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# ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Georgia Promise Scholarship

### **Q1: What is the Georgia Promise scholarship?**

A: The Georgia Promise Scholarship is a new program that empowers families to pursue educational programs through nonpublic schooling, including private schools. Families of some public-school students in k-12 can receive \$6,500 per eligible student (administrative fee may apply) to help with school expenses such as tuition, school supplies and transportation.

### **Q2: Who is eligible to apply for the Georgia Promise scholarship?**

A: Eligible students are enrolled in lower performing Georgia public schools during the 2024-25 school year for two consecutive semesters or who will start kindergarten in the fall of 2025. Students must also be Georgia residents for over a year with an exception for active-duty military.

### **Q3: Which Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Atlanta accept the Georgia Promise scholarship?**

A: All archdiocesan Catholic schools accept the Georgia Promise scholarship. Families can contact independent Catholic schools directly to learn if they are accepting the Georgia Promise scholarship.

### **Q4: What is the difference between Georgia Promise and Georgia GOAL?**

A: Georgia Promise is a scholarship that awards eligible students from public schools a \$6,500 scholarship (administrative fee may apply) to attend a nonpublic school, including private schools and homeschooling. Georgia GOAL is the new archdiocesan scholarship organization that replaced the GRACE Scholars program and operates the same way. An easy way to remember this is to say, "GOAL is the new GRACE."

### **Q5: Does the Georgia Promise scholarship take money away from public schools?**

A: No, this new scholarship does not take away funds from public schools. In fact, the state saves money by awarding students the scholarship to attend private schools and home schooling with the scholarship. Watch a [Fox5 news story](#) on the scholarship to learn more.

### **Q6: Where can families go online to find out more information?**

A: For more information on the Georgia Promise scholarship, visit [mygeorgiapromise.org](http://mygeorgiapromise.org).

### **Q7: What if the Georgia Promise scholarship is not enough financial support?**

A. Archdiocesan Catholic Schools also have block grants and financial aid funds that can be added to the Promise scholarship. Please contact the desired school for more information.

**Q8: Can a family use both Georgia GOAL and Georgia Promise money?**

A: No, GOAL and Promise money cannot be combined, but schools have other financial aid resources. You should contact the school you would like your child(ren) to attend for more information.

**Q9: If I am accepted for a Georgia Promise Scholarship, am I automatically accepted at the school of my choice, or vice versa?**

A: No, the application process for the Georgia Promise Scholarship and the Catholic school are separate.