

Queen City Promise

Queen City Promise (QCP) is a scholarship program whose mission is to provide a every Plainfield Public School District (PPSD) graduate with the opportunity to attend a public, post-secondary institution in the State of New Jersey, with up to a 100% tuition scholarship. Plainfield is known as “The Queen City.”

QCP is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, established in 2019. The scholarship program is modeled after successful promise programs around the country. Beginning in 2024, QCP will provide tuition assistance for eligible applicants to any public, post-secondary institution in the State of New Jersey, for a two-year or four-year college or university, as well as to public, post-secondary vocational/technical training programs.

To qualify, students must:

- Reside within the boundaries of PPSD, while enrolled in PPSD
- Have been continuously enrolled in PPSD for four or more years
- Attend all high school years (9-12) in PPSD, and
- Graduate from Plainfield High School (PHS) or Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS)

Once admitted to a public post-secondary institution in the State of New Jersey, QCP scholars must make regular progress toward a degree or certification, as defined by Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards of the school. They must maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) at the post-secondary institution.

QCP scholars must be enrolled as full-time students, typically 12-credit hours per semester (with exceptions made for summer semester enrollment). A QCP scholar needs to maintain a 2.5 GPA, although they may be reinstated if they are able to bring their GPA back to at least 2.5 the following semester.

Funding for QCP comes from individual donations, corporate sponsorships, and foundation grants.

QCP is governed by a board of directors.

In addition to providing tuition assistance, QCP supports mentoring programs while scholars are enrolled in post-secondary education and provides mentoring support for those scholars whose institutions do not offer mentoring programs. QCP also promotes post-secondary education and individual student development and achievement to PHS and PAAAS students.

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