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## **PROGRAM FACTS (through May 2018)**

\$4.2 million in scholarships have been provided through

Over 2,400 students have been awarded funds

46% were first in family to attend college

65% would not have attended college without Peoria Promise

95% of Peoria Promise recipients are employed while in school

90% of our alumni are working in Greater Peoria

75% are working in Peoria

## **STUDENT STATISTIC**

83% Peoria Public School students – 17% Private School students

65% low income (based on EFC from College FAFSA application)

54% diversity

70% of available jobs in market only required a 2-year certificate

65% increase in applications in the past 2 years (2017 and 2018)

## **FUNDING:**

100% Donor Funded Tuition Reimbursement program

NO local, state or federal tax dollars are collected

Peoria Promise is the **ONLY PROGRAM OF ITS KIND** in our community

An **OPPORTUNITY** for students to receive out-of-pocket tuition reimbursement to attend Illinois Central College.

An **EXTENSION** of Employee benefits for the Peoria Workforce and their eligible children Peoria Promise is now a **HEART OF ILLINOIS UNITED WAY AGENCY**.

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Peoria Promise now uses comprehensive metrics to measure and manage our results in conjunction with National Clearinghouse and Illinois Central College.

Surveys are completed each semester with all students to ensure accuracy

Peoria Promise will only reimburse for successful completion of coursework with a “C” or better grade per class.

Students are now encouraged to complete College Readiness Class at ICC and is eligible for Peoria Promise reimbursement.

Peoria Promise reimburses tuition costs between 50% to 100%, based on demonstrated need and after all other financial assistance. This program was put in place Fall of 2015. Promise will reimburse up to 12 credit hours per semester.

All high school graduates (who reside in the city of Peoria for a minimum of 4 years), both Public School and Private Schools.

Students who have received a GED certificate or a valid Home School certificate are now eligible for Peoria Promise.

Peoria Promise has extended the open application season annually from February 1 – May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This was effective in 2017.

## **NEW CAREER INITIATIVE**

Working in concert with Trade Organizations, high schools and private companies to increased enrollment in trade career programs and certification.

“The best investment a business can make is one that enhances the economic future of its community.” Jim Ardis, Mayor City of Peoria.

Supports economic development by increasing the number of graduates who complete a college or vocational program, thereby delivering a more skilled workforce.

Application and investment information can be found on our website at

[www.peoriapromise.org](http://www.peoriapromise.org).