

The Detroit College Promise

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Scholarships Descriptions for DPSCD Seniors - Class of 2022

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The Detroit College Promise (DCP) scholarship, founded by Dr. Nat Pernick in 2008, in honor of his parents who were Detroit Public Schools alumni, was created to support Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) graduating seniors. In 2015, Dr. Pernick, then a Board Member of Detroit Public Schools Foundation, transferred the management of the DCP to the DPS Foundation. This one-time lump sum scholarship requires attendance at a DPSCD high school for 4- years, a minimum 2.5 earned GPA, and matriculation to a State of Michigan-based higher educational institution. The DCP may be used towards tuition, books, housing, meal plans or technology essentials. Total funds raised annually are divided among the pool of scholars.

Detroit Chapter 9 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Detroit Chapter #9 of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA9) has been a beacon for Vietnam veterans in the Detroit Metropolitan area. While focused on Vietnam veterans and their needs, the Chapter also supports and advocates on issues important to all veterans and continually looks for ways to contribute to the local community. Four scholarships are available:

1. Outstanding Junior ROTC Cadet (Two Scholarships)

High School Junior ROTC programs are important, in part, for the discipline and leadership skills that are taught to all cadets. Two scholarships for \$2,500 each will be awarded.

2. Unsung Graduate (Two Scholarships)

Many of VVA9's members would not have qualified for a college scholarship based upon their academic performance in high school. Yet, following their discharge from active duty, these same members became successful in their careers. Recognizing Unsung Graduates, who have confronted their own challenges, assistance for post-secondary education is provided. Two scholarships for \$2,500 each will be awarded.

George Curby Newman Memorial

The George Curby Newman Scholarship awards a \$1,000 scholarship to 1-male and 1-female DPSCD senior varsity athletes matriculating into higher education. This family-established award celebrates his legacy of professionalism, extreme expertise in his field, stewardship, and love for DPSCD. Mr. Newman was a DPSCD physical education teacher and coach, eventually becoming the Athletic Director at Southeastern High School.

Willie McAllister, Jr.

DPSCD seniors may apply for one of four (4), Willie McAllister, Jr., Fine Arts and Education scholarships, which are \$2,500 each. This scholarship, endowed by ABC Student Transportation, honors now retired Mr. McAllister's 40+ year tenure and Fine Arts contributions to the District.

Accelerate4KIDS

The Accelerate4Kids Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality computer science and technology education in underserved communities. Accelerate4Kids is offering \$3,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors. \$2,000 to a senior attending a 4-year institution, \$1,000- to a senior attending a Community College, and \$500- to a senior attending Trade School.

Samuel and Margaret Crawford

The Samuel & Margaret Crawford Scholarship Fund rewards \$1, 500 to students who have exhibited academic promise, tenacity, and self-efficacy. Samuel K. Crawford, Sr., and Margaret Crawford, both proud graduates of Detroit Public Schools, are advocates of higher education and achievement amongst young people, particularly those who have overcome challenging circumstances. During her life, Margaret Crawford founded The Council for Black Student Achievement, a non-profit organization that offered tutoring services and scholarships for students who were struggling academically and in need of extra support, advocacy, and assistance with college expenses.

William Laroy Esters- Detroit Collegiate Preparatory High School at Northwestern

William loved the game of football. Bearing the #32 jersey, William played varsity football for the Northwestern Colts during his high school years. After graduating in 1965, William was recruited to play football at the University of Kansas. He was the first in his family to attend college. The William Laroy Esters Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a scholar-athlete at Detroit Collegiate Preparatory at Northwestern High School who demonstrates strong athletic ability and scholarship. Award amount TBD.

US Ecology

US Ecology, an environmental services organization, is offering four non-renewable scholarships totaling \$5,000 each as a commitment to furthering opportunities in STEM. The scholarships will be awarded to 2- female and 2-male graduating seniors who plan to pursue a science major, full-time, at a four-year Michigan Institution.

Online Application opens January 10, 2022 & closes February 28, 2022

<https://bit.ly/DPSFScholarships>

Deadlines:

Phase 1 - Monday, February 28, 2022

Phase 2 - Thursday, March 31, 2022

Phase 3 - Friday, April 29, 2022

Requirements for Each Phase:

Application, student ID, and 1st semester transcript
(You will be notified by the DPS Foundation if you will move onto the next phase)

Recommendations, Endorsements, Videos and Essays
(You will be notified by the DPS Foundation if you will move onto the next phase)

College/University acceptance letter and College/University Student ID Number

Apply to one or more scholarships at: <https://bit.ly/DPSFScholarships>

**Awards may be used towards education-related expenses at an accredited college or university, such as tuition, books, housing, meal plans or technology essentials.*

| | Enrolled 9-12 | Minimum 2.5 GPA | Michigan School Required | Essay Required | Additional Information & Requirements (# of Scholarships Awarded) |
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| Detroit College Promise | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Detroit Chapter 9 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.: Outstanding Junior ROTC Cadet | ✓ | ✓ | | | Recommendation from senior instructor and endorsement by DPSCD Director of Army Instruction (2 Scholarships) |
| Detroit Chapter 9 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.: Unsung Graduate | ✓ | ✓ | | | Recommendation from teacher or counselor with principal approval (2 Scholarships) |
| George Curby Newman Memorial | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | 1 Male & 1 Female Athlete (2 Scholarships) |
| Willie McAllister, Jr., Fine Arts and Education | ✓ | 3.0 | | ✓ | Recommendation from fine arts teacher with administrator approval (4 Scholarships) |
| Accelerate4KIDS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | (1) 4-year institution, (1) Community College, & (1) Trade School (3 Scholarships) |
| Samuel and Margaret Crawford | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | Female Applicants Only (1 Scholarship) |
| William Laroy Esters - Detroit Collegiate Preparatory High School at Northwestern | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | Male Applicants Only, Recommendation from counselor (1 Scholarship) |
| US Ecology | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 Male, and 2 Female (4 Scholarships) |