

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program's mission is to identify, select, and support 500 Montgomery County, poverty impacted, eighth-grade students, over a 10-year period, who have shown academic promise so that 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 500 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 at www.mcocp.org or by contacting the **College Promise** Office at:

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THE COLLEGE PROMISE COMMITMENT

The **College Promise Program** provides a life-changing opportunity for 500 Montgomery County students over a 10-year period. These students, whose lives have been impacted by poverty, are identified and selected during their eighth-grade year. Each student is supported throughout high school by a caring adult mentor who meets with them weekly for 30 to 60 minutes at their school and through programming offered by the **College Promise Program**.

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



STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMITMENT

The **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.

The **College Promise** parents/guardians 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 that 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 matrix. Interviews are held with the top-ranked students and their families to confirm their fit for the program. 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 to earn an associate's degree. Those who successfully complete their degree earn a scholarship to attend Wright State University or other four-year university partners to earn their bachelor's degree. On a competitive basis, students can 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 30 to 60 minutes at the 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 drug and alcohol use. 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

