

## **PROMISE Eligibility Requirements for 2017 High School Graduates**

The Promise Scholarship is a merit-based financial aid program for WV residents. Eligible high school graduates will receive annual awards up to \$4,750 to cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at WV public or independent institutions.

1. All students must complete the PROMISE Scholarship Application (Application for State-Level Financial Aid Programs) by March 1, 2017. The application will be posted on [www.cfwv.com](http://www.cfwv.com) on October 1, 2016. *Keith Winter from WV Clearinghouse will visit with all seniors who are present at school on Tuesday, October 4, and he will walk them through the Promise registration. They will make two copies of the proof of registration – one for the counselor and one to take home.*
2. All students must file the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2017. A student's FAFSA must meet the conditions for processing as of March 1. The FAFSA is available online beginning October 1, 2016.
3. A student's parents or legal guardians must be legal residents of West Virginia for a minimum of one year prior to the application deadline which is March 1, 2017.
4. A student must graduate with a minimum core of 3.0 AND have an overall 3.0 GPA (or whatever is locally considered a "B" average). Weighted grades may be used in this calculation. The core GPA includes all core courses, but does not include electives.

### **Minimum core class requirements are as follows:**

English – 4 credits  
Mathematics – 4 credits  
Social Sciences – 4 credits  
Natural Sciences – 3 credits

(A complete list of scholarship course requirements may be accessed online.)  
One half of the credits required for graduation must have been completed in a public or private high school in WV. However, limited exceptions are available for students from WV who commute daily to an out-of-state public or private high school.

### **5. Minimum Test Score Requirements:**

The highest test scores will be accepted from a single test date. ACT/SAT scores must be from a national test administration and cannot be combined from multiple test administrations. In addition, the ACT and/or SAT writing portion will not be used in determining PROMISE eligibility or in calculating minimum combined scores. The last time for current seniors to take the SAT or ACT for PROMISE eligibility is the June 2017 test date.

(Portions of this page have been copied directly from the [www.cfwv.com](http://www.cfwv.com) website for purposes of condensing information for this booklet. Parents and students should read the complete list of PROMISE Scholarship Eligibility Requirements at [www.cfwv.com](http://www.cfwv.com).)

#### **ACT**

<i>Section</i>	<i>Score</i>
Composite	22
English	20
Mathematics	20
Science	20
Reading	20

#### **SAT** (unofficial; subject to change)

<i>Section</i>	<i>Score</i>
Combined Score	1100
Critical Reading	540
Mathematics	510

