

Promise+Plus Updates

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Dear Student Services Team leads,

I have updates and great news to keep us motivated through the summer. Please feel free to share with your respective faculty, classified staff, and student staff.

Promise+Plus (P+P) has reached capacity. Nearly 1,000 students are being served through STEP and Bridge. Through the varied efforts of Counseling, STEP interns, HSO, P+P, and Inreach, both Summer Bridge and STEP are now full. Excellent collaboration and teamwork! I also want to acknowledge the contributions of the Marketing department and IT department for their incredible support. There are still a few spots available on the COUN 1 (STEP) waitlist. Please encourage students to add themselves to the waitlist for the sessions that start on July 22nd.

Just a reminder that Promise+Plus students are the following: first time college students that complete either STEP or Summer Bridge, submit a 2019-20 FAFSA or CA Dream Act, and register for math and/or English in the Fall. P+P benefits will kick-in the Fall semester. For a list of Plus Benefits go to www.mtsac.edu/promise Currently students that are eligible have been coded to receive early registration for the Fall semester (July 11). We will verify the status of the following to determine eligibility for distribution of the additional Fall benefits: registration into a math or English course, submission of a 2019-20 FAFSA or CA Dream Act.

Below are some commonly asked questions that are also attached for your convenience. Please reach out to me directly or Bianca Valle-Ward, P+P Professional Expert (ext. 5421 bvalleward@mtsac.edu) . We're happy to answer questions and appreciate your understanding that because this initiative is a new pilot program, we're learning and improving as we go.

Thank you for your continued support and for having encouraged students, family, friends, and the community to participate. May you continue to have a blessed summer!

Does Promise+Plus mean FREE college? It can if the student is awarded the Promise GRANT (formerly known as the BOG Fee waiver). P+P students that submit a 2019-20 FAFSA or CA Dream Act and qualify for the Promise GRANT (BOG) will have their registration fees waived and P+P will waive the additional mandatory fees (i.e. student activities fee, student representation fee, health services, transportation fee). *Students that do not qualify for the Promise GRANT (BOG) will be responsible for paying their registration fees but P+P will cover the additional mandatory fees.* Whether or not a student is eligible for the Promise GRANT, they will receive Plus Benefits including early registration for the Fall, Winter, and Spring semester, book vouchers, meal cards, etc. All Promise+Plus students MUST submit a 2019-20 FAFSA or CA Dream Act (whether or not they receive \$).

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2019-20 Promise+Plus What if scenarios

Question	Answer
Is out-of-state/non-cal resident	They qualify
Participated in special admit, dual enrollment, or has articulated units	They qualify
Went to a trade/vocational school	They qualify
Already took Counseling 1 <u>through</u> special admit <u>or</u> dual enrollment therefore couldn't participate in STEP	They qualify (have them email us)
Already completed their English requirements through special admit <u>or</u> dual enrollment	They qualify IF they have not completed their math requirements AND register for math courses (Same rule applies to those that completed math in special admit or dual enrollment)
Is interested in receiving P+P but they didn't do 2019 SU Bridge or STEP	They do not qualify
Is currently in SU Bridge or STEP BUT hasn't submitted their P+P application	They qualify. Have them apply immediately at our website
Is an international student	They do not qualify
Falls below the 2.0 GPA in the Summer	They jeopardize their eligibility to stay in P+P. They may use the Fall semester to increase their GPA to a minimum 2.0 to remain eligible for subsequent semesters.
Falls below the 2.0 GPA in the Fall	They jeopardize their eligibility to stay in P+P. They may use the Winter semester to increase their GPA to a minimum 2.0 to remain eligible for subsequent semesters.

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