



Scholar Commitment Agreement

Expected Graduation Year _____

I, (student name) _____, along with my parent(s)/guardian (name/s): _____

commit to putting forth efforts to develop and achieve academic success as well as a solid plan for a post-secondary pathway. Project GRAD Knoxville (Project GRAD) will assist me as I prepare for my college and/or career choice by setting goals, developing a plan, and engaging in college and career access activities and preparation to include: applying for admission and financial aid, applying for scholarships, and participating in development and trainings as I become equipped to achieve my dreams.

I understand that as a Project GRAD Scholar, I will be expected to persevere and meet the established milestones to become eligible for a \$4,000 scholarship to be used at an accredited post-secondary institution of my choice.

I, along with my parent(s)/guardian, commit to:

- ◆ **DEVELOP A DETAILED CAREER PATHWAY PLAN THAT REPRESENTS MY STRENGTHS AND PASSIONS;**
 - ◆ **DO WELL IN MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES AND CHOOSE COURSES THAT FURTHER MY CAREER GOALS;**
 - ◆ **DEMONSTRATE MY ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.**
- I UNDERSTAND THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE \$4,000 GRAD SCHOLARSHIP REQUIRES:**
- ◆ **COMPLETION OF AT LEAST TWO (2) PROJECT GRAD APPROVED SUMMER INSTITUTES AND**
 - ◆ **GRADUATION ON TIME WITH A MINIMUM 2.5 GPA**



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In turn, Project GRAD commits to guide me towards my career goals and equip me for the journey to and through post-secondary by providing intentional college & career access coaching as well as exposures and experiences that support my goals.

My signature below confirms:

I intend to remain in a Project GRAD High School (Fulton or Austin-East) until graduation. I also understand that after meeting the eligibility requirements for the Project GRAD Scholarship as outlined in this document, I will be eligible to receive a \$4,000 scholarship disbursed \$1,000 annually for up to four years at any accredited college, university, or post-secondary technical institution within the United States.

I understand that:

- all scholarship monies will be paid directly to the academic institution once enrollment is verified through proof of registration at the institution receiving my scholarship funding.
- scholarship recipients have five years from activation to claim the scholarship on a semester basis. The scholarship must be used continuously once awarded and fully exhausted within five (5) years of the date of high school graduation. In the event a student enlists for active duty in any branch of the United States Armed Forces and begins serving within the twelve (12) month period immediately following high school graduation, the student's eligibility for the scholarship under the Project GRAD Scholarship Program shall be extended. In no event, however, shall Project GRAD's obligation to provide scholarship funding extend beyond six (6) years after graduation, unless special circumstances warrant an exception, which shall be at Project GRAD's sole discretion.
- Scholarships must be renewed each semester. Each semester's renewal requires maintenance of a 2.0 grade point average or better and classification by credit hours of the academic institution as a full time student per semester at an accredited college, university, or post-secondary technical institution. Requirements of Partner Institutions may differ.

** I hereby give Project GRAD Knoxville, its employees, and representatives, permission to photograph, and record this student during Project GRAD activities and events for use in promotional audio, video, film, or any other electronic, digital and printed media with the understanding that no monetary compensation is involved for either party and I release all parties from any liabilities arising from the use of this material.*

Signed: _____
Student

date

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

date



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(PARENT COPY – KEEP)

As a parent/guardian of a student at a Project GRAD High School, I and my scholar/s have committed to work toward achieving academic success as well as a solid plan for a post-secondary pathway. Project GRAD will assist as the student prepares for the intended college and/or career choice by setting goals, developing a plan, and engaging in college and career access activities and preparation to include applying for admission and financial aid, applying for scholarships and participating in development and trainings.

We have also committed to: develop a detailed plan for a career pathway that represents student's strengths and passions; work to do well in high school classes; choose courses that further career goals; and demonstrate engagement and leadership through community service and extra-curricular activities. Further commitment to student goals can be demonstrated by earning "Ready for my Future (RFMF) badges as outlined in the Project GRAD Scholar Success Plan.

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