



# Dawson Promise

## What is Dawson Promise?

Dawson Promise is a program aimed at helping unaccompanied youth who are homeless or aging out of foster care obtain a two-year education free of debt.

Through Dawson Promise, students are provided opportunities that before may have seemed out of reach.

Setting Montana Youth  
up for Success

Learn more about Dawson Promise  
and how you can earn a certificate  
or two-year degree from Dawson  
Community College without debt.

## Questions?

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## What will participation in Dawson Promise look like?

- DCC's Financial Aid office help students complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- A mentor will help students through the admissions and enrollment processes and introduce them to their academic advisor.
- Students will work one-on-one with their advisor to determine a course of study for their chosen program and will meet periodically to discuss progress.
- Students will be provided with year-round, on-campus housing. Students can move into campus housing and begin classes as soon as they graduate from high school.
- Students will be provided a community host family through the Adopt-a-Buc program. Host families assist students in their transition to the community.
- The Human Resources team will help students obtain on-campus employment.
- Students will be provided with various life skills training; such as, resume writing, personal finances and budgeting, interviewing skills, grocery shopping tips, and more.

## Dawson Community College offers all students...

- 13:1 student to faculty ratio
- >15 career and technical program
- Seamless transfer degrees
- Faculty advisors
- Individual tutoring
- Computer labs
- Library
- Vibrant student life with numerous student-led clubs and groups
- Free mental health counseling
- Food service
- Community support



## How do students apply for Dawson Promise?

Eligible individuals must complete the Dawson Promise Application and Intake Form. Contact the Dawson Promise coordinator for an application. To be eligible to apply for the Dawson Promise program individuals must:

- Be a resident of Montana.
- Have graduated high school or obtained a GED within the past 2 years.
- Be an unaccompanied youth who meets one of the below categories:
  - Has aged-out of foster care
  - Is a homeless youth; as defined by HUD.

Individuals who do not meet all of the above requirements, yet have extenuating circumstances, may inquire with the Dawson Promise coordinator to submit an appeal to be considered for eligibility.

