

# Make a Pitt education a REALITY.



The University of Pittsburgh admits students with academic and personal promise without consideration of ability to pay. Working together with families, we find ways to help make a Pitt education a reality.

[pitt.edu](http://pitt.edu)

## 1. Pitt Success Program

The Pitt Success Program consists of Pell match and grants available to students on all five of Pitt's campuses. In 2019, the program kicked off the largest restructuring of financial aid in the institution's nearly 234-year history. Currently, Pitt enrolls more than 5,700 students who benefit from the Pitt Success Program, with the average student receiving \$5,500. Since its inception, the program has been linked to a notable improvement in retention and graduation rates and student loan debt for all Pitt graduates has dropped about \$1,000 in two years.

## 2. Panthers Forward

Launched in 2018, the Panthers *Forward* program strives to lower a student's overall debt burden by offsetting up to \$5,000 of a participant's eligible federal student loan balance. Instead of repaying this portion, students can voluntarily contribute to Panthers *Forward* after graduation—on their terms. In doing so, participants will be “paying it forward” to support the program and fellow Panthers who are following in their path.

While at Pitt, students will also gain access to a network of Pitt alumni—called alumni ambassadors—who are dedicated to supporting their professional success.

[panthersforward.pitt.edu](http://panthersforward.pitt.edu)

## 3. PittFund\$Me

PittFund\$Me is a scholarship database, exclusive to current and incoming Pitt students. The tool enables students to search for thousands of additional University scholarship dollars, as well as national scholarship dollars, which are linked to a range of success characteristics and personal traits.



#### 4. RaiseMe

Starting in the first year of high school, RaiseMe participants can earn up to \$28,000 in scholarship funds to help pay for a Pitt education on any campus. While in high school, students grow their RaiseMe scholarship dollars by meeting set objectives, such as serving the community, earning good grades, and participating in extracurricular activities.

[raise.me](https://www.raise.me)

#### 5. Coalition for College

Pitt is a founding member of the Coalition for College, a network of 140 distinguished colleges and universities across the United States that joined forces to increase student access to higher education.

Starting in high school, students can access a private virtual locker, where they can store important items from their high school experience that are likely to help them with the college application process.

As part of this initiative, Pitt offers qualified students—such as youth who are enrolled in free and reduced lunch programs—a streamlined process for applying to coalition colleges at no cost.

[coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)

#### 6. Financial Literacy

Once students get to Pitt, the commitment to financial literacy continues with a suite of services under a financial wellness program for all campuses. There are a number of opportunities for students to learn how to manage their money and debt including a program called Grad Ready that is required for all incoming new students. The program walks students through financial best practices to pay for college, manage money, and repay any student loans a student chooses to borrow.



#### 7. Pittsburgh Admissions Collaboration

A first-of-its-kind program, the Pittsburgh Admissions Collaboration gives any high school students attending a Pittsburgh Public School a clear pathway to go to—and graduate from—college.

The collaboration is a three-member effort involving Pitt, the Pittsburgh Public Schools and the Community College of Allegheny County.

Students can participate in the collaboration in middle and high school, and their early engagement in the program involves learning about academic success, the college search process, life skills and financial literacy.

In addition, these students benefit from Pitt faculty, staff and mentors who are committed to supporting their academic career through college graduation.

[admissions.pitt.edu/pac](https://admissions.pitt.edu/pac)

#### 8. Pittsburgh Public Scholars

The Pittsburgh Public Scholars program gives valedictorian and salutatorians in the Pittsburgh Public School system guaranteed admission to Pitt.

Called Pittsburgh Public Scholars, these students receive a four-year scholarship to attend one of Pitt's five campuses. The University also meets all financial need of Pittsburgh Public Scholars who are Pell Grant recipients.

[admissions.pitt.edu/pps](https://admissions.pitt.edu/pps)

**The University of Pittsburgh is committed to identifying students with incredible potential, and our partnerships continue to grow.**

Pitt is a member of the National Partnership for Educational Access (NPEA), which has more than 350 members in 35 states and the Bahamas. NPEA members collectively serve more than 500,000 underrepresented students nationwide.

[educational-access.org/our-members](https://educational-access.org/our-members)

Pitt also partners with a number of other organizations that have access and affordability at the core of their mission including: Chicago Scholars, Diversity and Education Solutions, the National Hispanic Institute, and the Milton Hershey School in Pennsylvania.