

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program’s mission is to identify, select, and support Montgomery County, poverty impacted eighth grade students, who have shown academic promise, so the dream of attending and graduating from college becomes a reality.

“With education all things are possible.”

COLLEGE PROMISE IMPACT

By breaking the cycle of poverty for select Montgomery County students, the **College Promise Program** has a profound impact on not only their quality of life but also the greater community.

By attaining their college education at a regional college or university, **College Promise** students will be attractive for Montgomery County employers which will retain our investment right here at home.

You can’t change everything all at once.
You make change one person at a time.
—Fred Smith

LEARN MORE

Additional information on how you can support the **College Promise Program** can be found online or by contacting the **College Promise** office at:

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THE COLLEGE PROMISE COMMITMENT

College Promise Program provides a life-changing opportunity for select Montgomery County students. These students, whose lives have been impacted by poverty, are identified and selected during their 8th-grade year. Each student is supported throughout high school by a caring adult mentor who meets with them weekly for about 30 minutes at their school and through programming offered by the **College Promise Program**.

Selected students, upon successful completion of high school and meeting the college entrance requirements, are awarded scholarships that allow them to attend college at little to no cost to them or their families. Current partner colleges include: Sinclair Community College, Miami University Regionals, Antioch College, Central State University, Denison University, Kettering College, Miami University, Ohio Northern University, Ohio University, the University of Dayton, Wittenberg University, and Wright State University.



STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMITMENT

College Promise students sign a contract that pledges they will be alcohol, tobacco, and drug free; be crime free; practice good citizenship; maintain a strong record of school attendance; achieve the required grade point average; participate in school or community based activities; and attend weekly meetings with their mentors.



College Promise parents/guardian sign a contract that pledges they will provide a supportive home environment, develop a positive relationship with the

College Promise staff, and attend open houses/parent teacher conferences at their child’s school.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Students and Parents/Guardians fill out a comprehensive application due, November 15, which includes the student’s academic record, the family’s financial information, and recommendations from their school and community. Each application is reviewed and ranked using a student application scoring rubric. Interviews are held with the top ranked students and their families to confirm their fit for the program. About 50 eighth grade students from across Montgomery County are selected for each cohort class.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE

Each student who fulfills the **College Promise** pledge earns a scholarship opportunity to attend Sinclair Community College or the Miami Regionals to earn an Associate’s Degree. Those who successfully complete their degree earn a scholarship to attend Central State University, Miami University, Wittenberg University or Wright State University. On a competitive basis, students earn the opportunity to receive a four-year scholarship from select college and university partners.



MENTORING

Each **College Promise** student is provided with a caring and supportive adult mentor who serves as a role model. Mentors meet with their assigned student once a week for about 30 minutes at their student’s school. Research has shown that a mentor will improve a student’s school attendance, their grades, and their behaviors as they relate to making good decisions. Mentoring is the single most important element of the **College Promise Program**.

A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could.
—Unknown

