What are the requirements for all participants in the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise Program?

- Be a CA resident/AB540 Student.
- Be a First Time Student.
- Sign a Promise Pledge.
- Complete an Education Plan.
- Complete Orientation.
- FAFSA or Dream Act Application (CADAA) is required for each award year.
- Maintain full-time status – Full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 units) will be reviewed on a semester basis. Students will be ineligible for the following semester if less than 12 units were completed/attempted.
  - Units assigned a NP, Incomplete, or F grade will be counted.
  - Units assigned a W or WF will not be counted.
  - Disabled Students – Per the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, “to determine if disabled students should be considered full-time for College Promise eligibility if enrolled in less than 12 units, a local determination would have to be made based on a fact-intensive analysis that would depend on the student’s specific circumstances.” Students should therefore be referred to their respective ARC or DSPS office for this determination.
- Have a Cumulative 2.0 GPA – Cumulative GPA will be reviewed following the spring semester only. Students are ineligible for the second year if first year cumulative GPA is less than 2.0.

- Promise benefits are limited to a period of two consecutive academic years. For example, students who begin in spring during their first year, could receive continued benefits through spring of the 2nd academic year, not beyond.

What if the student was a Promise Scholar during 2018-2019, do they qualify for another year?

- Yes, students who were eligible for the Promise in 2018-19 with minimum of 12 units completed/attempted each prior semester and a cumulative 2.0 GPA, are eligible to receive 2nd Year (2019-20) funds.
  - Students must meet the following requirements by the September 10, 2019 Promise deadline:
    - Submit FAFSA or Dream Act Application for current award year.
    - Be enrolled in minimum of 12 units (by update of all census rosters*).
    - Maintain full-time status in fall in order to remain eligible for spring.
What about students starting in Fall of 2019, how many years do they qualify for?

- **Any first time, CA resident/AB540 student** may be eligible to receive first and second year Promise benefits.
- Students must meet the following requirements by the Promise deadline:
  - Sign the Promise Pledge.
  - Submit FAFSA or Dream Act Application for current award year.
  - Complete an Education Plan.
  - Complete Orientation.
  - Be enrolled in minimum of 12 units (by update of all census rosters*).
- Students must **maintain full-time status** each semester to remain eligible for the following semester, during the two year period.
- Students must **maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA** (reviewed at the end of spring) in order to remain eligible for the second year.

What if the student wasn’t a Promise Scholar last year, can the student participate in the second year?

- **Yes,** any student may be eligible to receive 2nd year funds if they met the following requirements during their first year (2018-19):
  - First-time, CA resident/AB540 student in the prior year (2018-19)
  - Completed/attempted minimum of 12 units during each semester of their first year
  - Earned a cumulative 2.0 GPA
- Students must meet the following requirements by the Promise deadline:
  - Sign the Promise Pledge
  - Submit FAFSA or Dream Act Application for current award year
  - Complete Education Plan
  - Complete Orientation
  - Be enrolled in minimum of 12 units in fall (by update of all census rosters*)
- Students must maintain full-time status in fall, to remain eligible for spring

- **Transfer Students** – Students who attended another California Community College in their first year and met the requirements indicated above, may also be eligible for 2nd Year funds. These students will be handled via the petition process (to be developed by college petition committees), and must provide their transcript from the previous college(s).

Is the Summer term covered?

- **No,** summer enrollment and mandatory fees will not be paid by the Grossmont-Cuyamca College Promise.
  - Summer enrollment will not impact Promise eligibility.
  - Summer GPA is included in cumulative GPA.
How are tuition & mandatory fees paid for students?

- **The Promise deadline is September 10, 2019.** Students will be notified via email if they are eligible or not, shortly after this date.
- Students have two options on how to handle payment:
  1. **Students can wait for tuition and fees to be covered by the Promise.** After the deadline, students who meet eligibility requirements will automatically have their tuition and fees applied to their account.
     IMPORTANT NOTE: Until eligibility is confirmed/denied, students will receive emails notifying them:
     - They have an outstanding balance
     - If they are a potential Promise student, they will not be dropped for nonpayment.
  2. **Students can pay upon registration and receive a reimbursement.**
     After the deadline, if student eligibility is confirmed, students who paid by debit/credit will be automatically reimbursed. Other forms of payment require a Bank Mobile account.

*Date to determine full-time status will be approximately 7 days after census deadline. Admissions & Records to notify when evaluation of Promise eligibility can begin.