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## 2024 APPLICATION FORM

### THE TEXAS MATCH THE PROMISE FOUNDATION<sup>SM</sup>

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, excluding medical and dental schools. Match the Promise will award Promise Fund tuition units to approved scholarship recipients, supplementing participant contributions to the plan during the current Promise Fund sales period (Sept. 1, 2024 through Aug. 31, 2025).

#### MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP

Up to \$500 of participant tuition unit purchases will be matched with the same type of tuition units for up to 100 top scoring applicants. Scholarship recipients with a family income of \$75,000 or less will receive a four-to-one match of tuition units worth up to \$2,000 at today's prices. All other scholarship recipients will receive a two-to-one match of tuition units worth up to \$1,000 at today's prices.

#### PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

A one-time grant of tuition units worth \$3,000 at today's prices will also be awarded to the 12 applicants who score the highest. This scholarship doesn't have a matching component.

**The Texas Match the Promise Foundation will accept applications postmarked Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2024.**

**Families can also enroll in the Promise Fund at [TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com](https://TexasTuitionPromiseFund.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.

- Be a beneficiary of a Texas Tuition Promise Fund contract
- Be a Texas resident and a dependent for tax purposes of a Texas resident
- Be a student in grade three through nine
- Have a family income of \$120,000 or less

Students must write a short essay about a career that interests them and submit the essay with this application. You can find essay tips for your child and helpful career websites in our **Student Career Essay Instructions**.

#### EASY STEPS TO APPLY

1. Read the **Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions** for details about the program, application process and contribution requirements.
2. Complete this application and sign where indicated.
3. Include your child's career essay and a copy of your child's report card or transcript for the entire 2023-24 school year.
4. Review the checklist on Page 10 to ensure the application is complete, and mail the application and supporting documentation to the address shown.

***You can apply online, and view the Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions and the Student Career Essay Instructions, at [MatchThePromise.org](https://MatchThePromise.org).***

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Provide the following information to apply for a scholarship from  
**THE TEXAS MATCH THE PROMISE FOUNDATION<sup>SM</sup>**.

**Respond to each item on the application.**

For Match the Promise assistance, call 800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570, or visit [MatchThePromise.org](https://MatchThePromise.org).  
For Texas Tuition Promise Fund assistance, call 800-445-4723, opt. 5, or visit [TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com](https://TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com).

## STUDENT

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade:  3  4  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 2023 federal income tax return must submit this application since the scholarship awards are contingent on income verification. **If the parent or legal guardian also owns the child's Texas Tuition Promise Fund contract**, pages 8-9 of the application do not need to be filled out.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student:  Mother  Father  Guardian  Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## MATCH THE PROMISE

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  Website

Family, Friend or Colleague  Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TEXAS TUITION PROMISE FUND

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 contract 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROMISE FUND CONTRACT TYPES:

If your child's Promise Fund contract is a **lump sum plan**, the contract will automatically be relabeled as a pay-as-you-go plan so that you can make additional tuition unit purchases as needed with the same account number.

If your child's Promise Fund contract is an **installment plan that is not paid in full**, you can use this contract to meet the contribution requirements for the Match the Promise program.

If your child's Promise Fund contract is an **installment plan that is paid in full**, you will need to open a new contract 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 2023 (Line 11 on Form 1040). If you were married but filed separately, indicate the combined adjusted gross income from the income tax returns for both you and your spouse.

Adjusted Gross Income: \_\_\_\_\_ *must be \$120,000 or less*

7. Indicate the number of dependents that you claimed on your 2023 federal income tax return.

Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_ *do not include yourself or your spouse*

*Be sure to indicate the adjusted gross income and number of dependents actually shown on your 2023 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 2023 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** 2023-24 school year (last school year) with this application. The report card or transcript must show the student's name, school and grade. Please note that none of the requested documentation will be returned to you.

Place a check to indicate you have included these items:

Career Essay  2023-24 School Report Card or Transcript

**See the consent form on the next page.**

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## PLEASE READ PAGES 4-6 AND PROVIDE THE REQUESTED SIGNATURE 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 application.

#### **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 exclusive, 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, 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' rights in Authorized Materials include 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. I further represent and warrant that I have secured the requisite consent from any third party referenced or appearing in the Authorized Materials. To the extent that anyone under the age of 18 appears in the Authorized Materials, I represent and warrant that the minor's parents consented to the minor's appearance in the Authorized Materials and the public display of such Authorized Materials. 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:***

Parent/Guardian expressly releases 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 parties in order to maintain the anonymity of Parent/Guardian, Child or third parties during the scoring process. Parent/Guardian, Child and third parties 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.

### ***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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**PARTICIPATION CONSENT, LIABILITY RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

***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.

***Signature:***

I am the parent or legal guardian of the Child, and I certify that I have read, understand and agree to each of the terms above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

***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 (Promise Fund). I understand I must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident alien to open a Promise Fund contract.
- I authorize the Texas Match the Promise Foundation (Foundation) to act on my behalf in contacting the purchaser (if applicable) and the Promise Fund to verify the information in this application, verify Promise Fund contributions and link any scholarship account to the Promise Fund contract I identified in this application.
- If my Promise Fund contract 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 31 of next year, 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 \$50 to the linked Promise Fund contract during the current Promise Fund sales period (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31). 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 understand that Match the Promise scholarship tuition units can only be used at Texas public colleges and universities, and Transfer Value cannot be utilized.
- I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the Texas Tuition 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 submitted between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 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 included.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are **the purchaser** of the Promise Fund contract identified in this application, **skip to Page 10** to ensure your application is complete. If you are **not the purchaser**, go to **Page 8**.

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If you are the parent/guardian filling out this application and are **the purchaser** of your child's Promise Fund contract, this page does not need to be filled out. **Skip to Page 10** to ensure your application is complete.

If you are the parent/guardian filling out this application and are **not the purchaser** of your child's Promise Fund contract, please **read and sign this page**.

## 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 purchaser** of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund (Promise Fund) contract designated in this application.
- I understand the purchaser of the Promise Fund contract designated in this application will own any contributions made to that contract.
- I understand the purchaser of the designated Promise Fund contract can take actions that could result in my child losing some or all of their scholarship or grant, including making non-qualified withdrawals, closing the contract or changing the beneficiary.
- I understand only the purchaser is authorized to request information from the Promise Fund program about the designated Promise Fund contract and scholarship account. The purchaser 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 purchaser can authorize redemption of tuition units for the designated Promise Fund contract and scholarship account when my child is ready for college

Signature of **Parent/Guardian**: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of **Parent/Guardian**: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are the parent/guardian filling out this application and are **not the purchaser** of your child's Promise Fund contract, please **have the purchaser read and sign this page**.

## ACCOUNT OWNER PURCHASER CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that:

- **I am the purchaser** of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund (Promise Fund) contract designated in this application.
- 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.
- I understand the beneficiary of the Promise Fund contract designated in this application is applying to participate in the Match the Promise program.
- I authorize the Texas Match the Promise Foundation (Foundation) to act on my behalf in contacting the Promise Fund program to verify Promise Fund participation and contributions and link any scholarship account to the designated Promise Fund contract.
- 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 contract, including making non-qualified withdrawals, closing the contract or changing the beneficiary, could result in the beneficiary losing some or all of their scholarship or grant.
- If the designated Promise Fund contract 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.
- I understand the Foundation owns and controls the scholarship account and any applicable earnings.
- I understand and agree that Match the Promise scholarship tuition units can only be used at Texas public colleges and universities, and Transfer Value cannot be utilized.
- I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the Texas Tuition 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.

Signature of **Purchaser**: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of **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 Matching Scholarship and Tuition Grant Description and Application Instructions for details about the program, application process and contribution requirements.
- Fill out Pages 2-3 of the application.
- Read and sign Pages 4-7. If you are not the purchaser of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund contract identified in the application, you must read and sign Page 8 and the purchaser must read and sign Page 9.
- Include your child's career essay.
- Include a copy of your child's report card or transcript for the entire 2023-24 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, 2024.
- If your child is approved for a scholarship or grant, make a contribution of at least \$50 to the linked Promise Fund contract between Sept. 1, 2024 and Aug. 31, 2025.

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.*