



The Saranac Promise Scholarship Application Form

PURPOSE

To provide each Saranac Community Schools (SCS) graduate with the opportunity to attend post-secondary education with up to a \$4,000 scholarship (upon full endowment funding) per year.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All students who graduate from Saranac Community Schools, 2016 and beyond, and have been SCS students one year or more. (Enrollment must be continuous.)
2. Admitted to and enrolled at a post-secondary institution as described in this form.
 - a. Make regular progress toward a degree or certification as defined by Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards of the school.
 - b. Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average at the post-secondary institution.
 - c. Be enrolled as a full time student, typically 12 credit hours a semester. Exceptions to this requirement are made for all students enrolled during summer semester.

d. If the GPA drops below 2.0, a student may be reinstated if he/she is able to bring their GPA back to at least a 2.0.

EXTENT OF BENEFITS

The benefit will be graduated on the basis of length of continuous attendance in the Saranac Community School system.

Years in Attendance	Benefit
12-13 years	100%
7-11 years	75%
3-6 years	50%
1-2 years	25%

ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS

Post-secondary institutions that are eligible for use of The Saranac Promise are those public or private colleges, universities, and vocational or trade schools physically located in Michigan and accredited by and recognized in the U.S. Department of Education’s database of accredited post-secondary institutions and programs (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation>).

TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship program provides up to four (4) years of tuition (in state) and mandatory fees for post-secondary education (per the scale above). The students must be a full-time student, taking 12 credit hours per semester minimum. The scholarship may only be used at one school per year.

Mandatory fees are defined using the same definition as the Michigan Educational Trust and are determined by each educational institution.

The post-secondary education must be completed within 10 years of the date of high school graduation. Exceptions to this requirement are granted for military service.

Four years shall be defined as the receipt of a bachelor degree or 130 credit hours towards a degree, whichever occurs first. This education must be pursued per the requirements listed above.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

New scholarship applicants must submit by April 15:

- A completed application form for The Saranac Promise.
- A copy of their acceptance letter to the college or other post-secondary institution they intend to attend.
- A copy of their financial aid award letter for the college or other post-secondary institution they intend to attend.

Returning scholarship recipients must annually submit by April 15:

- A transcript from the previous semester to demonstrate adequate progress toward a degree or certification for the academic year, indicating as a minimum: classes taken, grades and credit hours for those classes and cumulative GPA. Provisions may be made to have this submitted by the post-secondary institution.
- A copy of your annual financial aid award letter for the next year of college or other post-secondary institution attendance.
- All changes to contact information as they occur. This includes home and school addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.
- An updated Saranac Promise scholarship application form if changing school of choice.

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

All funds will be paid on an annual basis directly to the student upon verification of eligibility requirements. Funding payments will be paid in approximately July of each school year.

EXCEPTIONS

No exceptions to the above requirements will be allowed unless approved by The Saranac Promise administration. Appeals are initiated by contacting Superintendent of Saranac Community Schools.

NEW AND RETURNING APPLICANTS PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail: _____

Please circle the grades which you attended SCS:

K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Total years of attendance at SCS: _____

Date on which I will or have graduated from Saranac Community Schools: _____

Listed below are the colleges, universities, vocational, or trade schools that I am considering for enrollment or in which I am currently enrolled and intend to use The Saranac Promise scholarship. List multiple schools in order of preference.

School 1: _____

School 2: _____

School 3: _____

College Student Identification Number: _____

Declared or intended major: _____

I _____, give permission to The Saranac Promise to use information regarding my scholarship in promotion of The Saranac Promise.

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand and agree to adhere to the terms of this scholarship as set forth in this document and the information I have provided above concerning residency and enrollment in the Saranac Community School district is true to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that failure to adhere to these requirements may result in the termination of this scholarship.

Student (Student must sign): _____

Signature Parent / Guardian: _____
(If student is under 18 years of age)

Date: _____

Return completed form to:

The Saranac Promise

225 South Pleasant Street • Saranac, MI 48881

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TO BE COMPLETED BY The Saranac Promise

Approved: _____	Fund Level: _____	Date: _____
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Application Instructions:

1. New and returning applicants provide the information on your name, address, phone, birth date and email.
2. Circle in the grade at which your continuous SCS enrollment began. Enrollment must have started by the fall state census date (usually prior to October 1) of school for that grade. See The Saranac Promise website (www.saranac.k12.mi.us) for clarifications on this requirement, under frequently asked questions (FAQ) or your school counselor for a paper copy of the same. Fill in your expected or actual graduation date from high school.
3. List the college or university(s) to which you have applied or plan to apply, or in which you are presently enrolled. List your choices in order of preference, you only are required to list one. These must be a public or private college, university, vocational, or trade school physically located in Michigan and accredited by and recognized in the U.S. Department of Education's database of accredited post-secondary institutions and programs (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation>).
4. Students must sign and date the form. If you are not at least 18 years of age your parent or guardian must ALSO sign and provide their contact information if different from yours.
5. If you have any questions please refer to The Saranac Promise website, which has answers to most questions. The high school counselors also have copies of information found on the website. You may also call SCS administration office at 616-642-1400.
6. Applications may be submitted to your high school counseling office or mail the completed application to: The Saranac Promise • 225 South Pleasant Street • Saranac, MI 48881. New scholarship applications must be received not later than April 15th of each calendar year.