on the Promise Fund application.
- I understand this application will not be considered for the Match the Promise program if it is not postmarked between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021, if the application is not complete or appropriately signed in all places, or if the career essay and a copy of the school report card or transcript are not enclosed. I understand that if I am **not the owner** of the Promise Fund account shown on Page 3, both the account owner and I must complete Page 8 or my application will not be processed.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

If you are **the owner (purchaser)** of the Promise Fund account identified in this application, **skip to Page 9** to ensure your application is complete.
If you are **not the owner**, **go to Page 8**.



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If you are **not the owner**, please sign the upper portion of this page, and have the account owner sign the lower portion.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NON-PURCHASER CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that:

- **I am the parent or guardian** filling out this application.
- **I am not the owner (purchaser)** of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund account designated in this application.
- I understand the owner of the Promise Fund account designated in this application will own any contributions made to that account.
- I understand the account owner can take actions with the designated Promise Fund account that could result in my child losing some or all of their scholarship or grant, including making non-qualified withdrawals from the account, closing it or changing the beneficiary.
- I understand only the account owner is authorized to request information from the Promise Fund program about the designated Promise Fund account and scholarship account. The account owner will receive annual statements and can obtain information by calling the Promise Fund program or by accessing the Promise Fund website.
- I understand only the account owner can authorize redemption of tuition units for the designated Promise Fund account and scholarship account when my child is ready for college.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

ACCOUNT OWNER PURCHASER CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that:

- **I am not the parent or guardian** filling out this application.
- **I am the owner (purchaser)** of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund account designated in this application.
- I understand the beneficiary of the Promise Fund account designated in this application is applying to participate in the Match the Promise program.
- I authorize the Texas Match the Promise Foundation to act on my behalf in contacting the Texas Tuition Promise Fund to verify Promise Fund participation and contributions and link any scholarship account to the designated Promise Fund account.
- I authorize the Foundation to provide information about the scholarship account, and about Promise Fund contributions and actions that affect the scholarship account, to the beneficiary's parent or guardian noted above.
- I acknowledge that certain actions I take with the designated Promise Fund account could result in the beneficiary losing some or all of their scholarship or grant, including making non-qualified withdrawals from the account, closing it or changing the beneficiary.
- If the designated Promise Fund account is a lump sum plan, I acknowledge that it will be re-labeled as "pay-as-you-go" to allow for additional tuition unit purchases with the same account number, in accordance with scholarship program terms.

Signature of Account Owner/Purchaser: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name of Account Owner/Purchaser: _____





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Have Questions?

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CHECKLIST

Thank you for your interest in the Match the Promise program. Please review the checklist on this page to ensure your application is complete. This checklist is for your convenience only; you do not need to return it.

- Read the Description and Application Instructions for details about the program, contribution requirements and application process.
- Fill out Pages 2-3 of the application.
- Read and sign Pages 4-7. If you are not the owner (purchaser) of the Promise Fund account identified in the application, both you and the account owner must sign Page 8.
- Include your child's career essay.
- Include a copy of your child's report card or transcript for the entire 2020-21 school year (last school year).
- Mail the application and supporting documentation to the following address.
Match the Promise Foundation
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
111 E. 17th St. / P.O. Box 13232
Austin, Texas 78711-3232
- Make sure your application is postmarked between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021.
- If your child is approved for a scholarship or grant, make a contribution of at least \$100 to the linked Promise Fund account between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022.

Contributions should continue to go to the Promise Fund program. Please do not send contributions to the Foundation.

The information you provide is confidential by law. Under Ch. 559, Government Code, you are entitled to review, request and correct information we have on file about you, with limited exceptions in accordance with Ch. 552, Government Code. To request information or error correction, contact us at the address or number listed on this form.

