

## Alamo Promise Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Alamo PROMISE?

Alamo PROMISE provides the first two years of community college to eligible students who plan to earn an associate degree, certification, courses for transfer or workforce training.

This community-wide initiative will provide last-dollar scholarship funding to fill the gap between a student's financial aid award and the cost of tuition and fees for their first two years at one of the Alamo Colleges District's five colleges

### Who is eligible for Alamo PROMISE?

Graduating high school seniors from one of 25 local high schools are eligible.

To be eligible, students must:

- Sign a pledge to participate in the program
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or Texas Application for State Financial Aid and list at least one college of the Alamo Colleges District
- Apply for admission to one of the district's colleges through Apply Texas
- Complete registration at one of the district's colleges
- Participate in a Summer Bridge (if high school GPA is below 2.5) and Career Bootcamp
- Maintain a 2.0 PA and complete at least 18 credit hours per academic year

### Which high schools are participating in Alamo PROMISE?

Officials expect more than 3,000 students to enroll from the first 25 high schools in the program's first year, almost 1,000 more than the number who would normally enroll.

Brackenridge	Lanier
Burbank	Legacy
East Central	Lee
Edison	McCollum
Fox Technical	Roosevelt
Harlandale	Somerset
Highlands	South San
Holmes	Southside
Houston	Southwest
Jay	Wagner
Jefferson	Young Women's Leadership
John F. Kennedy	Judson

### When will the program begin?

Alamo PROMISE is available to eligible students beginning fall 2020. By the fall of 2021, it will be available to all students at any public high school in Bexar County.

### How much will the program cost?

**Initial Cost:** \$5 million

**Projected Cost:** \$16 million

As the program expands into its second year, it will cost more than \$16 million. Alamo Colleges will need about \$2.8 million in financial support from the City and Bexar County

### How is the program being funded?

The Alamo Colleges District's partners in Alamo PROMISE are contributing funds and additional funds are being contributed by businesses and foundations.

Most of the initial \$5 million Alamo PROMISE program cost will be covered by federal financial aid.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas has pledged \$500,000 for Alamo PROMISE's next five years.

In September of 2019, City Council approved the \$2.9 billion budget. The budget provides \$1.5 million in commitments to the Alamo Colleges District's Alamo Promise program.

The City of San Antonio plans to commit roughly \$11.2 million to Alamo PROMISE over the next five years.

### Who are the Alamo Colleges partners in Alamo PROMISE?

The core partners are the UP Partnership, the San Antonio Education Partnership, and SA Works.

### Why does the community need Alamo PROMISE?

There is consensus in the community that education beyond high school is critical to providing economic and social mobility for residents, and that financial barriers are the greatest factor in preventing residents from enrolling in or completing a college education.

The leadership of the Alamo Colleges District believes that Alamo PROMISE provides a strategy to address that reality and the fact that San Antonio is one of the fastest-growing economic regions in the country, yet has the second-highest percentage of population in poverty among the top 25 largest U.S. metro areas.

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