

Award Ceremonies
Promise Scholarship Awards *Sample Script*

Good evening (morning/afternoon.)

It is my pleasure to announce the 2026 class of Promise Scholars from <insert high school>.

The Promise Scholarship was launched in 2002. Since then, thousands of students from every West Virginia county have benefited from the program. The scholarship covers up to \$5,500 per year toward the cost of tuition and fees at approved two-year or four-year colleges in West Virginia.

We encourage all graduating seniors to file the 2026-2027 FAFSA and visit CFWV.com to apply for state financial aid. There are funds available to help all students attend college and filing the FAFSA is the first step! Visit StudentAid.gov for more information about the FAFSA.

Earning the Promise Scholarship is an outstanding achievement. To qualify, students must obtain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and an overall ACT score of 21 with a score of at least 19 in each of the four ACT subject areas or the equivalent on the SAT. Applicants can still qualify on the ACT or SAT through July 2026.

Research studies have confirmed Promise Scholars are more likely to graduate from college --- and graduate on time --- than other students. Promise graduates have been shown to be more active and engaged members in our communities --- owning homes, managing successful careers, and serving in leadership positions in the community.

Students: I hope you will continue this tradition of honoring the commitment the State of West Virginia is making in you by paying it forward. Promise Scholars are encouraged to complete community service projects, serve as leaders on our college campuses, and work to promote a prosperous and bright future for all West Virginians.

As I call your name, please join me on stage to be recognized for this exceptional academic accomplishment:

[Recognize students]