

RED RIVER 
PROMISE

Cooke | Montague | Graham



What is Red River Promise?

The Red River Promise is a last-dollar scholarship that covers tuition (cost of classes) at partner colleges and offers a Success Coach for graduates from participating high schools in Cooke and Montague counties and Graham ISD, with options for all!



MISSION

Build a stronger college-going culture that strengthens the local workforce.

VISION

Develop an affordable Promise program to produce stronger college and workforce outcomes.

Benefits for Students



TUITION GUARANTEED

**Up to 60 credit
hours of tuition
covered.**



SUCCESS COACH

**Mentor with a
success coach
through college
completion.**



TECHNOLOGY

**Greenlight
Student Locker**
**Online platform
for student
records**



OPTIONS FOR ALL

**Includes academic
and technical
programs.
University
partners with
transfer and direct
entry.**

OPTIONS FOR ALL



Career

Technical

Academic

Technical/Workforce Certificates

Associate Degrees

Bachelor's Degrees

Transfer and Direct Entry to Promise Partner

Colleges and Universities



10 RED RIVER PROMISE HIGHER ED PARTNERS



14 Participating High Schools



Bowie ISD



Callisburg ISD



Era ISD



Forestburg ISD



Gainesville ISD



Gold-burg ISD



GRAHAM ISD

Making an impact since 1883

Graham ISD



Lindsay ISD



Muenster ISD



Nocona ISD



Prairie Valley ISD



Sacred Heart



SAINT JO ISD

Saint Jo ISD



Valley View ISD

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

For Any Promise Partner College or University

- Eligible for in-state tuition
- Graduate high school on time
(Between August 1 and June 30)
- Enroll in 12 credit hours in a Promise partner college or university for the immediate fall semester following graduation
- Juniors complete 10 hours of community service



How to Participate in the Red River Promise Program



PLEDGE

Submit your pledge to continuing your education after high school

Promise Pledge



APPLY

Applications Needed:

- College Admission Application
- FAFSA or TASFA
- Institutional scholarships

**Juniors will be required to complete 10 hours of community service*

Promise Bound



REGISTER

Register for 12 credit hours for the immediate fall semester following high school graduation at a Promise partner college.

Promise Scholar

Promise Partner Colleges



GRADUATING SENIORS | DIRECT ENTRY OFFERS



PARTNER COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES	TUITION COVERED*	TARGET GPA	FAMILY INCOME REQUIREMENT	PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE ***	SCHOLARSHIP NAME
NCTC	✓	None	None	✓	Red River Promise Scholarship
MSU TEXAS	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	\$65,000 or Less**	✓	Mustang Guarantee
SE	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	Pell EFC = 00000	✓	
Lion	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	\$65,000 or Less**	✓	President's Promise
T	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	\$65,000 or Less**	✓	Red Raider Guarantee
WV	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	\$50,000 or Less**	✓	
UNT	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	\$65,000 or Less**	✓	
UNT DALLAS	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	\$65,000 or Less**	✓	
A	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	\$85,000 or Less**	✓	Blaze Forward
WT	✓	Based on Admissions Requirements	\$80,000 or Less**	✓	Buff Promise

*Promise dollars do not cover additional fees or the cost of books, supplies, transportation, or housing.

**Must also be Federal Pell Grant or TEXAS Grant eligible.

***Based on date of submission and scholarship availability.

**Promise funds
DO NOT cover:**

- Specialty fees
- Books/supplies/materials
- Transportation
- Housing

Promise Partner Colleges



CURRENT SCHOLARS | TRANSFER OFFERS



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The Pledge



It does not obligate you to participate in the program, a pathway, or partnering college.

Completing the Promise Pledge is the first step toward Promise Program eligibility.



It is a pledge to commit yourself to pursuing an educational pathway after high school and an acknowledgement of opportunity, eligibility, requirements, and next steps.

Pledges & their parents will be able to connect with the Promise Team for support and help completing additional eligibility requirements.



***Attending a Promise partner other than NCTC?
Check their website for deadlines and specific requirements.***

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- **FAFSA is a graduation requirement**
- **Takes approx. 1 hour to complete**
- **Can receive \$6,895 in Pell for 1 year**
- **Some schools use FAFSA to determine what aid to offer**
- **Students under 24 need parent information to apply**

- **Deadlines will differ by school**
- **You can send to up to 10 schools**
- **File early to get maximum aid**
- **MUST reapply each year**
- **Special circumstances happen—our team is here to help you through the process**

TASFA

Texas Application for State Financial Aid

The TASFA is meant for students who:

- Are ineligible for federal aid–FAFSA
- Are Texas residents
- Attended 3 years of high school in Texas

The TASFA is a paper application
due by January 15.

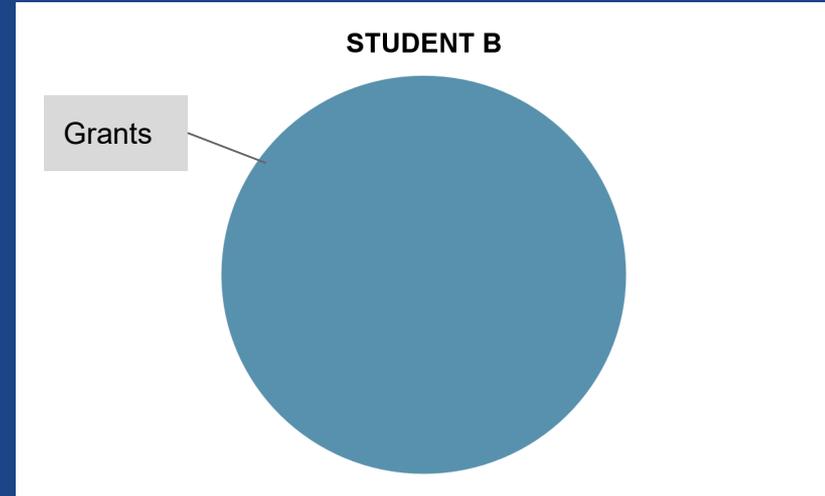
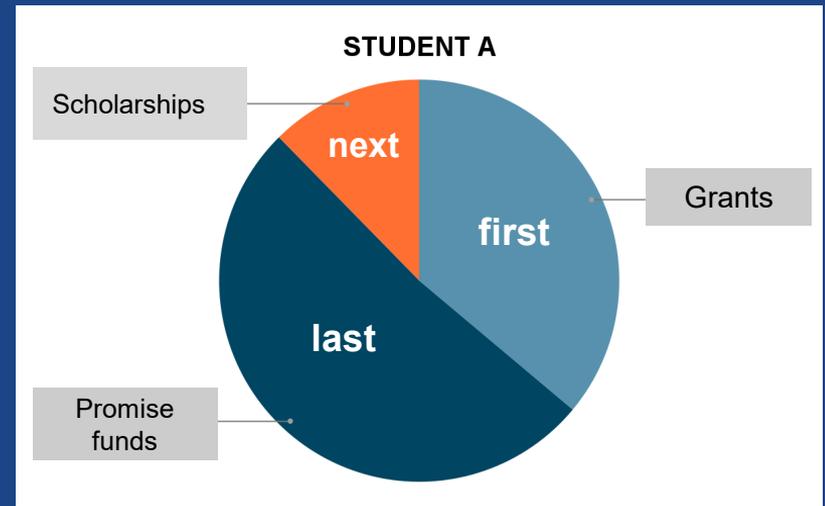
We will assist you with completing this individually.

TASFA FACTS

- No hidden agenda
- Helps fund school for students
- Not used for reporting residency status to any agency
- Used to help schools determine what aid a student is eligible to receive
- Information is confidential

What is a last-dollar scholarship?

A *last-dollar scholarship* covers any remaining tuition and fees after any federal, state, institutional aid, or external scholarships have been applied.



Last-dollar Scholarship Funds are Applied Last

1

Federal or State Aid

Federal or state aid is applied toward tuition *FIRST*.



2

Other Scholarships

Internal or external scholarship funds are applied to tuition *SECOND*. Scholarship funds are applied before Promise funds.



3

Promise Funds

Promise funds are applied to tuition *LAST* and after all other aid has been applied.



SAMPLE UNIVERSITY BILL

No : 123/456/7890
Date : 02/02/2020

Invoice to :

ABBY SMARTYPANTS

+123-456-7890
abby@smartypants.com

PAYMENT METHOD

Salford & Co.
Account No : 123-456-7890

DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Computer & Info Tech Fee	\$175.10
ID Activation Fee	\$4.95
Intercollegiate Athletics Fee	\$37.95
Intl Education Fee	\$1.32
Library Service Fee	\$69.30
Medical Services Fee	\$17.97
Recreational Facility Fee	\$24.75
Registration Fee	\$1.65
Student Service Fee	\$49.50
Student Union	\$12.87

+123-456-7890
financeoffice@reallygreatuni.edu
123 Anywhere St., Any City, ST 12345

TOTAL : 395.36

Tuition and Fees

The Red River Promise covers tuition but does **NOT** cover additional fees or indirect costs included in your bill or the cost of attendance.

Tuition:

Cost for classes—base price per credit hour for courses

Fees:

additional institutional costs—fees related to being a student at that institution and not necessarily to a particular course

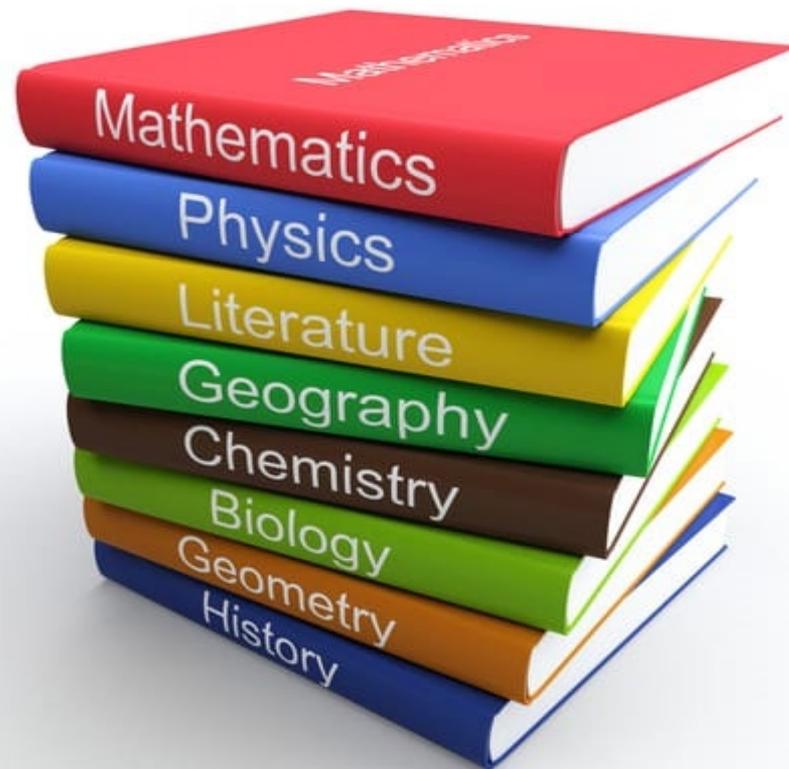
Indirect Costs

things students will need while in college: books, supplies, housing, transportation, etc.

Books and Supplies

The Promise Scholarship does **NOT** cover books, supplies, fees, or additional indirect costs associated with attending college.

Students are responsible for the cost of books, supplies, fees, and any additional costs.



NCTC Promise Scholar Renewal



Once enrolled at NCTC as a Promise Scholar, renewed eligibility includes:

Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA

Complete 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester

Must enroll in each fall and spring semester until completion

Submit financial aid FAFSA / TASFA and NCTC Foundation scholarship application EVERY YEAR



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

12/10/22

Submit FAFSA for a chance to win 1 of 2 laptops

2/15/23

UTA Application & FAFSA/TASFA

1/15/23

TTU Application & FAFSA

3/1/23

Application & FAFSA/TASFA for:
UNT
UNT
TAMUC
TWU

1/15/23

FAFSA & TASFA Priority Date

2/1/23

RRP Pledge Closes

3/30/23

SOSU Application & FAFSA/TASFA

2/1/23

MSU FAFSA Priority Date

4/1/23

Juniors: Community Service Hours

Questions?



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