The Promise Program is a federally-funded (TRIO) Student Support Services program that provides extensive assistance to first-generation and limited-income college students. The Promise Program supports students with the goal of helping them remain in good academic standing, stay enrolled in college, and graduate with a bachelor's degree from Mount Mary University.

All Promise Scholars must:

- Be undergraduate students accepted or enrolled at Mount Mary University
- Be U.S. Citizens or nationals or meet residency requirements for federal student financial assistance
- Have a demonstrated need for academic support
- Be first-generation and/or low income college students
  *First-generation=parent(s) or guardian(s) did not earn a bachelor's degree
  *Limited-income=family meets federal government income eligibility guidelines

Section I: Personal Data

Last Name_____ **First Name** _____**Middle Name**_____

Date of Birth: _____ **Student ID#:**_____

Are you Hispanic or Latino? ☐Yes ☐No

Ethnicity (check all that apply):

☐American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐Asian ☐Black/African American

☐Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐White

Are you a U.S. citizen or national or meet residency requirements for Federal Financial Aid?

☐Yes ☐No

Preferred email address:_____

Preferred phone number:_____

Are you a Grace or Caroline or Title III student? (Circle all that apply)   Caroline   Grace   Title III

Section II: Education Information

Intended Major: _____ **Minor** _____

Have you participated in other **TRIO** or College Prep Programs? Check **ALL** that apply

☐Upward Bound ☐ Talent Search ☐ Educational Opportunity Center

☐ Veterans Upward Bound ☐ Student Support Services (at another school)

☐ GEAR-UP ☐ MMU Grace Scholar ☐ MMU Caroline Scholar ☐ MMU Title III

☐ Other college prep program _____

Section III: Eligibility

Have you applied for Financial Aid? ☐Yes ☐No

What type of Financial Aid have you received?

☐Pell Grant ☐Scholarship ☐Work Study ☐Loan ☐Other

1. **Are you 24 years of age or older?** ☐Yes ☐No

2. **Are you married?** ☐Yes ☐No

3. **Do you have children?** ☐Yes ☐No children's ages:_____

4. **Are you a current or former foster youth?** ☐Yes ☐No

5. **Are you in the U.S. Military or a Veteran?** ☐Yes ☐No

> If you answered **Yes** to question 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, please provide **your prior year tax return** and answer questions 6 & 7 with your financial information. **OR** if you answered **No** to all questions, please provide your **parent's prior year tax return** and their information on questions 6 & 7.

6. **What was your family's prior year taxable income?** _____(2021 - IRS 1040 line 11)

7. **How many people were claimed on your parent's prior year tax return (including yourself)?** _____

8. **Do either of your parents have a Bachelor's degree?** ☐Yes ☐No

Indicate the highest level of education competed by your parents/guardians:

Father: ☐High School or less ☐ Some College ☐ Bachelor's Degree or higher

Mother: ☐High School or less ☐ Some College ☐ Bachelor's Degree or higher

Documentation of Academic Need: Check **ANY** that may apply (**MUST BE COMPLETED**)

☐Have been out of school for five years or more

☐English is your second language/you have limited English proficiency

☐Have a documented learning disability

☐Unsure about or lack of educational and/or career goals (e.g., undecided major)

☐Need academic support to raise grades in required courses or academic major

☐Other:_____

How can the Promise Program help you?

☐Tutoring in: _____ _____ _____

☐Study Skills (time management, note taking, test taking, etc)

☐Personal Coaching/Mentoring ☐Graduate School Planning and Career Exploration

☐Academic Advising/Degree Planning ☐FAFSA Assistance, Financial Planning and Budgeting

Release of Information

The Promise Program would like your permission to access and release family and student information for the following reasons:

1. The Promise Program must report student progress and eligibility information to the U.S. Department of Education to demonstrate program effectiveness when requesting renewed funding.

2. The Promise Program will monitor academic progress with faculty and academic support staff for the purpose of students' continued college success and possible intervention by program staff.

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Student Signature   Date

_____

Parent/Guardian Signature (needed if student is under 18)   Date

Photo/Media Release

Some of our publication and marketing materials come from the use of photos and videos taken of Promise Scholars during program events. By signing below, you give the right to use your name, photo, or video.

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Student Signature   Date

Text Messaging Consent

Cell phone number _____

Phone carrier/provider _____

By signing below, you agree that members of the Promise Program staff can send text messages to your mobile phone regarding program events and your participation in the program.

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Student Signature   Date

Acknowledgement

I verify that I am at least *18 years of age. The information contained in this application is true and accurate. Additionally, I have read the releases and fully understand their contents.

_____

Student Signature   Date

*I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above. I verify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate. Additionally, I have read the releases, fully understand their contents, and have legal authority to execute the releases.

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Parent/Guardian Signature   Date