**Hartford Promise**

Hartford Promise is a large scale College Scholarship Fund and College Success Program. Our integrated model provides Hartford students the financial resources, support services, and key relationships that lead to college success. Our mission is to strengthen Hartford’s college going culture, increase student expectations, increase the number of Hartford students graduating from college, and add to a larger, more qualified, local work-force. Simply put, we want to markedly decrease the role that ‘luck’ plays in a student’s opportunities and success. To qualify for a Promise Scholarship a student must:

1. Attend a Hartford Public High School continuously since 9th grade
2. Be a Hartford resident throughout high school
3. Have a 93 % or better cumulative attendance record during high school
4. Have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better on a 4.0 scale in high school

Students attending any full time accredited 4-year college or university will receive up to $5,000 per year for a total of $20,000. Students attending any full time accredited 2-year college will receive up to $2,500 per year for a total of $5,000.

**I. College and Career Readiness**

**REACH BACK**

Working closely with Hartford Public Schools, we will strive to ensure that students are college aware, college focused, and academically on track for college admission and success. We will begin by partnering with eligible high schools, with the goal to reach students and families by fifth grade.

Hartford Promise will work with all college access, college prep, and support services available through the Hartford Public School system, as well as those provided by local Community Organizations and other institutions. Our goal is to know what is available, and help Hartford students take full advantage of all resources.

## **REACH FORWARD**

**Supports, Services, & Key Relationships**

Hartford Promise will build strong college and university partnerships to make sure that every Promise Scholar is KNOWN and provided the transitional support and services proven to increase the likelihood for college success, including:

* Mentoring
* Peer-to-Peer support networks
* “Navigating College” resources for students and parents
* Financial and career planning
* Internship and other work opportunities

**Short & Long Term Outcome**

**Our Ambitious Goals**

Hartford Promise’s requirements have already had an immediate and concrete impact on principals, counselors, teachers and students’ commitment and dedication to tracking and improving school attendance and cumulative GPA. Moreover, Hartford Promise has also had tremendous success in leveraging significant additional resources for Promise Scholars. UCONN, for example, will provide Promise Scholars with an additional scholarship of up to $20,000; University of St Joseph will provide Promise Scholars with free housing for four years (this is worth approx. $25,000); and the University of Chicago will provide Promise Scholars with an additional scholarship of up to $20,000; Eastern Connecticut State University will provide Promise Scholars with an additional scholarship of up to $20,000; and Central Connecticut State University will offer Promise Scholars an additional $3,000 Housing Grant.

Our long-term goals are ambitious. In 6 years, we aim to …

* Increase the number of college-bound students in Hartford from 500 students to 700 students
* Increase the percentage of Hartford students on track for college graduation from 50% to 65%
* Grow the number of successful college students from 250 students to 450 students
* Increase the number of Promise Scholars from 140 students to 200 students
* Increase the percentage of Promise Scholars on track for college graduation from 60% to 75%