



The Hartford Promise Scholarship provides up to \$20,000 to Hartford Public High School students who live in Hartford, earn a 3.0 GPA and have a 93% cumulative attendance record.

But Hartford Promise is much more than a scholarship; Hartford Promise Scholars also benefit from our Integrated College Success Model of “Reaching Forward and Reaching Back,” where they are known and connected to key resources, supports, services, relationships both in high school and college. We’ve recently added career support services including resume support, internship placement, and career coaching.

Hartford Promise works to strengthen Hartford’s college going culture, increase student expectations, increase the number of Hartford students going to and graduating from college, and add to a larger, more qualified, local work force.



Hartford Promise's ambitious goals are to expand the educational opportunities for the children of Hartford, and in doing so transform the lives of Hartford students and transform the city of Hartford.

Hartford Promise Scholar Testimonials

“Coming from Hartford and going to a public school, so many odds were stacked against me. The Hartford Promise team is the reason I was able to go to UConn and graduate in four years with zero debt! I know Hartford Promise will continue to provide more support and encouragement in the years to come, especially as I navigate through medical school.”

“I definitely would not be where I am today if it wasn't for the people at Hartford Promise!!! It has also been an amazing chance to connect with other peers and hear their inspiring stories, which have truly motivated me to be better and strive higher in my career and education. It is amazing to see students from my city and community who have become so successful and are all doing great things!”

“I'm coming back to Hartford to do TFA and teach English as a second language. If it was not for Hartford Promise, I would not have been able to have a 4 year, on campus, traditional college experience... I would have had to go to community college. It may have taken me longer. I may have had to go part time... Instead, I was able to have this incredible experience and meet people from all over the world and I never felt alone. It's not just the finances, it's the community and it really helped me through it. I know that I want to go into public service work. And I could not invest back into Connecticut if I didn't have this education, the knowledge and the experience I got at UConn. If you want people to then invest back into Connecticut, you first must invest in them.”